

My Bills Assigned to Reports

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Appropriations Bills

- HB2869\$FY16 SURS OCE (DURKIN J) Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.
Current Status: 2/20/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HB3254\$UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS (BURKE K) Makes appropriations to the University of Illinois for various purposes, including for ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Appropriations-Higher Education
- HB3534HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REIMBURSE (GOLAR E) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that if an applicant is eligible for a grant under the Program but is not offered a grant due to insufficient appropriations for the Program, then the applicant is entitled to State reimbursement the following fiscal year in an amount equal to the grant amount he or she would have received had he or she been offered a grant.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Appropriations-Higher Education
- HB3703HIGHER ED-PERFORMANCE METRICS (CRESPO F) Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, allocations to public universities based upon performance metrics shall not amount to less than 5% of the overall higher education budget amount for public universities from the General Revenue Fund. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Appropriations-Higher Education
- SB273 FINANCE-TECH (CULLERTON J) Amends the State Revenue Sharing Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.
Current Status: 2/9/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- SB2020 \$FY16 SURS OCE (RADO GNO C) Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.
Current Status: 2/20/2015 - Referred to Senate Assignments

Community Colleges

- AM102 APPOINT - LAZARO LOPEZ (MUÃ'OZ A) Nominates Lazaro Lopez to be a member and Chair of the Illinois Community College Board.
Current Status: 3/13/2015 - Assigned to Senate Executive Appointments
- HB3135COM COL TRUSTEES-4 YR TERM (WEHRLI G) Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that members of the board of trustees of a community college district elected in 2017 shall be elected to serve a 2-year term and members elected in 2019 and thereafter shall be elected to serve 4-year terms (rather than members being elected to serve 6-year terms). Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB3290COM COL-SEVERANCE AGREEMENT (BREEN P) Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that no State moneys from any State funds, proceeds of property tax levies, or student tuition funds may be used to pay for a severance agreement entered into by a board with an employee of the community college district. A board that pays a severance amount to a district employee greater than the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee is prohibited from increasing the district's property tax levy, tuition, or fees for a number of years as calculated as follows: the result, rounded up to the next whole number, of the total severance amount paid to the employee divided by the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To General Law Subcommittee
- HB3377COM COL-BD OF TRUSTEES-RECALL (FRANKS J) Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows for the recall of a member of the board of trustees of a community college district through a petition and referendum and provides for a special successor election. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

HB3593COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (IVES J) Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Judiciary - Civil

HB3596COM COL-IMPRESST ACCOUNTING (MUSSMAN M) Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from using imprest or petty cash accounting.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education

HB3697COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE (CURRIE B) Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

SB1393 SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT (BENNETT S) Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to annually confer with the Illinois Community College Board to: (i) identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages; (ii) notify school districts of these identified industries and occupations; and (iii) approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages. Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the State Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants to school districts for each pupil in the school district who obtained a diploma if the school district has an industry-recognized certification program and the pupil successfully completed the program. Further provides that if the funds appropriated in any fiscal year are insufficient to pay the full amount of the incentive grant, the State Board of Education shall prorate the amount of its payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant. Effective July 1, 2016.
Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Gary Forby

SB1583 STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS (LINK T) Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Sets forth provisions regarding health benefits for TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries, community college benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries. Permits eligible benefit recipients and dependent beneficiaries to elect not to participate in the program of health benefits during the benefit recipient's annual open enrollment period. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary to re-enroll in the Department of Central Management Services program of health benefits upon showing a qualifying change in status without evidence of insurability and with no limitations on coverage for pre-existing conditions, provided that there was not a break in coverage of more than 63 days. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary who elected not to participate in the program of health benefits to re-enroll in the program of health benefits during any annual benefit choice period, without evidence of insurability. Provides that benefit recipients who elect not to participate in the program of health benefits shall be furnished with a written explanation of the requirements and limitations for the election not to participate in the program and for re-enrolling in the program. Further provides that the Director shall not limit re-enrollment in a manner that is inconsistent with this amendatory Act. Makes other technical changes. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

Educational Labor

HB840 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning rules.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

HB841 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

HB842 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning employer rights.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

HB843 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning employee rights.

Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

HB844 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the purpose of the Act.

Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

Election Code

HB296 ELEC-TIME OF SCH BD ELEC (SANDACK R) Amends the Election Code. Provides that the offices of elected members of school boards, school trustees, directors of boards of school directors, trustees of county boards of school trustees, members of boards of school inspectors, and members of school boards in school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code shall be filled or shall be on the ballot at the general election in the appropriate even-numbered years (now, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years). Provides that, for elections on and after June 1, 2016, a member of a Board of School Directors, a member of an elected Board of Education, a member of a Board of School Inspectors, a trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees, or a trustee of schools, as the case may be, shall be elected at the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the term of any incumbent member, to succeed each incumbent member whose term ends before the following general election. Provides that the term of an incumbent of any of those offices serving on the effective date of the amendatory Act is extended to the first Monday in the first month following the next general election after the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act not been enacted, and the term of the successor in office shall commence on that first Monday. Makes other changes.

Amends the School Code to make changes conforming to the changes to the time of election of members of school boards made by the amendatory Act. Effective June 1, 2016.

Current Status: 2/13/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

Executive Article

HC11 CONAMEND-COMPTROLLER OF TREAS (FRANKS J) Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Eliminates the Offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer. Provides instead for a single Comptroller of the Treasury. Provides that the Comptroller of the Treasury shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts and order payments into and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law. Provides that no Comptroller or Treasurer shall be elected in 2018 and thereafter. Effective otherwise upon conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2014.

Current Status: 1/23/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HC12 CON AMEND-ABOLISH LT GOVERNOR (FRANKS J) Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Eliminates the office of Lieutenant Governor, beginning with the term of office otherwise commencing in 2019. Effective upon being declared adopted.

Current Status: 1/23/2015 - Referred to House Rules

General Interest Legislation

AM1 APPOINT - FELICIA NORWOOD (MUÑOZ A) Nominates Felicia Norwood to be Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Do Advise and Consent Passed 048-000-001

AM6 APPOINT - MARKUS VEILE (MUÑOZ A) Nominates Markus Veile to be Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services.

Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Do Advise and Consent Passed 049-000-003

AM7 APPOINT - CONSTANCE BEARD (MUÑOZ A) Nominates Constance Beard to be Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Do Advise and Consent Passed 050-000-002

AM8 APPOINT - WAYNE ROSENTHAL (MUÑOZ A) Nominates Wayne Rosenthal to be Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Do Advise and Consent Passed 050-000-002

AM9 APPOINT - JAMES MEEKS (MUÑOZ A) Nominates James Meeks to be a member and Chair of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Do Advise and Consent Passed 045-001-001

AM10 APPOINT - EDWARD MCMILLAN (MUÑOZ A) Nominates Edward McMillan to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

Current Status: 2/4/2015 - Assigned to Senate Executive Appointments

- AM13 APPOINT - TOM TYRRELL (MUÄ'OZ A) Nominates Tom Tyrrell to be Director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services.
Current Status: 2/4/2015 - Assigned to Senate Executive Appointments
- AM22 APPOINT - EDWARD BUCKLES (MUÄ'OZ A) Nominates Edward Buckles to be Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Do Advise and Consent Passed 050-000-000
- HB207 RIGHT TO TRY ACT (FLOWERS M) Creates the Right to Try Act. Provides that an eligible patient with a terminal illness who has considered all other treatment options approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration may acquire from a manufacturer an investigational drug, biological product, or device that has successfully completed Phase 1 of a clinical trial, but has not been approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Provides that a manufacturer may, but is not required to, provide an investigational drug, biological product, or device to an eligible patient, either with or without receiving compensation. Provides that an accident and health insurer may, but is not required to, provide coverage for an eligible patient seeking such a drug, product, or device. Provides that an entity responsible for Medicare certification may not take action against a health care provider's Medicare certification based solely on the health care provider's recommendation that a patient have access to an investigational drug, biological product, or device. Defines required terms. Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may not revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, refuse to issue or renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action against the license or permit of a physician to practice medicine based solely on the physician's recommendation to an eligible patient regarding, or prescription for, or treatment with an investigational drug, biological product, or device.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To General Law Subcommittee
- HB208 DESIGNATIONS-STATE PIE-PUMPKIN (SOMMER K) Amends the State Designations Act. Designates pumpkin pie as the official State pie of the State of Illinois.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - House Bills on Third Reading
- HB230 USE/OCC TAX-MOTOR FUEL EXEMPT (FRANKS J) Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that motor fuel is exempt from taxation under the Acts. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/20/2015 - To Sales and Other Taxes Subcommittee
- HB236 INC TX-TOWNHOME CREDIT (YINGLING S) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each taxpayer who purchases a qualified townhome during the taxable year is entitled to an income tax credit of \$1,000. Provides that the term "qualified townhome" means a townhome that (i) is located in Lake County and (ii) qualifies as homestead property. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/20/2015 - To Income Tax Subcommittee
- HB237 PROP TX-LAKE COUNTY HOMESTEAD (YINGLING S) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that homestead property that (i) is located in Lake County and (ii) is owned by a taxpayer who has occupied that property as a principal residence and domicile for at least 10 continuous years as of January 1 of the taxable year is entitled to an additional homestead exemption of \$1,000. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/20/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB262 ELEC CD-PRESIDENT (SOSNOWSKI J) Amends the Election Code. Provides that electors of President and Vice-President of the United States shall be chosen by congressional district.
Current Status: 1/23/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HB292 ETHICS-GIFT BAN (DRURY S) Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Makes the gift ban apply to additional classes of persons. Places caps on gifts that may be accepted as exempt under the educational materials and missions exemption and the travel expenses for State business exemption. Deletes exemptions that authorize the acceptance of gifts provided by an individual on the basis of personal friendship; gifts made through bequests, inheritances, and other transfers at death; and gifts of food. Exempts from the gift ban the cost of food or beverages consumed at certain receptions, meals, and meetings. Establishes a procedure for the reporting of all gifts that are accepted as exempt from the gift ban. Authorizes the Secretary of State to institute a system for the reporting of accepted gifts. Increases penalties for violations of the gift ban.
Current Status: 2/26/2015 - To Sentencing, Penalties, and Criminal Procedure Subcommittee

- HB496 RIGHT TO TRY ACT (BEISER D) Creates the Right to Try Act. Provides that an eligible patient with a terminal illness who has considered all other treatment options approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration may acquire from a manufacturer an investigational drug, biological product, or device that has successfully completed Phase 1 of a clinical trial, but has not been approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Provides that a manufacturer may, but is not required to, provide an investigational drug, biological product, or device to an eligible patient, either with or without receiving compensation. Provides that an accident and health insurer may, but is not required to, provide coverage for an eligible patient seeking such a drug, product, or device. Provides that an entity responsible for Medicare certification may not take action against a health care provider's Medicare certification based solely on the health care provider's recommendation that a patient have access to an investigational drug, biological product, or device. Defines required terms. Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may not revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, refuse to issue or renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action against the license or permit of a physician to practice medicine based solely on the physician's recommendation to an eligible patient regarding, or prescription for, or treatment with an investigational drug, biological product, or device. Amends the Illinois Health Statistics Act. Requires the Department of Public Health to adopt rules for the collection certain types of data from patients under the Right to Try Act.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To General Law Subcommittee
- HB1318MEDICAL CANNABIS-TECH (LANG L) Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the repeal date of the Act.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB1328VEH CD - CONSTRUCT ZONE SPEED (SOSNOWSKI J) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a court appearance is not required for violating the speed limit in a construction zone.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Transportation: Vehicles & Safety
- HB1329BOARD OF LEGIS REPEALERS (SANDACK R) Creates the Board of Legislative Repealers Act. Establishes the Board of Legislative Repealers as a not for profit corporation. Directs the Board to determine instances in which State laws and regulations are duplicative, in conflict, contradictory, anachronistic, obsolete, or have been held unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court or the Illinois Supreme Court, and to create a system for receiving public comments, and to recommend changes in the law that it deems necessary to repeal, modify or revise such laws and regulations. Authorizes the Board to set a schedule to make the identifications required by the Act and to adopt criteria to be used to determine whether a State law or regulation is duplicative, in conflict, contradictory, anachronistic, obsolete, or has been held unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court or the Illinois Supreme Court. Requires the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the Legislative Information System, the Legislative Reference Bureau, and the Legislative Research Unit to provide technical support and information to the Board, as directed by the Joint Committee on Legislative Support Services. Authorizes the Board to adopt bylaws necessary to implement the Act. Makes conforming changes to the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984, the Legislative Reference Bureau Act, and the Legislative Information Service Act. Effective July 1, 2015.
Current Status: 3/17/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. La Shawn K. Ford
- HB1335RIGHT TO TRY ACT (HARRIS G) Creates the Right to Try Act. Provides that an eligible patient with a terminal illness who has considered all other treatment options approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration may acquire from a manufacturer an investigational drug, biological product, or device that has successfully completed Phase I of a clinical trial, but has not been approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Provides that a manufacturer may, but is not required to, provide an investigational drug, biological product, or device to an eligible patient, either with or without receiving compensation. Provides that an accident and health insurer may, but is not required to, provide coverage for an eligible patient seeking such a drug, product, or device. Contains a penalty provision. Defines required terms. Contains legislative findings. Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may not revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, refuse to issue or renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action against the license or permit of a physician to practice medicine based solely on the physician's recommendation to an eligible patient regarding, or prescription for, or treatment with an investigational drug, biological product, or device.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - House Bills on Second Reading
- HB1358INS CD-MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (GOLAR E) Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance must provide coverage for medically necessary preventative physical therapy for insureds diagnosed with multiple sclerosis without any treatment limitation or calendar year maximum. Removes requirements that coverage under this provision be subject to the same waiting period, cost sharing limitation, treatment limitation, calendar year maximum, or other limitation as provided for other physical or rehabilitative therapy benefits.
Current Status: 3/13/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Laura Fine

