

Amendments Filed - Week of March 13-17

The following amendments to ISACo tracked bills were filed during the week of March 13-17.

HB 0277 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, whenever a person fails to appear in court and the court continues the case, if the clerk of the court elects to establish a system to send text, email, and telephone notifications, the clerk of the court may send notifications to an email address, may send a text message to the person's last known cellular telephone number, and if the person does not have a cellular telephone number, may reach the person at the person's last known landline telephone number regarding the continued court date. Deletes a provision that requires a court to enter an order of failure to appear if a person does not appear in court on or before the continued court date or satisfy the court that the person's appearance in and surrender to the court is impossible for no fault of the person. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Deletes language providing that an offender who defaults in the payment of a fine or any installment of that fine may be held in contempt and imprisoned for nonpayment and that the court may issue a summons for his or her appearance or a warrant of arrest. (No Position)

HB 0361 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Illinois Work Without Fear Act. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to engage in, or to direct another person to engage in, retaliation against any person or their family member or household member for the purpose of, or with the intent of, retaliating against any person for exercising any right protected under State employment laws or by any local employment ordinance. Sets forth the duties and powers of the Department of Labor under the Act. Allows the Attorney General to initiate or intervene in a civil action to obtain appropriate relief if the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any person has violated the Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to prevent any person from making complaint or prosecuting his or her own claim for damages caused by retaliation. Allows a person who is the subject of retaliation prohibited by the Act to bring a civil action for: (1) back pay, with interest, and front pay, or, in lieu of actual damages, liquidated damages of \$30,000; (2) a civil penalty in an amount of \$10,000; (3) reasonable attorney's fees and court costs; and (4) equitable relief as the court may deem appropriate and just. Provides that a person that violates any provision of the Act shall be subject to an additional civil penalty in an amount of \$25,000 for each violation, or \$50,000 for each repeat violation within a 5-year period. Sets forth license suspension penalties for violations of the Act. Amends the Whistleblower Act. Changes the definitions of "employer" and "employee". Defines "public body", "retaliatory action", and "supervisor". Provides that an employer may not take retaliatory action against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose information about an activity, policy, or practice of the employer that the employee has reasonable cause to believe violates a State or federal law, rule, or regulation or poses a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. Includes additional relief, damages, and penalties for violation of the Act. Allows the Attorney General to initiate or intervene in a civil action to

obtain appropriate relief if the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any person or entity is engaged in a practice prohibited by the Act. (No Position)

HB 0363 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act. Defines "adequate welding standards", "certified welding inspector", "structural steel welding", "welding code", and "Department". Provides that a contractor whose workers are welding the structural steel on a public works project shall ensure that the workers performing the structural steel welding have been tested by and hold a valid certification from a certified welding inspector, that the structural steel welding performed for the project meets adequate welding standards and are listed in the project's job specifications, and that the structural steel welding inspections listed in the project's job specifications are completed by a certified welding inspector. (No Position)

HB 0679 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986. Provides that if a law enforcement officer has reason to believe that a person has been abused, neglected, or exploited by a family or household member, in situations where the alleged offending party is a juvenile and there are no factors of aggravation, the law enforcement officer may seek to divert or find alternative placement without initiating an arrest. (**No Position**)

HB 0878 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a municipality or unit of local government may erect and maintain a specialized traffic control device at an intersection where an emergency response vehicle enters the roadway or within 1,000 feet from a structure where such vehicles are stored. Allows the specialized traffic control device to be controlled by the emergency response unit or fire station as the emergency response vehicle enters or exits traffic. (No Position)

HB 1110 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Replaces the term "digitized" with "mobile". Provides that the Secretary of State may issue a mobile driver's license to an individual in addition to, and not instead of, a license or an identification card if the Secretary has issued a driver's license to that person. Provides that the Secretary may enter into agreements with an agency of the State, another state, the United States, or a third party to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of a mobile driver's license issued by the Secretary or another state. Provides that any mobile driver's license issued by the Secretary shall be in accordance with American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrator's Mobile Driver's License (mDL) Implementation Guidelines, Version 1.1. Provides that the Secretary shall design the mobile driver's license in a manner that allows the credential holder to maintain physical possession of the device on which the electronic credential is accessed during verification. Removes a provision that provides a person shall not be issued a citation for driving a motor vehicle without a physical driver's license in his or her possession if the person presents a digitized driver's license to a law enforcement officer in connection with a traffic stop or checkpoint in this State. Effective immediately. (No Position)

HB 1363 (HFA 0002)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of House Amendment No. 1, and makes the following changes: Provides that an employer is only liable for gender-related violence committed in the workplace (rather than work environment) by an employee or agent of the employer when the interaction giving rise to the gender-related violence arises out of and in the course of employment with the employer. Provides that nothing in the Act precludes a person who has been the victim of gender-related violence from pursuing any other right or cause of action created by statute or common law. Removes language providing that no person has the power to waive any of the provisions of the Act as part of a dissolution of marriage agreement, civil union, domestic partnership, or custody agreement. Makes other changes. (No Position)

