



AMENDMENT REPORT FOR MAY 27, 2025

The following table provides an initial summary of amendments filed in the Illinois House and Senate on May 27, 2025, **which may have implications for county governments**. These amendments touch on public safety, taxation, infrastructure governance, pension training requirements, and housing policies. ISACo will take positions on these amendments if necessary and update our tracked bill service to reflect adopted amendments.

Bill (Amendment)	Summary	Potential County Impact
HB 1224 (SCA 1)	This amendment revises retainage requirements in public works contracts. It prohibits the State or a local governmental unit (except the Department of Transportation) from withholding more than 10% retainage before 50% of the project is complete, and reduces the retainage to 5% thereafter. Retainage may only be withheld based on unsatisfactory progress clearly defined in the contract, and contractors may only withhold from subcontractors proportionally.	Counties will need to update procurement practices to comply with new retainage limits in public works contracts. This may affect cash flow management and project oversight procedures within county departments responsible for construction and infrastructure projects.
HB 3363 (SCA 2)	This amendment changes provisions related to the Office of the State Public Defender and includes revisions to the appointment and reimbursement of county public defenders. It modifies how Chief County Public Defenders are appointed and alters how their compensation (and that of assistant public defenders) is reimbursed by the State.	Counties may experience changes in funding and administrative processes for their public defender offices, particularly in relation to State reimbursement and hiring authority, potentially influencing budgets and staffing.
SB 1937 (HFA 1)	This comprehensive pension bill makes changes to Tier 2	Counties will need to adjust payroll and pension

	benefits across multiple retirement systems, including provisions impacting county correctional officers, probation officers, and other employees. It grants SLEP status under IMRF for certain county employees and includes reciprocal service rules.	administration systems to comply with new IMRF and retirement eligibility rules. This could increase employer pension obligations for certain classifications of county employees.
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