- HB1397SCH CD-RESTORE GA SCHOLARSHIP (JONES T) Amends the School Code. Allows each member of the General Assembly to nominate persons from his or her district, which persons shall receive a certificate of scholarship in a State university designated by the member. Sets forth provisions concerning such nominations, including the number of persons a member may nominate and the length of the scholarships. Provides for the waiver of confidentiality as a condition of nomination. Provides for the use of a scholarship, including that the scholarship exempts the holder from the payment of tuition and fees.
Current Status: 2/24/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HB1413GRANDPARENT CUSTODY ASSISTANCE (CAVALETTO J) Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Grandparents Custody Assistance Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be paid as grants to public or private non-profit agencies that provide pro bono legal assistance to a grandparent or other first-degree relative seeking (i) custody of a child or (ii) to intervene in a custody dispute involving that child. Authorizes the Attorney General to manage the Fund. Defines "first-degree relative". Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and the Clerks of Courts Act to provide for fines to be imposed when parties violate court orders relating to custody, visitation, or joint parenting, with certain exceptions. Provides for disposition of the fines.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To General Law Subcommittee
- HB1414GRANDPARENT VISITATION RIGHTS (CAVALETTO J) Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Provides that a grandparent may file a petition for reasonable visitation rights to a minor child living in a dual-parent household if there is an unreasonable denial of visitation by a parent and the grandparent has maintained a significant beneficial relationship with the child for a period of 12 months or more immediately preceding the severance of that relationship by the parent. Provides that the relationship must have been unreasonably severed by the parent or parents for reasons other than abuse or presence of a danger of substantial harm to the child. Provides that a presumption of a significant beneficial relationship arises when: (A) the child resided with the petitioner grandparent for at least 6 consecutive months with or without the current custodian present during the 12-month period; (B) the petitioner grandparent had frequent or regular contact or visitation with the child throughout the 12-month period; or (C) the petitioner grandparent was the primary caretaker of the child for a period or not less than 6 consecutive months within the 12-month period.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To General Law Subcommittee
- HB2431PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE EXEMPT (KAY D) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, if a person turns 70 years of age or older during the taxable year and he or she qualified for a Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption or a Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption in the previous taxable year, then the person qualifying need not reapply for the exemption. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB2433PROP TX-SENIORS AND DISABLED (KAY D) Amends the Property Tax Code. Includes disabled persons within the provisions granting an assessment freeze homestead exemption to senior citizens and changes the title of the exemption to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB2434PROP TX-SENIOR HOMESTEAD (KAY D) Amends the Property Tax Code. Increases the maximum reduction under the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for taxable year 2015 and indexes the reduction to the Consumer Price Index. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB2436END COMMITTEE CHAIR STIPENDS (KAY D) Amends the General Assembly Compensation Act. Provides that, beginning on the second Wednesday in January, 2017, the chairmen and minority spokesmen of standing committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives shall not receive compensation for service in that capacity. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HB2444INC TX-REFUND CARRYFORWARD (KAY D) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a taxpayer may carry forward a tax refund to the following taxable year. Provides that income tax return forms shall contain appropriate explanations and spaces to enable the taxpayer to elect to carry forward their refund to the following taxable year.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Income Tax Subcommittee
- HB2454PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE (KAY D) Amends the Property Tax Code. Beginning in taxable year 2015, increases the maximum income limitation under the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption from \$55,000 to \$75,000 for applicants who have occupied the residence for 5 years or more. Indexes the maximum income limitation to the Consumer Price Index. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee

- HB2466PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE (SOSNOWSKI J) Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section concerning the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, provides that the total property tax liability of any property receiving an exemption under this Section may not exceed the total property tax liability for that property in the immediately preceding taxable year, increased by the lesser of (i) 3% or (ii) one-half of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as issued by the United States Department of Labor, during the immediately preceding taxable year. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB2526PROP TX-TAX BILLS-PENSION (TRYON M) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that each property tax bill shall contain a separate statement for each of the taxing districts setting forth the dollar amount of tax due that will be used by the taxing district to pick up or otherwise pay its employees' contributions to a public pension fund. Provides that each taxing district that picks up or otherwise pays its employees' contributions to a public pension fund must certify this information to the county clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB3261LION MEAT ACT (ARROYO L) Creates the Lion Meat Act. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to slaughter a lion or for any person to possess, breed, import or export from this State, buy, or sell lions for the purpose of slaughter. Provides that it is unlawful to commercialize lion meat. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt and enforce any rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. Provides that whoever violates any provision of the Act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Agriculture & Conservation
- HB3505SMART PHONE KILL SWITCH (MOELLER A) Creates the Smart Phone Kill Switch Act. Requires any smart phone that is manufactured after the effective date of the Act and is sold or purchased at retail in this State to be equipped with the capability to render that smart phone completely inoperable if the phone is lost or stolen. Prohibits wireless telephone service providers and wireless telephone equipment manufacturers from charging any additional fee for a smart phone that has the capability of rendering the smart phone completely inoperable if it is lost or stolen. Provides a definition of "smart phone". Requires a wireless telephone service provider to insure a smart phone against theft if the wireless telephone service provider provides service to a smart phone that does not have the capability of rendering the phone completely inoperable.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Consumer Protection
- HB3515DESIGNATIONS-STATE POLKA SONG (MARTWICK R) Amends the State Designations Act. Designates "Polka Celebration", written and composed by Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr., as the official State polka song of Illinois.
Current Status: 3/17/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia
- HB3580PROP TX-SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME (MCAULIFFE M) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, if a taxpayer must have an income that is at or below a certain amount in order to qualify for an exemption, then, for the purposes of that exemption, the term "income" does not include Social Security benefits unless expressly stated otherwise. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/13/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB3581PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE (WINGER C) Amends the Property Tax Code. Beginning in taxable year 2016, increases the maximum income limitation under the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption from \$55,000 to \$75,000 for applicants who have occupied the residence for 5 years or more. Indexes the maximum income limitation to the Consumer Price Index. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/13/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB3590VEH CD-EXPIRED DRIVERS LICENSE (CRESPO F) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that every driver's license issued under the provisions of the Code shall expire 8 years (rather than 4 years) from the date of its issuance. Provides that in the event that an applicant for renewal of a driver's license fails to apply prior to the expiration date of the previous driver's license, the renewal driver's license shall expire 8 years (rather than 4 years) from the expiration date of the previous driver's license.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Transportation: Vehicles & Safety
- HB3597U OF I-STUDY-CLOSED SCHOOLS (GORDON-BOOTH J) Amends the University of Illinois Act. Requires the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to conduct a study with regard to public elementary and secondary school buildings that have been closed within 5 years before the effective date of the amendatory Act. Requires the study to determine how many of the school buildings have remained schools, how many have been successfully redeveloped, and how many are vacant. Provides that the University shall report its findings and recommendations for facilitating successful redevelopment of these school buildings to the General Assembly.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education