HB 1364 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Changes the short title of the Act to the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Workgroup Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health, shall convene a working group that includes members of the General Assembly, representatives of State agencies, the State's Chief Behavioral Health Officer, the Director of the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative, service providers from the regional and statewide 9-8-8 call centers, representatives of organizations that represent people with mental health conditions or substance use disorders and that operate an Illinois social services helpline or crisis line other than 9-8-8, including veterans' crisis services, more than one individual with personal or family lived experience of a mental health condition or substance use disorder, experts in research and operational evaluation, and any other person or persons as determined by the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health. Requires the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health, to submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the Workgroup's findings related to the 9-8-8 call system. Modifies the Workgroup's responsibilities, including removing requirements to review the recommendations and decisions of previous State-led workgroups on transforming the mental health crisis response system and that the action plan must include a plan to sustainably fund a statewide 9-8-8 call center network in fiscal year 2025 and beyond. Effective immediately. (Support)

HB 1399 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill. Provides that a person commits the offense of lewd sexual display in a penal institution when he or she is in the custody of a penal institution and knowingly engages in any of the following acts while he or she is confined in a penal institution: engages in a lewd exposure of the genitals or anus (rather than of the body or sex organs, anus, or breast), for the purpose or effect of intimidating, harassing, or threatening one whom he or she believes to be in the presence or view of such acts. Provides that a person convicted of a second (rather than third) or subsequent violation for lewd sexual display in a penal institution is guilty of a Class 4 felony. Deletes provision that unwillingness or failure to successfully complete a court-ordered mental health court treatment program shall result in a conviction and the convicted person shall be subject to the penalties for the offense. Provides that unwillingness to participate in a court-ordered mental health court treatment program may result in prosecution for the offense. Provides that failure to complete a mental health treatment court program shall have the consequences prescribed by the rules and regulations of that treatment court program. Changes the date of repeal of the provisions from January 1, 2030 to January 1, 2028. Provides that the annual report shall list the race and ethnicity of persons referred for prosecution or charged with lewd sexual display in a penal institution. Deletes the amendatory changes to the Sex Offender Registration Act. (No Position)

HB 1727 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a contract in excess of \$30,000 may be let without advertising for bids in the case of the expedited replacement of a disabled, inoperable, or damaged patrol vehicle of the sheriff's department if authorized by the county board in a county with fewer than 2,000,000 inhabitants. Effective immediately. (No Position)

HB 2054 (HFA 0001)

Provides that Department of Juvenile Justice personnel who are hired by the Department and who participate or assist in the rehabilitative and vocational training of delinquent youths, supervise the daily activities involving direct and continuing responsibility for the youth's security, welfare and development, or participate in the personal rehabilitation of delinquent youth by training, supervising, and assisting lower level personnel who perform these duties must: (1) be over the age of 21 and (2) have a high school diploma or equivalent and either a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university or 2 or more years of experience providing direct care to youth in the form of residential care, coaching, case management, or mentoring (rather than just being over the age of 21 and having any bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university). (No Position)

HB 2341 (HFA 0002)

Adds provisions to the bill as amended by House Amendment 1 providing that the local government may file a request for an exemption from the audit requirements if the local government is denied a waiver by the awarding agency. (Support)

HB 2389 (HCA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no motor vehicle, or driver or passenger of a motor vehicle, shall be stopped or searched by any law enforcement officer solely on the basis of a violation or suspected violation of driving a motor vehicle with any objects placed or suspended between the driver and the front windshield, rear windshield, side wings, or side windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver which materially obstructs the driver's view. (No Position)

HB 2547 (HFA 0002)

Provides that the Attorney General may initiate or intervene in a civil action in the name of the People of the State in any circuit court to obtain all appropriate relief, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty of \$100 per pay period for every pay period the employee worked before the employer disclosed the quota. Removes language providing that the Attorney General, either upon his or her own complaint or the complaint of any person acting for themselves or the general public, has the authority to prosecute actions, either civil or criminal, for violations of the Act, or to enforce the provisions thereof independently and without specific direction of the Director of Labor. (No Position)

HB 2788 (HFA 0002)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Allows the Environmental Protection Agency and the person complained against to agree to an extended time period to (i) submit a written response to the alleged violations and (ii) hold a requested meeting without a representative of the Office of the Attorney General or the State's Attorney of the county in which the alleged violation occurred. Provides that the Agency and the person complained against may agree to a later time period, not to exceed an additional 30 days, in which the person shall either agree to and sign the proposed Compliance Commitment Agreement or notify the Agency of the person's rejection of the proposed Compliance Commitment Agreement. Effective immediately. (No Position)

HB 2954 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Adds a definition of "emotional distress". Replaces references to "mental anguish" with "emotional distress". Makes changes to the definitions of "family or household member", "publish", "stalk", and "substantial life disruption". Authorizes a court to issue an order to prevent the publication of personally identifiable information or sensitive personal information if certain requirements are met. Requires any injunctive relief that is granted to contain specified elements. Deletes a provision which specified that the Act was to be construed liberally. (No Position)

HB 3508 (HFA 0001)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to follow the most up-to-date guidance to states from the United States Environmental Protection Agency on addressing the discharge of PFAS in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Requires the Agency to create a PFAS monitoring plan to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1, 2024. Provides that the Prairie Research Institute's Illinois Sustainable Technology Center shall provide PFAS-related technical assistance to industrial wastewater dischargers. (No Position)