- HB3702PROP TX-SENIOR HOMESTEAD (CRESPO F) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a person who has been granted a senior citizens homestead exemption need not reapply for the exemption. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/13/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB3714PROP TX-SENIOR HOMESTEAD (BOURNE A) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, if a person has been granted a senior citizens homestead exemption, that person need not reapply for the exemption (now, the county board may provide that persons who are granted the exemption need not reapply). Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/13/2015 - To Property Tax Subcommittee
- HB4011STATE-PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS (FEIGENHOLTZ S) Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Prohibits a State agency from entering into a contract subject to the Code with a business that boycotts Israel. Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each of the 5 State-funded retirement systems (or the Illinois State Board of Investment where applicable) to make its best efforts to identify all companies that boycott Israel in which it has direct or indirect holdings and, under certain circumstances, to divest itself of holdings in those companies.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - House Bills on Second Reading
- HC13 CON AMEND-GA NO OTHER OFFICE (DRURY S) Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a person who is a member of the General Assembly may not, during his or her term of office, hold any other elected public office. Effective upon being declared adopted.
Current Status: 1/27/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HC21 CON AMEND-EDUCATION FUNDING (FORD L) Proposes to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a fundamental responsibility (instead of goal) of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.
Current Status: 2/9/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HC25 JUDGES-SELECTION-RETENTION (KAY D) Proposes to amend the Judiciary Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme, Appellate, or Circuit Judge by death, resignation, retirement, removal, or upon the conclusion of the judge's term without retention in office, the Governor shall fill that vacancy by appointing one of 3 qualified persons who are nominated by a nonpartisan judicial commission. Creates separate nonpartisan judicial commissions for the Supreme Court, for each Judicial District, and for each Judicial Circuit. Sets forth the membership of the commissions. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HJ20 DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER (IVES J) Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.
Current Status: 2/23/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Peter Breen
- HR166 JACKIE ROBINSON WEST - RESCIND (DAVIS M) Urges Little League International to rescind its decision to strip the Jackie Robinson West Little League team of its 2014 United States Championship and to investigate the other teams that play in the Little League tournament.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - RESOLUTION ADOPTED Adopted by Voice Vote.
- HR264 SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCHES (FORD L) Recognizes the Selma to Montgomery marches that were part of the 1965 Voting Rights Movement.
Current Status: 3/11/2015 - RESOLUTION ADOPTED
- SB11 MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT (LIGHTFORD K) Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/3/2015 - Added Alternate Co-Sponsor Rep. Monique D. Davis
- SB54 INSURANCE-MAMMOGRAMS (MULROE J) Amends the Illinois Insurance Code and the Health Maintenance Organization Act. Includes breast tomosynthesis in the definition of "low-dose mammography".
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 24, 2015

- SB67 LIQUOR-BAN POWDERED ALCOHOL (SILVERSTEIN I) Provides that no person shall sell, offer for sale, or deliver, receive, or purchase for resale in this State any product consisting of or containing powdered alcohol. Defines "powdered alcohol" as any powder or crystalline substance containing alcohol produced for human consumption. Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Reported Back To Senate Criminal Law ; 003-000-000
- SB107 PROP TX-ACCESSIBILITY (LINK T) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that accessibility improvements made to residential property shall not increase the assessed valuation of the property. Provides that the term "accessibility improvement" means a modification or addition to residential property that is designed to make the property more accessible to a disabled person, including, but not limited to, the installation of ramps, lifts, or fixtures or the removal of architectural barriers on the property. Effective immediately. Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- SB112 BD HIGHER ED-BIG 10 COMMISSION (MURPHY M) Amend the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a Big Ten Feasibility Study Commission to deliberate and determine the feasibility of having another public university in this State become a part of the Big Ten Conference and how this might be accomplished, while remaining revenue neutral to this State. Sets forth the membership of the Commission, and provides that members shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement for their expenses. Requires the Commission to meet within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, to hold public hearings, to invite witnesses of interest, to take testimony, and to file a report with the General Assembly and the Board on or before January 1, 2016. Dissolves the Commission upon filing of the report, and repeals these provisions on January 1, 2017. Effective immediately. Current Status: 2/18/2015 - Postponed - Higher Education
- SB1761 STATE-PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS (SILVERSTEIN I) Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Prohibits a State agency from entering into a contract subject to the Code with a business that boycotts Israel. Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each of the 5 State-funded retirement systems (or the Illinois State Board of Investment where applicable) to make its best efforts to identify all companies that boycott Israel in which it has direct or indirect holdings and, under certain circumstances, to divest itself of holdings in those companies. Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 24, 2015
- SR114 PAY EQUITY DAY (HUTCHINSON T) Designates April 14, 2015 as Pay Equity Day in the State of Illinois. Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Resolutions
- SR213 OBAMA LIBRARY - CHICAGO (HUNTER M) Urges the Barack Obama Foundation to select one of the two Chicago locations for the President Barack Obama Presidential Library and Museum. Current Status: 3/12/2015 - RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Health Care

- HB398 GA-END STATE INS BENEFITS (MOYLAN M) Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the State shall not pay or otherwise make contributions toward the costs of any health or life insurance benefits provided under the Act for retired elected officials under the General Assembly Retirement System. Provides that retired elected officials shall pay the entirety of the cost of coverage under the group life insurance program and the program of health benefits under the Act; provides that the cost of coverage shall be determined by the Director. Provides that nothing in the amendatory Act shall be construed to prevent any retired elected official from receiving health or life insurance benefits under the Act, where that retired elected official contributes the entirety of the cost of coverage. Provides that any retired elected official may waive or terminate coverage in the program of health benefits or group life insurance. Further provides that any retired elected official who has waived or terminated coverage may enroll or re-enroll in the program of health benefits or group life insurance only during the annual benefit choice period, as determined by the Director; except that in the event of termination of coverage due to nonpayment of premiums, the retired elected official may not re-enroll in the program. Makes corresponding changes throughout the Act. Defines "retired elected official". Effective immediately. Current Status: 3/11/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Sam Yingling
- HB3147LONG TERM CARE-RATE INCREASE (TRYON M) Amends the Illinois Long-Term Care Partnership Program Act. Provides that for every qualified long-term care partnership policy, the General Assembly shall approve any increase in premiums greater than 10% before that premium increase takes effect. Effective immediately. Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

Higher Education

- HB30 HIGHER ED SCHOLARSHIP ACT-TECH (LANG L) Creates the Higher Education Scholarship Act. Contains only a short title provision. Current Status: 2/3/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

- HB143 INC TX-DREAM CHECKOFF (ANDRADE, JR. J) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a tax checkoff for the Illinois DREAM Fund. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act to provide that moneys from the checkoff may be received by the Fund. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/11/2015 - Remove Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez
- HB170 PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION (CURRIE B) Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/5/2015 - Alternate Chief Sponsor Changed to Sen. Steven M. Landek
- HB835 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Smoke-Free Campus Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB838 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB1281 BUSINESS-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the Student Loans to Minors Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning student loans.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB1321 EDUCATION-TECH (CHAPA LAVIA L) Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning terms.
Current Status: 3/18/2015 - House Committee Amendment No. 2 Referred to Rules Committee
- HB2529 HIGHER ED-ONLINE DEGREE-STUDY (TRYON M) Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.
Current Status: 3/2/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HB3171 EDUCATION-TECH (MUSSMAN M) Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning creation of the Board.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB3196 EDUC-POSTSECONDARY/WORKFORCE (CHAPA LAVIA L) Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Requires the State Superintendent of Education, the executive director of the Illinois Community College Board, the executive director of the Board of Higher Education, and the executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("Appointing Authorities") to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning competency-based high school graduation requirements, student readiness for college-level instruction, and early college credit. Requires the chief executive officers of the State agencies participating in the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning career pathway endorsements and awareness, advising, and planning for postsecondary education and careers. Sets forth provisions concerning common administrative rules of the State Board of Education, Illinois Community College Board, Board of Higher Education, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission; support systems for school districts, postsecondary institutions, educators, students, and families; and implementation. Amends the School Code to make changes concerning consumer education and required high school courses. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies
- HB3404 U OF I SCHOLARSHIP-VET CHILD (CHAPA LAVIA L) Amends the University of Illinois Act in a Section concerning scholarships for the children of veterans. Adds as periods of hostilities for which a county may award a scholarship (i) any time during the siege of Beirut between June 14, 1982 and February 26, 1984 and (ii) any time during the Grenada Conflict between October 25, 1983 and December 15, 1983. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HB3476 HIGHER-TUITION EXEMPTION (CHAPA LAVIA L) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Sets forth a tuition and fee exemption at State universities for the children of wounded military personnel. Contains provisions concerning eligibility for the exemption, the amount and length of the exemption, probation for failure to achieve a requisite cumulative grade point average, and disability ratings.
Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Jerry F. Costello, II

- HB3528 HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID (ACEVEDO E) Amends the University of Illinois Act, Southern Illinois University Management Act, Chicago State University Law, Eastern Illinois University Law, Governments State University Law, Illinois State University Law, Northeastern Illinois University Law, Northern Illinois University Law, and Western Illinois University Law. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a student who meets the requisite requirements is eligible to apply or receive consideration for any student aid or benefit funded or administered by the State, State agencies, public institutions, or the University, including but limited to scholarships, grants, awards, stipends, room and board, tuition waivers, or other financial or in-kind assistance.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Will Guzzardi
- HB3692 HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION (CLOONEN K) Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate
- HB3742 HIGHER ED-SCHOLARSHIP-CRIME (JESIEL S) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a violent crime, as defined under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HB3972 HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG (HAMMOND N) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Provides that as a condition of receiving or renewing a grant, a recipient must agree to meet with a higher education institution's academic and financial advisors twice a semester. Requires the institution to report to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission on whether the recipient is meeting this condition. Effective July 1, 2015.
Current Status: 3/12/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HB3973 HIGHER ED-COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER (PHILLIPS R) Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Prohibits a university from using State funds to pay an individual to deliver the commencement address at any graduation ceremony conducted by the university. In the event that a university violates this prohibition, requires the State Comptroller to debit from the university's State operating aid an amount equal to the amount paid by the university to the commencement speaker. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/12/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HB3974 HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-QUALIFY (PHILLIPS R) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Makes changes concerning definitions. Provides that, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, an applicant who is a freshman dependent college student is required to achieve at least an ACT college entrance exam composite score of 18 or a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in high school in order to be eligible for a grant.
Current Status: 3/12/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HR240 VETERAN FRIENDLY COLLEGES (CHAPA LAVIA L) States the belief that a public or private post-secondary educational institution should include a student veteran on its governing board if the institution wishes to call itself "veteran friendly".
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- SB688 HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY (LIGHTFORD K) Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB760 EDUCATION-TECH (CLAYBORNE J) Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning terms.
Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments

- SB775 STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFO (CONNELLY M) Creates the Higher Education Student Online Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application used primarily for higher education purposes and designed and marketed for higher education purposes shall not knowingly (1) engage in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or target advertising on any other site, service, or application when the targeting of the advertising is based upon any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application; (2) use information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of higher education purposes; (3) sell a student's information; or (4) disclose covered information, as defined in the Act, without a student's consent. Sets forth exceptions and other provisions concerning the construction and application of the Act. Effective January 1, 2016.
Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Gary Forby
- SB1621 BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL (MCGUIRE P) Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.
Current Status: 3/3/2015 - Assigned to Senate Higher Education
- SB1633 EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS (ROSE C) Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations
- SB1709 HIGHER ED-MAP-FOR PROFIT INST (ROSE C) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, removes a provision that requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to determine the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with specified criteria. Instead, prohibits the Commission from making grants to applicants enrolled at for-profit institutions. Effective July 1, 2016.
Current Status: 3/11/2015 - Assigned to Senate Higher Education
- SB1710 HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG (ROSE C) Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.
Current Status: 3/11/2015 - Assigned to Senate Higher Education
- SB1711 HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-LIMIT (ROSE C) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that no applicant, other than a non-traditional student, is eligible for monetary award program consideration after receiving assistance for 4 academic years or, if a particular academic program requires more than 4 academic years to complete, the normal time it takes to complete the program.
Current Status: 3/11/2015 - Assigned to Senate Higher Education

SB1712 HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REPAY (ROSE C) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the monetary award program, provides that, prior to receiving grant assistance for any academic year, each recipient of a grant shall be required to sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges that, within the one-year period following the termination of the academic program for which the recipient was awarded a grant, the recipient shall reside and work in this State for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years. Provides that if the recipient fails to fulfill this obligation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall require the recipient to repay, over the next 10 years, the amount of all of the grants he or she received, prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees; sets forth exceptions.
Current Status: 3/11/2015 - Assigned to Senate Higher Education

IMRF Pension Specific

HB2520 OPEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND (HARRIS G) Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated. Specifies the required time and manner of repayment. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, requires that the annuitant (1) retired prior to June 1, 2011, and (2) is a party to a civil union, marriage, or other legal relationship that is recognized as a civil union or marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act or the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after certain specified dates. Also, in the IMRF Article, extends application of a provision added by Public Act 87-850 to spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/18/2015 - Referred to House Rules

SB763 PENCD-IMRF-FIREFIGHTER SLEP (SANDOVAL M) Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain firefighters who participate in IMRF may be granted Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employee (SLEP) status with the approval of the employing municipality. The approval resolution may specify that SLEP status shall be applied retroactively to employment occurring on or after January 1, 2011. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Postponed - Licensed Activities and Pensions

Income Tax

HB1320 PENCD-POLICE-RETURN TO SERVICE (WEHRLI G) Amends the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if a person who is receiving a police pension becomes employed as a chief of police, the person must so notify the pension fund paying the pension and any other fund in which the person has service credit, and the pension shall be suspended until the employment as chief terminates; if the person elects to participate in IMRF, the person must also notify IMRF of those police pension funds. Provides that if a person who is receiving a police pension enters service as a police officer with a different municipality, the person must so notify the pension fund paying the pension, and the pension shall be suspended until the service terminates. Applies to persons who first enter service after the effective date of this amendatory Act.
Current Status: 3/16/2015 - Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee

HB1347 INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS (EVANS M) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

HB2467 INC TX-EDUCATION EXPENSES (SOSNOWSKI J) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases the maximum amount of the credit for qualified education expenses to \$1,000 per family.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Income Tax Subcommittee

HB3189 INC TX-HOME ACCESSIBILITY (JACKSON E) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for taxpayers who purchase a new accessible residence, or retrofit an existing residence to improve accessibility and provide universal visitability. Provides that the credit may not exceed \$2,500. Provides that the total amount of tax credits granted for any fiscal year shall not exceed \$2,000,000. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision.
Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Ann Williams

HB3437 INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS (EVANS M) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/13/2015 - To Income Tax Subcommittee

HB3567 INC TX-LONG TERM CARE (GORDON-BOOTH J) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit in an amount equal to 10% of any long-term care insurance premiums paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year. Provides that the credit may be carried forward. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 3/13/2015 - To Income Tax Subcommittee

HC8 CONAMEND-INCOME TAX RATES (MITCHELL C) Proposes to amend the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution. Removes a provision that provides that a tax on income shall be measured at a non-graduated rate. Provides that there may be one tax on the income of individuals and corporations, that this may be a fair tax where lower rates apply to lower income levels and higher rates apply to higher income levels, and that no government other than the State may impose a tax on or measured by income. Effective upon being declared adopted.

Current Status: 2/23/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Pamela Reaves-Harris

ISAE

SB110 LOBBYIST INTIMIDATION (JONES E) Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Prohibits an individual or entity registered under the Act from intimidating another individual or entity registered under the Act. Sets forth a list of actions that constitute intimidation against an individual or entity registered under the Act. Provides that any individual or entity registered under the Act that violates the provisions of the amendatory Act shall be guilty of a business offense and fined not more than \$10,000 for each violation.

Current Status: 2/9/2015 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

Pension Reform

HB134 PEN CD-TIER III-STATE SYSTEMS (THAPEDI A) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates a Tier III benefit package applicable to persons who first begin participating in one of the State-funded retirement systems on or after July 1, 2015. Provides for retirement benefits and certain employee contribution changes that supersede the corresponding provisions of the applicable retirement system. Provides that those retirement benefits may be annually increased or decreased in response to the retirement system's investment earnings. Changes the amount of the required State contributions and, in the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles, requires the actual employers to make contributions to amortize any unfunded liabilities arising out of their employees who are Tier III participants. Provides that, when the State's total debt service obligation for certain pension bonds has ended, any funds remaining available for the payment of that debt service shall be distributed to the 5 State-funded retirement systems, to be used to reduce their unfunded actuarial liabilities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Rules Committee

HB239 PEN CD-FELONY FORFEIT REVIEW (YINGLING S) Amends the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in any matter involving a question of whether pension benefits should be terminated because of a felony, the board of the fund or system shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. Provides that the Attorney General or the State's Attorney may contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony and may seek judicial review of the board's decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/23/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB254 PEN CD-ST SYS-FUNDING RATIO (SOSNOWSKI J) Provides that if and only if the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the consolidated case of In re Pension Reform Litigation, No. 118585, finds that either Public Act 98-599 is unconstitutional in its entirety or that the changes made by Public Act 98-599 to certain Sections of the Illinois Pension Code are unconstitutional, the Illinois Pension Code is amended to make changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the Judges Article, increases the funding ratio from 90% to 100%. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/23/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB258 GA MEMBER COMPENSATION (SOSNOWSKI J) Amends the Compensation Review Act. Prohibits cost-of-living adjustments for or during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and for each fiscal year thereafter for State government legislative and executive elected officers and appointees in positions for which the Compensation Review Board previously recommended or determined compensation. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 3/12/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Anthony DeLuca

HB422 PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS (MORRISON T) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the actuary of each of the 5 State-funded systems to conduct an investigation of the system at least once every 3 (rather than 5) years. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 3/13/2015 - Referred to Senate Assignments

HB429 PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (MORRISON T) Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 1/30/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB484 G.A. COMPENSATION-COLA (KAY D) Amends the General Assembly Compensation Act. Provides that, for terms commencing on or after January 11, 2017, each member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation that is no more than 90% of the amount last set by the Compensation Review Board. Amends the Compensation Review Act. For fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, prohibits a cost of living adjustment for General Assembly members. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 1/30/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB1324PEN CD-SERVICE CREDIT-BOARDS (IVES J) Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that no member of the Civil Service Commission, Board of Review of the Department of Employment Security (other than the Director of Employment Security), Civil Service Commission, Illinois Liquor Control Commission, Secretary of State Merit Commission, Human Rights Commission, State Mining Board, Property Tax Appeal Board, Illinois Racing Board, Department of State Police Merit Board, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, or Illinois State Board of Elections may establish creditable service in the State Employees' Retirement System for service in that capacity during a term of office commencing on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/4/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB1334PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION (FRANKS J) Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a member or participant of a retirement system or pension fund established under the Code who is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act in a position in which he or she is eligible to accrue service credit or creditable service under any Article of the Code shall, in the month immediately after commencing that employment, have the amount of his or her monthly retirement annuity or retirement pension offset by the amount of his or her compensation, earnings, or salary (whichever is applicable) in the immediately preceding month as certified to the applicable retirement system or pension fund by his or her employer, unless the payment of that retirement annuity or retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/4/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB2429PENS CD-END GARS JUDGES (KAY D) Amends the General Assembly and Judges Articles of the Pension Code. Provides that no participant may accrue service credit and no benefits may be paid to any retiree or survivor. Provides that the Court of Claims shall direct the refund of participant pension contributions. Repeals the General Assembly and Judges Articles 2 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB2437G.A. COMPENSATION-COLA (KAY D) Amends the General Assembly Compensation Act. Provides that, for terms commencing on or after January 11, 2017, each member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation that is no more than 90% of the amount last set by the Compensation Review Board. Amends the Compensation Review Act. For fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, prohibits a cost of living adjustment for General Assembly members. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB2455PEN CD-LEAVES-LABOR ORGS (KAY D) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In various Articles of the Code, provides that participants under those Articles are entitled only to creditable service for periods of service with a labor organization if the employee and employer contributions for the service are received by the Fund before the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the IMRF Article of the Illinois Pension Code to provide that the Illinois Municipal League and the Will County Governmental League are participating instrumentalities only with respect to service on or before the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB2500PEN CD-SERS-ALT RETIREMENT ANN (BURKE D) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions that are applicable to new hires, provides that the alternative retirement annuity in the State Employees Article of the Code is available to any person employed in a title or position by a State agency or the Office of Secretary of State and vested with such investigative, law enforcement, or peace officer duties as render him or her ineligible for coverage under the Social Security Act (instead of only to a person who is a State policeman, fire fighter in the fire protection service of a department, or security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice).
Current Status: 3/4/2015 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Mike Smiddy

HB2808PEN CD-NO INVESTMENTS IN GUNS (MITCHELL C) Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each pension fund and retirement system established under the Code to make its best efforts to identify all firearm manufacturing companies in which it has direct or indirect holdings and, under certain circumstances, to divest itself of holdings in those companies. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/20/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB3177PEN CD-FELONY SUSPENSION (YINGLING S) Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if a member or participant of a retirement system or pension fund is convicted of, or pleads guilty to, a felony, other than a felony requiring forfeiture of that annuity or pension, then the board of trustees for that system or fund shall suspend the payment of that annuity or pension during that member's or participant's incarceration for that offense. Provides that, upon completion of the term of incarceration for that offense, the member or participant may seek reinstatement of his or her annuity or pension by filing a request for reinstatement of benefits with the applicable pension fund or retirement system in the manner prescribed by the applicable fund or system. Applies without regard to whether a member or participant is in service on or after the effective date. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/25/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB3178STATE ACTUARY FULL-SCOPE AUDIT (NEKRITZ E) Amends the Illinois State Actuary Act. Requires the State Actuary to conduct a full-scope audit of each of the 5 State-funded retirement systems at least once every 5 years. The audit must fully replicate the actuarial valuation used to report the financial condition of the system, and shall include an examination of methods and assumptions used for the actuarial valuation for reasonableness and internal consistency. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee

HB3424PENCD-ST SYS-SELF DIRECT PLAN (MORRISON T) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the 5 State-funded retirement systems shall establish self-directed retirement plans for all active participants. Provides that, except for certain annuitants who have 30 years of service credit, an annuitant shall not receive an automatic increase in retirement annuity. Requires the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance to develop a schedule that, subject to certain requirements, increases the minimum retirement age of active participants who are ineligible to retire as of the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the Division's schedule shall also provide for the adjustment of minimum retirement ages using a matrix that (i) takes into account the current statutory retirement age for various classes of persons and service credit accrued by those persons and (ii) proportionally discounts the increase in statutory retirement ages based on proximity to the currently established minimum retirement age. Requires a participant, except for a participant who is a covered employee under the State Employee Article, to contribute 8% of his or her compensation to the plan and requires the employer to contribute 7% of the participant's compensation to the plan. Establishes a schedule for vesting in employer contributions. Beginning State fiscal year 2016, makes changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems.
Current Status: 2/26/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB3661PEN CD-MERGE TRS SURS AND CTPF (FORTNER M) Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the State Universities, Downstate Teacher, and Chicago Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Consolidates those systems into a single retirement system under Article 15 of the Code, to be known as the Illinois Teachers' Retirement Fund. Creates a new Board for the Fund. Imposes limits on pensionable salary, and requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Changes participant contributions. Makes changes relating to State and employer funding. Shifts responsibility for a portion of the required State contribution to the actual employer and provides for the State to make certain payments to the actual employer. Authorizes actions to enforce payments by employers. Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring the retirement system to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of a required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/26/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB3662PEN CD-ST SYS-SELF MANAGD PLAN (FORTNER M) Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each State-funded retirement system that does not already have a self-managed plan to establish and maintain one. Authorizes

participants to irrevocably elect to participate in such a plan. Provides that, for the purpose of calculating traditional benefit package benefits and contributions, the annual salary of a participant may not, except under certain circumstances, exceed certain limits. Requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Revises the schedule of contributions for participants. Shifts a portion of the employer contributions for downstate teachers and university employees from the State to the actual employer. Authorizes the boards of trustees of each of these retirement systems to triennially recalculate the normal cost of benefit plans that they offer. Defines "traditional benefit package" and "self-managed plan". Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring these retirement systems to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of the required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/26/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB3828PENCD-STATE SYS-TIER 3 PLAN (IVES J) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. With respect to the 5 State-funded Retirement Systems: requires each System to prepare and implement a Tier 3 plan by July 1, 2016 that aggregates State and employee contributions in individual participant accounts which are used for payouts after retirement. Provides that a Tier 1 or Tier 2 participant may irrevocably elect to participate in the Tier 3 plan instead of the defined benefit plan; makes conforming changes. Authorizes a Tier 1 or Tier 2 participant who elects to participate in the Tier 3 plan to elect to terminate all participation in the defined benefit plan and to have a specified amount credited to his or her account under the Tier 3 plan. Provides that the Tier 3 plan supersedes the defined contribution plan created under P.A. 98-599 for certain Tier 1 participants. Requires each System to report on its progress in establishing the Tier 3 plan to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 2016. Provides that "new benefit increase" does not include any benefit increase resulting from the changes made by the amendatory Act. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those Systems. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in the System. Makes related changes in the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) and the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/27/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HC9 CONAMEND-REPEAL PENSION RIGHTS (SOSNOWSKI J) Proposes to amend the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution. Repeals a provision that specifies that membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired. Effective upon being declared adopted.

Current Status: 2/18/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Thomas Morrison

HR187 EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT (MCSWEENEY D) States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Carol Ammons

SB69 PEN CD-CHI TCHR-RETURN TO WORK (CULLERTON J) Amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. With regard to the compensation limitations in the case of a service retirement pensioner who is re-employed as a teacher, provides that (1) the 100-day limit shall not include days that a teacher teaches only driver education courses after regular school hours and does not teach any other subject area and (2) the \$30,000 limit shall not include compensation earned for teaching driver education courses after regular school hours. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Postponed - Executive

SB104 PEN CD-SALARY-NO SICK/VACATION (MURPHY M) Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Cook County, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Chicago Teachers Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. For participants who first become participants on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, prohibits (i) payments for unused sick or vacation time from being used to calculate pensionable earnings and salary and (ii) unused sick or vacation time from being used to establish service credit. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

SB1291 SEVERANCE PAYMENTS (BUSH M) Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins

SB1299 PENCD-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT (MCCARTER K) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/5/2015 - To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

SB1593 PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED (MURPHY M) Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

Sales Tax

SB61 USE/OCC TAX-DIAPERS (SANDOVAL M) Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the tax on diapers and baby wipes shall be imposed at the rate of 1%. Makes changes concerning the distribution of the proceeds from the tax imposed on diapers and baby wipes.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - To Subcommittee on Special Issues (RV)

SURS BOT

AM40 APPOINT - EDWARD BUCKLES (MUÑOZ A) Nominates Dennis Cullen to be a Trustee of the State Universities Retirement System Board of Trustees.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Motion Filed Appointment Messages Be Acted on Together ** Sen. Antonio Muñoz; AMs 990027, 990028, 990030 and 990089 (Illinois State Board of Education) AMs 990033, 990034, 990035 (Illinois State Board of Investment) AMs 990037, 990038, 990046, 990077 and 990091 (Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board) AM 990040 (State Universities Retirement System Board of Trustees) AMs 990047 and 990048 (Illinois Medical Licensing Board) AMs 980624 and 990049 (Capital Development Board) AM 990050 (Public Administrator for Cook County) AM 990051 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Winnebago County) AM 990053 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Clay County) AM 990054 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Logan County) AM 990055 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Champaign County) AM 990056 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Marshall County) AM 990057 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Vermilion County) AM 990058 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Crawford County) AM 990059 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Montgomery County) AM 990060 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Fayette County) AM 990061 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for DeKalb County) AM 990062 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Livingston County) AM 990063 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian for Kankakee County) AM 990064 (Public Administrator of Dupage County) AM 990065 (Public Administrator & Public Guardian

SURS Pension

HB315 PEN CD-SURS-ROTH ACCOUNT (SOSNOWSKI J) Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a Section relating to the self-managed plan, provides that pursuant to federal law, all employees with applicable retirement plans will be provided options to: (i) establish, (ii) contribute to, and (iii) transfer any guaranteed or vested portion of their traditional accounts, on any day, into qualified in-plan Roth accounts, without distribution. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/18/2015 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Thomas Morrison

HB1456 PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE (NEKRITZ E) Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.
Current Status: 2/6/2015 - Referred to House Rules

HB2520 OPEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND (HARRIS G) Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated. Specifies the required time and manner of repayment. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, requires that the annuitant (1) retired prior to June 1, 2011, and (2) is a party to a civil union, marriage, or other legal relationship that is recognized as a civil union or marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act or the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after certain specified dates. Also, in the IMRF Article, extends application of a provision added by Public Act 87-850 to spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/18/2015 - Referred to House Rules

- HB2935PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH (YINGLING S) Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning State universities.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB3408PENCD-SURS-HOUSING & VEHICLES (KIFOWIT S) Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that "earnings" does not include amounts associated with housing allowance or vehicle allowance payable to an employee. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/26/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HB4005PEN CD-SURS-POLICE DISABILITY (HOFFMAN J) Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a police officer receiving a disability benefit who remains unable to perform the duties of a police officer may obtain other employment, including other employment under SURS, without termination of the disability benefit due to that other employment, but subject to any applicable reduction in the disability benefit. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/27/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- SB777 PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE (BISS D) Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- SB2020 \$FY16 SURS OCE (RADOGNO C) Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.
Current Status: 2/20/2015 - Referred to Senate Assignments

Term Limits

- HB257 LEG LEADER TERM LMT REFERENDUM (FRANKS J) Creates the Legislative Leader Term Limit Referendum Act. Requires the State Board of Elections to cause a statewide advisory public question to be submitted to the voters at the 2016 general election asking whether there should be term limits for the offices of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and Minority Leader of the Senate. Provides that if the provision of the Act conflicts with any other law, the Act controls. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2017. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 1/23/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HC7 LEGISLATURE-OFFICER LIMITS (FORTNER M) Proposes to amend The Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Limits a person's total service in the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House, or Minority Leader of the Senate to a total of 8 years in any one office and 12 years combined in 2 or more offices. Effective upon being declared adopted and applies to service on or after the second Wednesday in January, 2017.
Current Status: 1/15/2015 - Referred to House Rules
- HC10 GA & EXECUTIVE-TERM LIMITS (SOSNOWSKI J) Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits a person from holding the office of State Senator or State Representative or a combination of those offices for more than 20 years; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits an executive branch officer from serving more than 2 consecutive terms in the same executive branch office. Effective upon being declared adopted. Applies to the election of executive branch officers in 2018 and thereafter.
Current Status: 1/23/2015 - Referred to House Rules

University Specific

- HB403 UNIV-TUITION WAIVERS-REPEAL (FRANKS J) Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate
- HB836 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning temporary appointments.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB837 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the State University Certificates of Participation Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive

- HB839 EDUCATION-TECH (MADIGAN M) Amends the University - Building Authority Leased Lands Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning buildings and other facilities on leased land.
Current Status: 2/17/2015 - Assigned to House Executive
- HB2524 INC TX-TUITION WAIVERS (TRYON M) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an addition modification in an amount equal to any tuition waiver, grant, or scholarship awarded by the public university to the taxpayer, or to the taxpayer's child, spouse, parent, or other family member, on the basis of the taxpayer's employment with the university if (i) the waiver, grant, or scholarship is used by the recipient in that taxable year and (ii) those amounts are not otherwise included in the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Provides that 100% of the revenue realized from that addition modification shall be deposited into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/6/2015 - To Income Tax Subcommittee
- HB2528 UNIV EMPLOYEE EDUC BENEFITS (TRYON M) Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. With respect to any contract or collective bargaining agreement entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, provides that a university is prohibited from entering into a contract or agreement that offers its employees or contractors tuition waivers, grants, scholarships, or any other higher education benefits for the children, spouses, or other family members of the employees or contractors. Provides that nothing in this prohibition prevents or diminishes the right of a child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor to borrow money for higher education expenses or apply for and be awarded a tuition waiver, grant, scholarship, or other award for higher education expenses, provided that there is no conflict of interest and no preference is given on account of the person being the child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor. Provides that nothing in this prohibition shall diminish the value of contractual rights existing before the effective date of the amendatory Act that are enjoyed by employees and contractors of the university or their children, spouses, and other family members. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/2/2015 - Assigned to House State Government Administration
- HB3102 UNIV CIVIL SERVICE-RULE OF 3 (AMMONS C) Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act. In provisions concerning appointments and promotions, changes references from the Director of the University Civil Service Merit Board to the Executive Director of the University Civil Service Merit Board. Provides that if a position needs to be filled, the Executive Director shall certify to the employer the names and addresses of the persons with the 3 highest scores on the appropriate register (instead of the names and addresses of the 3 persons standing highest on the appropriate register); makes related changes. Provides that if a superior position in the promotional line is to be filled, the Executive Director shall certify to the employer, in the order of their seniority, the names and addresses of the persons with the 3 highest scores on the appropriate promotional register (instead of the names and addresses of the 3 persons standing highest upon the appropriate promotional register). Removes language that provides that sex shall be disregarded except when the nature of the position requires otherwise.
Current Status: 3/19/2015 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate
- HB3258 HIGHER ED-LEGIS SCHOLARSHIPS (ARROYO L) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a legislative scholarship task force to receive and consider applications for scholarship assistance. Requires the task force to receive and consider nominations for scholarship assistance, with a total of 8 scholarships per representative district to be awarded each year. Provides that a nominee is eligible for a scholarship if the task force finds that the nominee meets certain qualifications, including that he or she is a resident of the representative district for which a scholarship is to be awarded and that he or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a public university in this State. Provides that legislative scholarships are good for a period of not more than one year while enrolled for residence credit, are applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic year, and exempt the holder from the payment of tuition and fees. Sets forth provisions concerning application for a scholarship and renewals.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- HB3390 NIU-BOARD MEETINGS (PRITCHARD R) Amends the Northern Illinois University Law. Provides that meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at least once each quarter on the campus of Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois or on any other University-owned campus (instead of University-owned property) located in this State.
Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Assigned to House Higher Education
- SB678 ISU-ADD 2 BOARD MEMBERS (BRADY W) Amends the Illinois State University Law to add 2 more voting members to the Board of Trustees. Makes related changes.
Current Status: 2/3/2015 - Referred to Senate Assignments
- SB724 STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH (MORRISON J) Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.
Current Status: 2/3/2015 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB1565 HIGHER ED-ILL GRANT PROGRAM (BRADY W) Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award grants to students in financial need who are enrolled for at least 15 credit hours in an institution of higher learning. Provides that the Commission shall receive funding for the grants through appropriations; the amount to be appropriated for the grant program each fiscal year shall equal the total amount appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund for the 2015 fiscal year; no amounts may be appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund beginning with the 2016 fiscal year other than amounts appropriated for these grants; and the amount of each grant shall equal the amount appropriated for the grant program for a given fiscal year divided by the number of applicants who qualify for a grant. Requires each grant recipient to sign an agreement under which the recipient agrees to the following terms: (1) if a grant recipient graduates from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay one-half of the total amount of grants received; (2) if a grant recipient does not graduate from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay the total amount of grants received; and (3) if the grant recipient resides in this State immediately following graduation from an institution, the Commission shall forgive, for each year of residency, one-eighth of the remaining grant amount owed. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 3/18/2015 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments