Public Acts Report
Legislation of Interest
To Counties
Approved in 2021

February 23, 2022
Included within this report are bills enacted into law in 2021 that either affect county operations or that may be of interest to county officials. County officials are encouraged to share this report with their staffs to facilitate awareness of the issues contained herein and to assist with adherence to new legal requirements. This report will be updated with any additional bills approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor by the end of 2021. Please be aware of the effective dates for each bill. The summaries within this report are not intended to substitute for a review of the actual text of the legislation.

HOUSE BILLS

Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. In a Section concerning eligibility for an Enterprise Zone based on the local labor market area, provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may consider information released in the most recent American Community Survey (currently, the federal decennial census only). Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may award partial points if the applicant demonstrates specific job creation and investment below specified thresholds. Contains provisions concerning provisional certification and provisional decertification. Provides that, for Enterprise Zones that are scheduled to expire on or after January 1, 2024, an application process shall begin 5 years prior to the year in which the Zone expires. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may consider written comments or any other information regarding a pending Enterprise Zone application submitted after the deadline and received prior to the decision on all pending applications. Makes changes concerning the total number of Enterprise Zones that may be certified. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Artificial Intelligence Video Interview Act. Provides that employers that rely solely upon artificial intelligence to determine whether an applicant will qualify for an in-person interview must gather and report certain demographic information to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Requires the Department to analyze the data and report to the Governor and General Assembly whether the data discloses a racial bias in the use of artificial intelligence. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Local Government Officer Compensation Act. Provides that the compensation of county elected officers shall be fixed by ordinance or resolution of the county board or board of county commissioners. Provides that, in the ordinance or resolution fixing the compensation of county elected officers, the county board shall separately list each stipend an elected officer is expected to receive in addition to the compensation to be paid by the county. Effective immediately.

Amends the Counties Code concerning the circumstances for filing of restrictive covenant modifications to an unlawful restrictive covenant. Provides that, on receipt of a restrictive covenant modification, the recorder shall submit the restrictive covenant modification together

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with a copy of the original instrument referenced in the restrictive covenant modification to the State's Attorney. Once submitted to the State's Attorney, the State's Attorney shall make a determination within 30 days if the original document contains an unlawful restrictive covenant. Provides that the recorder may not record the modification unless the State's Attorney determines an unlawful restrictive covenant exists and shall record the modification if the State's Attorney finds an unlawful restrictive covenant. Limits liability of the county for unauthorized modifications. Defines terms. Contains other provisions. Effective January 1, 2022.

**HB 68 (P.A. 102-0256) (Rep. Flowers; Sen. Villa) – HOSPITALS – FEMALE DEATHS**
Amends the Hospital Report Card Act. Provides that the quarterly report prepared by individual hospitals shall include (1) the number of female patients who have died within the reporting period and (2) the number of female patients admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of COVID-19 and at least one known underlying condition identified by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a condition that increases the risk of mortality from COVID-19 who subsequently died at the hospital within the reporting period. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act. Provides that the Act applies to employers with at least 5 employees, rather than fewer than 25 employees. Provides that a small employer is an employer that employed less than 5 employees during any quarter of the previous calendar year, rather than less than 25 employees at any one time throughout the previous calendar year. Provides enrollment deadlines. Provides that small employers may, but are not required to, establish payroll deduction arrangements for retirement savings arrangements. Provides for automatic increases in contributions. Provides that the Department may provide notice regarding penalties in an electronic format to be determined by the Department. Removes a provision stating that penalty provisions shall become operative 9 months after the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board notifies the Director of Revenue that the Program has been implemented. Makes other changes.

Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that an employee is entitled to recover damages of 5% (rather than 2%) of the amount of any underpayments in wages for each month following the date of payment during which such underpayments remain unpaid. Effective immediately.

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is the public policy of the State to prevent discrimination based on the specific status or term of status that accompanies a legal work authorization. Defines "work authorization status" as the status of being a person born outside of the United States, and not a U.S. citizen, who is authorized by the federal government to work in the United States. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for: (1) any employer to refuse to hire, to segregate, to engage in harassment, or to act with respect to recruitment, hiring, promotion, renewal of employment, selection for training or apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms, privileges or conditions of employment on the basis of work authorization status; (2) any employment agency to fail or refuse to classify properly, accept
applications and register for employment referral or apprenticeship referral, refer for employment, or refer for apprenticeship on the basis of work authorization status; (3) any labor organization to limit, segregate, or classify its membership, or to limit employment opportunities, selection and training for apprenticeship in any trade or craft, or otherwise to take or fail to take, any action which affects adversely any person's status as an employee or as an applicant for employment or as an apprentice, or as an applicant for apprenticeships, or wages, tenure, hours of employment, or apprenticeship conditions on the basis of work authorization status; and (4) any employer to refuse to honor work authorization based upon the specific status or term of status that accompanies the authorization to work. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for a person, or for 2 or more persons, to conspire to retaliate against a person because he or she has opposed that which he or she reasonably and in good faith believes to be discrimination based on work authorization status. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code. Requires the Department of Transportation to develop and publish a statewide multi-modal transportation improvement program for all transportation facilities under its jurisdiction and outlines the methods for developing the program. Requires the Department to develop a needs-based transit asset management plan for State-supported public transportation assets and make the plan publicly available on the Department's website. Requires the Department to develop a performance-based project selection process to prioritize taxpayer investment in State-owned transportation assets that add capacity, with input from specified stakeholders. Requires a summary of the project evaluation process, measures, program, and scores for all candidate projects to be published on the Department website in a timely manner. Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Requires the Regional Transportation Authority to develop a transparent prioritization process for Northeastern Illinois transit projects receiving State capital funding. Requires a summary of the project evaluation process, measures, program, and scores or prioritization criteria for all candidate projects to be published on the Authority's website in a timely manner. Provides that, starting April 1, 2022, no project shall be included in the 5-year capital program, or amendments to that program, without being evaluated under the selection process. Effective immediately.

HB 270 (P.A. 102-0660) (Rep. Moeller; Sen. Belt) – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN WAYS
Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, in or within a municipality with a population of over 1,000 people, the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility. Adds an exemption in cases in which the municipality passes a resolution stating that a bicycle or pedestrian way does not fit within its development plan. Provides that if programmed funds identified as supplemental funding for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program are not expended for 5 years, the Department has the option to use those funds to pay the cost of bicycle and pedestrian ways in roadway projects. Effective January 1, 2022.

Provides that, in a county with less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, and only upon receipt of a written request by the superintendent of the county Veterans Assistance Commission for the county in
which the State's Attorney is located, the State's Attorney shall have the discretionary authority to render an opinion, without fee or reward, upon any question of law relating to a matter in which the county Veterans Assistance Commission may be concerned. Provides that the State's Attorney shall have the discretion to grant or decline such a request. Corrects two gender-neutral changes. Amends the Military Veterans Assistance Act making a conforming change. Effective immediately.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Relocates a provision regarding special immigrant minors from the Abused, Neglected, or Dependent Minors Article to the General Provisions Article. In a section related to special immigrant minor findings, provides that a petition for guardianship of the person of a minor who is 18 years of age or older, but who has not yet attained 21 years of age, may be filed by a parent, relative, or nonrelative person over the age of 21. Provides that a court making determinations concerning such a petition shall consider the best interest of the minor. Provides that with the consent of the minor, the court shall appoint the petitioner as the guardian (rather than "shall appoint a guardian") of the person for a minor who is 18 years of age or older, but who has not yet attained 21 years of age, in connection with a motion for special findings. Provides that an appointed guardian shall have responsibility for the custody, nurture, and tuition of the minor, and shall have the right to determine the minor's residence based on the minor's best interest. Provides that a minor who is the subject of a petition for guardianship or for extension of guardianship may be referred for psychological, educational, medical, or social services under certain circumstances. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Amends the Article of the Illinois Vehicle Code concerning size, weight, load, and permits. Creates a new class of weight limits for vehicles with a distance between 8 and 9 feet between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, with a maximum weight of 38,000 pounds on 2 axles and 42,000 pounds on 3 axles. Provides that 2 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last axles of these tandems is 36 feet or more. Deletes language requiring an applicant for a permit for excess size and weight to make certain disclosures relating to whether the applicant is a motor carrier of property. Makes other changes. Provides that the additional fee for certain gross overweight loads is for each additional 45 (instead of 60) miles traveled. Effective immediately.

HB 399 (P.A. 102-0261) (Rep. Moylan; Sen. Stadelman) – HIGH SPEED RAILWAY COMMISSION
Creates the High-Speed Railway Commission Act. Prescribes the membership of the Commission. Provides that the Commission shall create a statewide plan for a high-speed rail line and feeder network connecting St. Louis, Missouri and Chicago, Illinois that includes current existing Amtrak and Metra services, connects the cities of Rockford, Moline, Peoria, and Decatur, and uses inter-city bus service to coordinate with the rail line. Provides that the Commission shall conduct a ridership study and shall make findings and recommendations concerning a governance structure, the frequency of service, and implementation of the plan. Provides that the Commission shall report to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than December 31 of each year. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall provide
administrative support to the Commission. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2027. Effective immediately.

HB 453 (P.A. 102-0265) (Rep. Davis; Sen. Harris, III) – PROPERTY TAX – VENDOR REPORT
Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that any taxing district that has an aggregate property tax levy of more than $5,000,000 for the applicable levy year shall make a good faith effort to collect and electronically publish data from all vendors and subcontractors doing business with the taxing district as to whether the vendor or subcontractor is a minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned business or whether the vendor or subcontractor is a small business. Preempts the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Amends the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act. Creates the Firearm Prohibitors and Records Improvement Task Force to identify and research all available grants, resources, and revenue that may be applied for and used by all entities responsible for reporting federal and State firearms prohibitors to the Illinois State Police and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Provides that under the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, these reporting entities include, but are not limited to, hospitals, courts, law enforcement and corrections. Amends the Gun Trafficking Information Act. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall audit current practice to assess actual data collection and reporting, and propose policy and practice recommendations to meet implementation and policy maker needs, including but not limited to: (1) Firearm Owner's Identification Card and concealed carry license applications, revocations, and firearm dispossessions; (2) Firearm trace data; (3) Usage of firearms restraining orders and domestic violence orders of protection; and (4) Firearm Dealer License Certifications and related inspections. Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall establish a portal for use by federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies, including Offices of the State's Attorneys and the Office of the Attorney General to capture a report of persons whose Firearm Owner's Identification Cards have been revoked or suspended. Provides that the portal is for law enforcement purposes only. Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall develop an Internet-based system upon which the serial numbers of firearms that have been reported stolen are available for public access for individuals to ensure any firearms are not reported stolen prior to the sale or transfer of a firearm under this provision concerning transfer of firearms. The Illinois State Police shall have the Internet-based system completed and available for use by July 1, 2022. Provides that beginning January 1, 2024, any person who is not a federally licensed firearm dealer shall, before selling or transferring the firearms, contact the Illinois State Police with the transferee's or purchaser's Firearm Owner's Identification Card number to determine the validity of the transferee's or purchaser's Firearm Owner's Identification Card and initiate and complete an automated search of its criminal history record information files and those of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and of the files of the Department of Human Services relating to mental health and developmental disabilities to obtain any felony conviction or patient hospitalization information which would disqualify a person from obtaining or require revocation of a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card. Provides that the Illinois
State Police shall develop an Internet-based system to conduct this check. Includes other provisions. Certain provisions take effect January 1, 2024.


Creates the Vegetable Garden Protection Act. Provides for the right to cultivate a vegetable garden and permits state and local regulation. Defines "vegetable garden". Limits home rule powers. Effective January 1, 2022.

**HB 653 (P.A. 102-0271) (Rep. Avelar; Sen. Connor) - EPA - GROUNDWATER MONITORING**

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. In provisions regarding fees for permitted facilities accepting clean construction or demolition debris or uncontaminated soils, changes specified fees in specified amounts. Provides that all fees, taxes, and surcharges collected under the provisions shall be used for, among other things, environmental safety purposes. Effective January 1, 2022.

**HB 1068 (P.A. 102-0193) (Rep. Manley; Sen. Sims, Jr.) - JUVENILE COURT - PERMANENCY GOALS**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that at the permanency hearing, the permanency goals shall include that the guardianship of the minor will be transferred to an individual or couple on a permanent basis provided that the permanency goals have been deemed inappropriate and not in the child's best interests (rather than ruled out). Provides that adoption and guardianship must be discussed with the current caregiver prior to selecting the guardianship goal. Provides that the court shall confirm that the Department of Children and Family Services has discussed adoption, if appropriate, and guardianship with the caregiver prior to changing a goal to guardianship. Effective immediately.

**HB 1291 (P.A. 102-0670) (Rep. Hernandez; Sen. Harmon) - CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

This bill includes the new congressional map. Effective November 23, 2021.

**HB 1443 (P.A. 102-0098) (Rep. Ford; Sen. Lightford) - CANNABIS - SOCIAL EQUITY AND DIVERSITY**

Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Provides that, for any dispensing organization registered on or after January 1, 2021 (rather than July 1, 2019), the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall adopt rules to create a registration process for Social Equity Justice Involved Applicants and Qualifying Applicants, a streamlined application, and a Social Equity Justice Involved Medical Lottery under to issue the remaining available 5 dispensing organization registrations for operation (rather than award not less than 20% of all available points to applicants that qualify as Social Equity Applicants). Defines "Social Equity Justice Involved Medical Lottery". Contains other provisions. Amends the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Provides that specified entities are subject to random inspections as provided by rule. Provides that the Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer serves a coordinating role among State agencies regarding the Act and the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Provides that failure of a cannabis business establishment to respond to the request of the Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer to complete the form regarding the extent of diversity in the medical and adult use cannabis industry, report, and any other request for information may be grounds for disciplinary action by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Department of Agriculture. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to issue up to 110 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses by lot. Contains requirements for Dispensary Applicants,
distribution of licenses, and drawing available licenses by lot. Provides an application process for requirements for specified Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses. Requires the Department to issue at least 50 additional Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses on or before December 21, 2022. Makes changes to cannabis packaging requirements during sale. Provides that, upon the completion of the disparity and availability study pertaining to infusers by the Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer, the Department of Agriculture may modify or change specified licensing application processes to reduce or eliminate barriers and remedy evidence of discrimination identified in the study. Provides that agent applicants may begin employment at a cultivation center, a dispensing organization, a Community College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot Program, an infuser organization, or a transporting organization while the agent applicant's identification card application is pending. Provides that, upon approval, the approving State entity shall issue the agent's identification card to the agent. Provides that, if denied, the cultivation center, dispensing organization, Community College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot Program, infuser organization, or transporting organization and the agent applicant shall be notified and the agent applicant must cease all activity at the cultivation center, dispensing organization, Community College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot Program, infuser organization, or transporting organization immediately. Contains provisions regarding the disclosure of ownership and control of cultivation centers, craft growers, infuser organizations, and transporting organizations. Makes other changes. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Makes changes to cannabis containment requirements within a motor vehicle. Contains a severability provision. Effective immediately.

Amends the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act. Makes changes to effective and repeal dates. Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides that in a prosecution of any violent crime as defined in the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act, the court may set any conditions it finds just and appropriate on the taking of testimony of a victim who is a child under the age of 18 years or a moderately, severely, or profoundly intellectually disabled person or a person affected by a developmental disability, involving the use of a facility dog in any proceeding involving that offense. Amends the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Provides that the office of the State's Attorney shall consult with the crime victim regarding the State's Attorney's decision not to charge an offense and that the victim has the right to have an attorney, advocate, and other support person of the victim's choice attend this consultation with them. Provides that the office of the State's Attorney shall give the crime victim timely notice of any decision not to pursue charges and consider the safety of the victim when deciding how to give such notice. Provides that no later than January 1, 2023, the Office of the Attorney General shall: (1) designate an administrative authority within the Office of the Attorney General to receive and investigate complaints relating to the provision or violation of the rights of a crime victim; (2) create and administer a course of training for employees and offices of the State of Illinois that fail to comply with provisions of Illinois law pertaining to the treatment of crime victims; and (3) have the authority to make recommendations to employees and offices of the State of Illinois to respond more effectively to the needs of crime victims, including regarding the violation of the rights of a crime victim. Provides for penalties for violations of victim's rights by certain offices and employees. Provides that a prosecuting attorney who seeks to subpoena information or records concerning the victim that are confidential or privileged by law must first request the written consent of the crime victim.
Amends the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act. In a provision concerning the sexual assault evidence tracking system, provides that the Illinois State Police may (rather than shall) develop rules to implement a sexual assault evidence tracking system. Amends the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act. Provides for victim notification under specified circumstances in various provisions. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that for any grant made to a unit of local government, a minimum of 50% of the grant must be paid to the unit of local government at the time of the award of the grant. Allows a unit of local government to opt out of the advanced payment option at the time of the award of the grant. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall consider an applicant's request for an extension to a grant if (i) the advanced payment is expended or legally obligated within the 2 years as required by the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act or (ii) no advanced payment was made. Effective immediately.

Creates the Empowering Public Participation Act. Provides that a law enforcement agency or an officer employed by a law enforcement agency may not knowingly and intentionally conduct a background check of a person for the sole reason of that person speaking at an open meeting of a public body, including police disciplinary boards. Provides exemptions if the person speaking is also under consideration for appointment to a government position by that public body or whenever an agency or officer develops a reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct or a reasonable suspicion of a threat to security for the premises in which the meeting is to occur or for the protection of public officials and other persons attending the meeting. Effective immediately.

HB 1769 (P.A. 102-0669) (Rep. Vella; Sen. Stadelman) – REIMAGINING ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN ILLINOIS ACT
This bill is omnibus electric vehicle legislation that provides for financial incentives and tax credits to eligible manufacturers of electric vehicles, electric vehicle component parts and electric vehicle power supply equipment. Effective November 16, 2021.

Amends the Election Code. Provides that in distribution of the remaining funds received under the federal Help America Vote Act, the State Board of Elections may make such funds available to election authorities for the maintenance of secure collection sites for the return of vote by mail ballots. Allows election authorities to establish curb-side voting for individuals to cast a ballot during early voting or on election day. Provides that an election authority's curb-side voting program shall designate at least 2 election judges from opposite parties per vehicle and the individual must have the option to mark the ballot without interference from the election judges. Requires election authorities to accept any vote by mail ballot returned, including ballots returned with insufficient or no postage. Allows election authorities to establish secure collection sites for postage-free return of vote by mail ballots. Provides for the collection and processing of vote by mail ballots submitted to collection sites. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall establish additional guidelines for the security of collection sites. Effective immediately.
Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall update its policy for providing notification of construction projects to the public. Provides that the policy shall include a requirement that the Department contact the highway commissioner located in each Department district that will be impacted by a proposed construction project. Provides that the policy shall be completed and published on the Department's website by January 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

HB 1932 (P.A. 102-0024) (Rep. McCombie; Sen. Anderson) – WAIVE BUILDING FEES FOLLOWING DISASTER
Amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the governing body of a county, township, or municipality may waive any fees or costs associated with a permit, inspection, or certification of occupancy required by law for construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, movement to another site, removal, or demolition of a manufactured home, building, dwelling, or structure, either commercial or residential, damaged as a result of a disaster, emergency, weather event, or for any reason deemed warranted in the interests of public safety, welfare, and recovery of the community by the governing body of the county, township, or municipality. Defines "disaster". Effective immediately.

Creates the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. Requires inspections and testing of HVAC fire dampers and smoke dampers to be conducted by individuals certified by the International Certification Board and Accredited to comply with specified requirements. Provides that (1) fire damper and smoke damper inspections and testing shall be conducted by inspectors certified by the International Certification Board and accredited by specified entities and (2) inspectors shall certify that all fire and smoke dampers inspected meet the standards established in applicable code or codes adopted by any authority having jurisdiction. Exempts facilities licensed by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission under specified federal provisions and for employees of those facilities while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that if a notice is required to be published in a newspaper where the city, town, or county consists of more than 45% of a single minority group. Notices shall be published in the official language of a minority group's country of origin. Effective January 1, 2022.

HB 2415 (P.A. 102-0002) (Rep. Moeller; Sen. Castro) – COUNTY CANNABIS REVENUE – ADMINISTRATION DATE
Amends the Counties Code. Provides that if an ordinance or resolution imposing a tax under the County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law was adopted on or before October 1, 2020 and a certified copy thereof was filed with the Department of Revenue on or before November 1, 2020, then the Department shall proceed to administer and enforce this Section as of May 1, 2021 for such ordinances or resolutions. Effective immediately.

Amends the Public Defender and Appointed Counsel Division of the Counties Code. Creates the Public Defender Quality Defense Task Force. Provides that the Task Force is established to: (i) examine the current caseload and determine the optimal caseload for public defenders in the
State; (ii) examine the quality of legal services being offered to defendants by public defenders of the State; and (iii) make recommendations to improve the caseload of public defenders and quality of legal services offered by public defenders. Provides that the Task Force shall hold a minimum of 2 public hearings and at other times of its choosing. Provides that the Task Force shall prepare a report that summarizes its work and makes recommendations resulting from its study to the General Assembly and Governor no later than December 31, 2022. Repeals the provisions on December 31, 2023. Effective immediately.

Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. In provisions concerning the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board, adds one member representing local health departments who is a nonvoting member. In provisions concerning complaints for violations of the Act or a rule, provides that the Department of Public Health's annual review and report concerning the complaint process must include substantiated complaints that were completed in a specified time frame. Requires the report to be provided to the General Assembly (in addition to the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board and the Illinois Long-Term Care Council). Effective immediately.

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that special meetings of the board shall be held when requested by any chairman of the board (currently, restricted to chairmen of the board in counties where such chairmen are elected by the voters of the county). Effective immediately.

Amends the Counties Code and Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a county board, board of county commissioners, or corporate authorities of a municipality may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for any application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses, construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors, food service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services, accounting, transportation, manufacturing, technology, assembly, tourism, entertainment, or any business, industry, or service the county or municipality is permitted by law to regulate or license. Provides that a waiver of business fees or costs shall be subject to an application or review process and a demonstration of need based upon any financial or logistical hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Provides that any such waiver or credit shall not be construed to apply to any of the business and licensing costs of the State or any of its agencies or departments and is not an exemption from safety, health, or regulatory requirements or inspections of a county, municipality, or the State. Effective immediately.

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that the showing of interest in support of a petition filed for the purpose of selecting a labor organization as the representative of the employees in a bargaining unit may be evidenced by electronic communications, and such writing or communication may be evidenced by the electronic signature of the employees. Provides that the showing of interest shall be valid only if signed within 12 months prior to the filing of the petition. Provides that a secret ballot election held for the purpose of selecting a labor organization as the representative of the employees in a bargaining unit may be conducted electronically, using an electronic voting system, in addition to paper ballot voting systems.
Provides that it shall be an unfair labor practice for an employer to promise, threaten, or take any action because of an employee's specified participation in a strike. Also amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Effective immediately.

HB 2568 (P.A. 102-0439) (Rep. Mayfield; Sen. Cullerton) – PSEBA HEALTH PLAN BARGAINED
Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that a health insurance plan, as defined, is limited to the insurance plan options codified in the employee collective bargaining agreement or bargained upon with an authorized agent and subject to the grievance process. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. Provides that any hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act or organized under the University of Illinois Hospital Act shall be deemed to have met certain standards and requirements to enroll in the drug overdose prevention program upon completion of the enrollment process except that proof of a standing order and attestation of programmatic requirements shall be waived for enrollment purposes. Provides that reporting mandated by enrollment shall be necessary to carry out or attain eligibility for associated resources for drug overdose prevention projects operated on the licensed premises of the hospital and operated by the hospital or its designated staff. Requires the Department of Human Services to streamline hospital enrollment for drug overdose prevention programs by accepting such deemed status in order to reduce barriers to hospital participation in drug overdose prevention, recognition, or response projects. Provides that a health care professional or other person acting under the direction of a health care professional may, directly or by standing order, obtain, store, and dispense an opioid antagonist to a patient in a facility that includes, but is not limited to, a hospital, a hospital affiliate, or a federally qualified health center if certain patient information is provided to the patient. Makes changes to provisions concerning the grants awarded under the Drug Overdose Prevention Program. Redefines SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) to mean a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons who are at risk of developing substance use disorders or have substance use disorders including, but not limited to, an addiction to alcohol, opioids, tobacco, or cannabis. Provides that SBIRT services include: (i) a screening to quickly assess the severity of substance use and to identify the appropriate level of treatment; (ii) a brief intervention focused on increasing insight and awareness regarding substance use and motivation toward behavioral change; and (iii) referral to treatment provided to those identified as needing more extensive treatment with access to specialty care. Provides that SBIRT services may include, but are not limited to, the following settings and programs: primary care centers, hospital emergency rooms, hospital in-patient units, trauma centers, community behavioral health programs, and other community settings that provide opportunities for early intervention with at-risk substance users before more severe consequences occur. Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Defines SBIRT. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop and seek federal approval of a SBIRT benefit for which qualified providers shall be reimbursed under the medical assistance program. Permits the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, to develop a methodology and reimbursement rate for SBIRT services provided by qualified providers in approved settings. Provides that for opioid specific SBIRT services provided in a
hospital emergency department, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall develop a bundled reimbursement methodology and rate for a package of opioid treatment services. Provides that the package of opioid related services shall be billed on a separate claim and shall be reimbursed outside of the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping system. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Provides that for a person married in any county in the State, the county clerk shall issue a new marriage certificate when it receives legal documentation indicating that one of the parties listed on the certificate has legally changed names. Effective immediately.

Creates the General Assembly Redistricting Act of 2021. Redistricts the Legislative Districts (for election of Senators) and the Representative Districts (for election of Representatives). Revised by P.A. 102-0663. Effective immediately.

Creates the Community Emergency Services and Support Act. Provides that each 9-1-1 call center and provider of emergency services dispatched through a 9-1-1 system must coordinate with the mobile mental and behavioral health services established by the Division of Mental Health of the Department of Human Services so that the following State goals and State prohibitions are met whenever a person interacts with one of these entities for the purpose seeking emergency mental and behavioral health care or when one of these entities recognizes the appropriateness of providing mobile mental or behavioral health care to an individual with whom they have engaged. The Division of Mental Health is also directed to provide guidance regarding whether and how these entities should coordinate with mobile mental and behavioral health services when responding to individuals who appear to be in a mental or behavioral health emergency while engaged in conduct alleged to constitute a non-violent misdemeanor. Provides that 9-1-1 PSAPs, emergency services dispatched through 9-1-1 PSAPs, and the mobile mental and behavioral health service established by the Division of Mental Health must coordinate their services so that the State goals listed in this Section are achieved. Appropriate mobile response service for mental and behavioral health emergencies shall be available regardless of whether the initial contact was with 9-8-8, 9-1-1 or directly with an emergency service dispatched through 9-1-1. Provides that the Division of Mental Health shall establish a Statewide Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations for aspects of coordinating 9-1-1 and the 9-8-8 mobile mental health response system most appropriately addressed on a State level. Provides that the Division of Mental Health shall establish Regional Advisory Committees in each EMS Region to advise on regional issues related to emergency response systems for mental and behavioral health. Provides that the exemptions from civil liability in the Emergency Telephone Systems Act apply to any act or omission in the development, design, installation, operation, maintenance, performance, or provision of service directed by the Act. Provides that the Act applies to persons of all ages, both children and adults. This Act does not limit an individual's right to control his or her own medical care. No provision of this Act shall be interpreted in such a way as to limit an individual's right to choose his or her preferred course of care or to reject
care. No provision of this Act shall be interpreted to promote or provide justification for the use of restraints when providing mental or behavioral health care. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, in counties with a population over 3,000,000, the public defender, without fee or appointment and with the concurrence of the county board, may act as attorney to noncitizens in immigration cases. Provides that representation by the public defender in immigration cases shall be limited to those arising in immigration courts located within the geographical boundaries of the county where the public defender has been appointed to office unless the board authorizes the public defender to provide representation outside the county. Effective January 1, 2022.

HB 2806 (P.A. 102-0602) (Rep. Halbrook; Sen. Glogiak Hilton) – LOCAL VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBER REMOVAL ACT
Creates the Local Volunteer Board Member Removal Act. Provides that the person or entity that appointed a member of a volunteer board or commission may remove that member for misconduct, official misconduct, or neglect of office. Provides that removal under the Act is in addition to any other method of removal provided by law. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that August 26 of each year is designated as Illinois Constitution Day, to be observed throughout the State as a day to commemorate August 26, 1818 as the day Illinois ratified its first State Constitution. Effective January 1, 2022.

HB 2863 (P.A. 102-0449) (Rep. Swanson; Sen. Stoller) – COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS – TOWNSHIP ROADS
Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, in the case of township roads, the county superintendent of highways may either grant consent for construction or deny the application. Provides that the county superintendent of highways shall provide written confirmation, citing the basis of the decision, to both the highway commissioner and the applicant. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that, in a rural population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants, each EMS System Medical Director may create an exception to the credentialing process to allow registered nurses, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses to apply to serve as volunteers who perform the same work as EMTs. Requires that, as part of the volunteer recognition process, EMS Systems shall ensure that registered nurses, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses have an active license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. This system-level recognition shall require documentation and proof of the completion of at least 20 hours of prehospital care-specific coursework approved by the Department of Public Health and 8 hours of observant riding time. Provides that each EMS System Medical Director who creates an exception to the credentialing process may require additional training or documentation and may reject a volunteer applicant for just cause. Provides that each exemption period shall be no longer than one year, after which time a volunteer applicant may apply for another exemption. Provides that each EMS System Medical Director is responsible for ensuring that volunteer applicants meet EMS System requirements for credentialing and authorizing the practice in accordance with
the EMS System plan for basic life support. Provides that exceptions to the credentialing process are only allowable for volunteer EMS agencies in Illinois. Effective January 1, 2022.


Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, in the counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will, and McHenry, proceeds from the County Motor Fuel Tax Law may also be used for operating, constructing, improving, and acquiring land for shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that "highway" includes shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Provides that any county may acquire property for the construction, maintenance or operation of any shared-use path for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalk, or bike path within the county. Provides that the county board of a county with a population over 500,000 may also use motor fuel tax funds allotted to it for the construction and maintenance of shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Amends the School Code and the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Revises language to make certain actions permissible rather than mandatory with respect to truancy. Eliminates the requirement that the Chicago Board of Education establish an Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication. Instead, requires the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee to implement a socio-emotional focused attendance approach that targets the underlying causes of chronic truancy. Makes changes concerning the Chicago school district's truancy intervention services for a pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian. Makes other changes, including changes concerning penalties. Effective January 1, 2022.

HB 3100 (P.A. 102-0604) (Rep. Ramirez; Sen. Villa) – ANCRA MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING
Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Requires mandated reporters to complete an initial mandated reporter training within 3 months of their date of engagement in a professional or official capacity as a mandated reporter, with certain exceptions, and at least every 3 years thereafter. Provides that the mandated reporter trainings shall be in-person or web-based and shall include, at a minimum, information on implicit bias and racial and ethnic sensitivity. Requires the implicit bias section to provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking and ultimately eliminate discriminatory behaviors. Provides that, during these trainings,
mandated reporters shall complete a pretest to assess baseline implicit bias levels, an implicit bias training task, and a posttest to reevaluate bias levels after training. Provides that the implicit bias curriculum for mandated reporters shall be developed within one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act and shall be created in consultation with organizations demonstrating expertise and or experience in the areas of implicit bias, youth and adolescent developmental issues, prevention of child abuse, exploitation, and neglect, culturally diverse family systems, and the child welfare system. Provides that implicit bias section shall be provided through the Department of Children and Family Services, through authorized entities.

HB 3136 (Rep. Rita; Sen. Cunningham) – GAMING LEGISLATION
This is a gaming omnibus bill with multiple provisions. Of interest to counties is a provision that allows non-home rule units of government to increase video gaming fees up to $250 per terminal (currently $25). The bill will next be considered by the Governor.

HB 3147 (P.A. 102-0398) (Rep. Manley; Sen. Cullerton) – RESIDENT/PATIENT PHONE CALL IN NURSING HOMES
Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that, upon request, a facility shall make every reasonable effort to facilitate at least one phone call or video call between a resident and a single family member of the resident each day during a disaster declared by the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, unless doing so could pose a danger to residents or staff or redirect resources away from direct resident care and protection. Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that during a pandemic or other public health emergency, a hospital licensed under the Act shall develop and implement a contact policy to encourage patients' ability to engage with family members throughout the duration of the pandemic or other public health emergency, including through the use of phone calls, videos calls, or other electronic mechanism. Effective immediately.

Creates the Forest Preserve District and Conservation District Design-Build Authorization Act. Provides that a forest preserve district or conservation district may enter into design-build contracts. Includes scope and performance criteria for design-build contracts, a two-phase procedure for selection of contracts, requirements for submission of proposals, procedures for awarding contracts, and requirements of reports and evaluation of contracts. Provides that if the total overall cost of a project is estimated to be less than $12,000,000, the forest preserve or conservation district may combine the two-phase procedure for selection into one phase. Amends the Conservation District Act, Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, and Cook County Forest Preserve District Act making conforming changes. Further amends those Acts increasing the minimum contract amount to $30,000 (currently $25,000) before competitive bidding is required. Effective June 1, 2022.

Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. With respect to new wind power facilities and Wind Energy Businesses, repeals language providing that (i) the penalties for failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Act are limited to the penalties identified in the Prevailing Wage Act and (ii) the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may not revoke a High Impact
Business designation as a result of the failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Act. Effective immediately.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Requires (rather than gives discretion to the court) to appoint a special advocate upon the filing of a petition to declare a minor an abused, neglected, or dependent minor and to adjudge the minor a ward of the court. Provides that in counties of populations over 3,000,000 the court may appoint, rather than shall appoint, a special advocate upon a filing of certain petitions or at any time during the pendency of certain proceedings. Establishes qualifications of a court appointed special advocate. Provides that a court appointed special advocate shall: (1) conduct an independent assessment to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the case by monitoring compliance with the court order; (2) maintain regular and sufficient in-person contact with the minor; (3) submit written reports to the court regarding the minor's best interests; (4) advocate for timely court hearings to obtain permanency for the minor; (5) be notified of all administrative case reviews pertaining to the minor as defined by and work with the parties' attorneys, the guardian ad litem, and others assigned to the minor's case to protect the minor's health, safety and best interests and insure the proper delivery of child welfare services; (6) attend all court hearings and other proceedings to advocate for the minor's best interests; (7) monitor compliance with the case plan and all court orders; and (8) review all court documents that relate to the minor child. Provides that upon presentation of an order of appointment, a court appointed special advocate shall have access to all records and information relevant to the minor's case with regard to the minor child. Provides that all records and information acquired, reviewed, or produced by a court appointed special advocate during the course of his or her appointment shall be deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed except as ordered by the court. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that each chief county assessment officer may approve a homestead exemption for the 2021 taxable year, without application, for any property that was approved for the exemption for the 2020 taxable year, if: (1) the county board has declared a local disaster as provided in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act related to the COVID-19 public health emergency; (2) the owner of record of the property as of January 1, 2021 is the same as the owner of record of the property as of January 1, 2020; (3) the exemption for the 2020 taxable year has not been determined to be an erroneous exemption as defined by the Code; and (4) the taxpayer for the 2020 taxable year has not asked for the exemption to be removed for the 2020 or 2021 taxable years. Effective immediately.

HB 3355 (P.A. 102-0608) (Rep. Meier; Sen. Plummer) – OPIOID DEPENDENCE INFORMATION
Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall develop and make available on its website information on the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids and any alternative treatments, including the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program. Controlled substances which are lawfully administered in hospitals or institutions licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act shall be exempt from the requirements of a provision concerning the risks of dependence on opioids, except that the prescription for the controlled substance shall be in writing on the patient's record, signed by the prescriber, and dated, and shall state the name and quantity of controlled substances ordered and the quantity
actually administered. Provides that the Department shall develop and make available upon request to all prescribers, pharmacists, and patients in the State a pamphlet which explains the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids. Provides that this pamphlet may contain any information which the Secretary of the Department deems necessary and may be revised by the Department whenever new information becomes available. Provides that the pamphlet shall be downloadable from the Department's website. Provides that a pharmacist shall, prior to dispensing an opioid that is a Schedule II controlled substance, furnish the pamphlet or information therein developed by the Department and discuss the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

Amends the State Police Act. In a provision concerning the military equipment surplus program, changes the definition of "grenade launcher" and "tracked armored vehicle". Amends the Task Force on Constitutional Rights and Remedies Act. In a provision concerning task force members, deletes language providing for the responsibility of appointing a chairperson. Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that all mandated training will be provided for at no cost to the employees, and that employees shall be paid for all time spent attending mandated training. Amends the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act. Provides that officer-worn body cameras may be turned off when the officer is inside a correctional facility or courthouse which is equipped with a functioning camera system. Provides that a law enforcement officer shall not have access to or review his or her body-worn camera recordings, the body-worn camera recordings of another officer, or any other recordings prior to completing incident reports or other documentation under specified circumstances. Provides that notwithstanding provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, a law enforcement agency receiving a complaint made against a law enforcement officer will provide an opportunity for the complainant to view the available recordings from a body worn camera system pertaining to the incident as soon as practical and prior to the complainant finalizing their complaint, if so requested by the complainant. Amends the Uniform Crime Reporting Act. Defines a "mental health crisis". Amends the Counties Code. Makes changes to a provision concerning the military equipment surplus program. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a peace officer is not justified in using force likely to cause death or great bodily harm when there is no longer an immediate threat of great bodily harm to the officer or another. In a provision concerning prohibited use of force by a peace officer, provides that "chokehold" does not include any holding involving contact with the neck that is not intended to reduce the intake of air. Places restrictions on the use of chemical agents or irritants. In a provision concerning the duty to intervene, replaces a reference to a person acting on behalf of a peace officer with a reference to a person acting under the color of law. Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Makes changes in a provision concerning rules and regulations for sentence credit concerning participation in certain programs, assignments, and activities. Makes changes in a provision concerning committed person post-partum recovery requirements. Makes changes in a provision concerning mandatory supervised release. Amends the Reporting of Deaths in Custody Act. Makes changes in a provision concerning the report of deaths of persons in custody in correctional institutions. Delays the effective date of various provisions changed by Public Act 101-652. Makes other changes. Contains a severability clause. Effective immediately.
Creates the Opioid Overdose Reduction Act. Provides that the Act may be referred to as Alex's Law. Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. In a provision concerning overdose and limited immunity, provides that specified violations must not serve as the sole basis of a violation of parole, mandatory supervised release, probation, conditional discharge, a person's pretrial release, or furlough, or any seizure of property under any State law authorizing civil forfeiture so long as the evidence for the violation was acquired as a result of the person seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance in the event of an overdose. Effective January 1, 2022.

HB 3463 (P.A. 102-0478) (Rep. Lily; Sen. Harris, III) – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – REFERRAL SERVICES
Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that the Department of Corrections shall make information about the availability of referral services to any other State or local agencies known to a parolee or releasee prior to his or her release from the correctional facility where the parolee or releasee has been residing. Effective immediately.

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a person who meets the criteria to be an executive trustee may not serve as an employee trustee. Effective immediately.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that if a minor is committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice the clerk of the court shall forward to the Department all police reports for sex offenses allegedly committed or committed by the minor. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that the Department of Juvenile Justice shall maintain and administer all State youth centers. Deletes provision permitting a person committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice to be isolated for disciplinary reasons. Provides that all sentences imposed by an Illinois court under the Code shall run concurrent to any and all sentences under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the target release date for youth committed to the Department as a Habitual Juvenile Offender or Violent Juvenile Offender under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall be extended by not less than 12 months. Creates the Department of Juvenile Justice Reimbursement and Education Fund in the State treasury. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.


Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides that the chief judge of the circuit by rule may permit the personal appearance of the defendant by means of two-way audio-visual communication, including closed circuit television and computerized video conference, at a hearing at which no witness testimony will be taken concerning the defendant's fitness to stand trial: (1) 90-day hearings; (2) trials with special provisions and assistance; (3) discharge hearings; and (4) proceedings after acquittal by reason of insanity. Provides that, subject to
appropriation, the Department of Human Services and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts shall implement a pilot project between the circuit courts in 2 counties and Department of Human Services facilities treating persons unfit to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity. Provides that the purpose of the pilot project is to determine the feasibility and desirability of using video conference technology for hearings involving persons who are unfit to stand trial and persons who have been determined not guilty by reason of insanity. Provides that the Department of Human Services and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts shall submit a joint report to the General Assembly 6 months after the pilot project between the 2 counties and Department facilities has been operational for at least 2 years. Provides that the report shall: (1) evaluate the effectiveness of the video conference hearing process; and (2) make recommendations concerning the implementation of video conference hearings in all counties. Effective July 1, 2021.

Amends the Victims’ Economic Security and Safety Act to provide that victims and family members of victims of crimes of violence (in addition to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and gender violence) are subject to the provisions of the Act regarding unpaid leave and prohibited discriminatory acts. Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that victims of crimes of violence shall not be barred from collecting voluntary leave benefits.

HB 3587 (P.A. 102-0099) (Rep. Slaughter; Sen. Peters) – STATE RESENTENCING MOTION
Creates the Resentencing Task Force Act. Provides that the task force shall study innovative ways to reduce the prison population in Illinois from initiations of resentencing motions filed by incarcerated individuals, in addition to State's Attorneys, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the judicial branch. Provides that the task force further aims to acknowledge that employees who work for the Illinois Department of Corrections and other members of law enforcement may be affected by the reduction of the prison population. Provides that the task force shall consist of specific members. Provides that the task force shall meet no less than 4 times and shall provide recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office on or before July 1, 2022. Provides that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation. Provides that the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council shall provide administrative and technical support for the task force and are responsible for appointing a chairperson and ensuring the requirements of the task force are met. Contains a findings provision. Effective immediately.

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Public Health to ensure that medical examiner offices are included as part of medical facilities for the purposes of complying with and implementing specified federal laws. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Abused, Neglected, or Dependent Minors Article of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that if the minor is being restored to the custody of a parent, legal custodian, or guardian who lives outside of Illinois, and an Interstate Compact has been requested and refused, the court may order the Department of Children and Family Services to arrange for an assessment of the minor's proposed living arrangement and for ongoing monitoring of the health,
Provides that if a motion is filed to modify or vacate a private guardianship order and return the child to a parent, guardian, or legal custodian, the court may order the Department of Children and Family Services to assess the minor's current and proposed living arrangements and to provide ongoing monitoring of the health, safety, and best interest of the minor during the pendency of the motion to assist the court in making that determination. Provides that whenever a petition is filed to reinstate wardship, prior to granting the petition, the court may order the Department of Children and Family Services to assess the minor's current and proposed living arrangements and to provide ongoing monitoring of the health, safety, and best interest of the minor during the pendency of the petition to assist the court in making that determination. Effective immediately.

Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a prescription for a substance classified in Schedule II, III, IV, or V must be sent electronically. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a prescriber shall not be required to issue prescriptions electronically if he or she certifies to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation that he or she will not issue more than 25 prescriptions during a 12-month period. Prescriptions in both oral and written form for controlled substances shall be included in determining whether the prescriber will reach the limit of 25 prescriptions. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall adopt rules for the administration of these provisions. Provides that these rules shall provide for the implementation of any such exemption to the requirements under these provisions that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may deem appropriate, including the exemption limiting a prescriber from issuing more than 25 prescriptions during a 12-month period. Effective January 1, 2023.

Creates the Agricultural Experiences Act. Provides that licenses are not required for anyone trying to provide an "agricultural experience" which is defined as any agriculture-related activity, as a secondary use in conjunction with agricultural production, on a farm which activity is open to the public with the intended purpose of promoting or educating the public about agriculture, agricultural practices, agricultural activities, or agricultural products. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that, with respect to firefighters and emergency medical technicians, a contagious staph infection, including Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), is rebuttably presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment. Effective immediately.

Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish procedures for the collection of a specified lead in drinking water protection fee to be collected by all community water supplies. Requires the owner or operator of each community water supply to perform specified activities. Creates the Lead Service Line
Replacement Advisory Board within the Agency to perform specified duties. Creates the Lead Service Line Replacement Fund to be used to finance and administer programs and activities specified under the amendatory provisions. Makes a conforming change in the State Finance Act. Provides that, within one year after the amendatory Act's effective date, the Agency shall design rules for a program with specified requirements for the purpose of administering lead service line replacement funds. Contains other provisions. Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish a comprehensive low-income water assistance policy and program with specified requirements. Repeals a Section of the Environmental Protection Act regarding lead in drinking water notifications and inventories. Effective January 1, 2022.


Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Extends the repeal of the Act from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2023. Makes various changes to definitions. Provides that within 18 months of the awarding of a contract under the Public Utilities Act to provide Next Generation 9-1-1 service (rather than by December 31, 2021), every 9-1-1 system in Illinois, except in a municipality with a population over 500,000, shall provide next generation 9-1-1 service. Provides that a municipality with a population over 500,000 shall establish a statewide Next Generation 9-1-1 network by December 31, 2023. Provides that the information registered by an emergency telephone system with the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator shall include the identification of the System Manager. Defines "System Manager". Provides that the installation of or connection to a telephone company's network of any automatic alarm, automatic alerting device, or mechanical dialer that causes the number 9-1-1 to be dialed in order to directly access emergency services and does not provide for 2-way communication is prohibited in a 9-1-1 system. Provides that training for public safety telecommunicators must be completed within one year of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator establishing the required guidelines, rules, and standards. Provides that upon completing of training, all public safety telecommunicators must complete specified continuing education training regarding the delivery of 9-1-1 services and professionalism bi-annually. Provides that on or after January 1, 2024 (rather than 2022), a municipality with a population over 500,000 may not impose a monthly surcharge in excess of $2.50 per network connection. Provides that on or after January 1, 2024 (rather than 2022), the municipality may continue imposing and collecting its wireless carrier surcharge. Amends the Prepaid Wireless 9-1-1 Surcharge Act. Deletes language providing that on or after January 1, 2021, a home rule municipality having a population in excess of 500,000 may only impose a prepaid wireless 9-1-1 surcharge not to exceed 7% per retail transaction sourced to that jurisdiction. Amends the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Provides that the Act is repealed on December 31, 2024 (currently, June 1, 2021). Provides that (i) a wireless provider may be required to provide in an application a certification from a radio engineer that it operates the small wireless facility within all applicable FCC standards, (ii) an authority may require small wireless facilities to be collocated on an existing utility pole or existing wireless support structure within 200 feet (currently, 100 feet) of the proposed new-pole collocation, (iii) an authority may require that the wireless provider comply with generally applicable acoustic
regulations, and (iv) when a wireless provider replaces or adds a new radio transceiver or antennas to an existing small wireless facility, certification may be required by the wireless provider from a radio engineer that the continuing operation of the small wireless facility complies with all applicable FCC standards; and amends the Illinois Municipal Code providing requirements relating to any requirement that a small wireless facility be collocated on an existing utility pole or existing wireless support structure within 200 feet of a proposed new-pole collocation. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Extends the repeal dates of the Telecommunications Article and the Cable and Video Competition Article from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026. Provides that any cable service or video service authorization issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission will expire on December 31, 2029 (rather than December 31, 2024). In a provision concerning abandonment of service, provides for the procedure through which a Small Electing Provider may choose to cease offering or providing a telecommunications service. Defines "Small Electing Provider" as an incumbent local exchange carrier that is an electing provider, and that, together with all of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliates offering telecommunications services within the State of Illinois, has fewer than 40,000 subscriber access lines as of January 1, 2020. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the term "public works" includes construction projects performed by a third party contracted by a public utility in public rights-of-way and construction projects that exceed 15 aggregate miles of new fiber optic cable performed by a third party contracted by a public utility in public rights-of-way. Provides that "public utility" has the meaning given that term in the Public Utilities Act and includes telecommunications carriers, providers of cable or video service, providers of wireless service, interconnected voice over Internet protocol, providers of broadband service, and persons or entities engaged in the installation, repair, or maintenance of fiber optic cable used by these entities. Excludes incumbent local exchange carriers that serve fewer than 20,000 access lines. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes. Effective immediately, except provisions amending the Prevailing Wage Act take effect on January 1, 2022.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services may immediately restrict or terminate parent-child contact or sibling contacts, without either amending the parent-child visiting plan or the sibling contact plan or obtaining a court order, where the Department or its assigns reasonably believe there is an immediate need to protect the child's health, safety, and welfare. Provides that such restrictions or terminations must be based on available facts to the Department and its assigns when viewed in light of the surrounding circumstances and shall only occur on an individual case-by-case basis. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Fair Patient Billing Act. Provides that a hospital shall proactively offer information on charity care options available to uninsured patients, regardless of their immigration status or residency. Effective on the first day of the first month immediately following 90 days after becoming law.
Amends the Illinois Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. Defines "local road" as any State or local highway (rather than any State roadway), except for (i) a highway with 4 or more lanes, or (ii) an interstate highway. Effective immediately.

HB 3886 (P.A. 102-0615) (Rep. Collins; Sen. Feigenholtz) – JUVENILE COURT – MEDIA ACCESS TO MINOR
Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services and its assigns shall not interfere with the right of any youth in its custody or guardianship to communicate with the news media if the youth chooses to do so. Provides that any time the news media requests to speak with a specific, identified minor under 18 years of age, the Department of Children and Family Services shall immediately provide notice of the news media's request to the minor's attorney and guardian ad litem. Provides that the notice shall include at a minimum the minor's name, the news media name, and the date of the inquiry from the news media. Provides that within one business day of the news media's request, the Department shall determine whether the minor wants to speak with the news media, whether the minor has sufficient maturity to make his or her own decision to communicate with the news media and whether contact with the news media will more likely than not cause the minor serious physical, emotional or mental harm. Provides that the Department shall provide notice of its determination to the minor's attorney and guardian ad litem within one business day of its determination. Provides that the Department shall not take any action to interfere with the right of a minor over 18 to speak with the news media. Provides that the court shall not impose any limitations on the speech of a minor based on viewpoints the minor may express or information the minor may divulge, unless it is confidential information regarding third parties. Provides that any party may file a motion seeking to enforce certain rights relating to access to news media. Defines terms. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 of each year as a holiday throughout the State (currently, not a holiday and is observed on the third Saturday of June of each year). Provides that when June 19 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, neither the preceding Friday nor the following Monday shall be held or considered a paid holiday. Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act to include Juneteenth National Freedom Day as a holiday. Effective immediately. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Circuit Court Clerk Regulation Act. Allows a clerk or deputy clerk of a circuit court to prepare or draft any document if such documents as such clerks are by statute or supreme court order required or authorized to draft or prepare (rather than "by law required, or by some statute authorized to draft or prepare"). Effective January 1, 2022.

SENATE BILLS

Amends the Use Tax Act and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, beginning on January 1, 2022, the term "selling price" no longer includes the value of traded-in motor
vehicles. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "utility trailer". Provides for a flat weight trailer tax of $36 for utility trailers. Decreases the flat weight tax for Class TA trailers from $118 to $36. Increases the certificate of title fee for vehicles other than all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, motor homes, mini motor homes, and van campers from $150 to $155 and provides that the additional fee amount shall be deposited into the Road Fund. In a Section concerning the use tax on motor vehicles, makes changes concerning the amount of the tax. Effective January 1, 2022.

Creates the Local Journalism Task Force Act. Establishes the Local Journalism Task Force, and establishes its membership. Directs the Task Force to study communities underserved by local journalism and review all aspects of journalism. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide administrative support. Provides that the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations of legislation to the Governor and General Assembly. Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 139 (P.A. 102-0171) (Sen. Feigenholtz; Rep. Williams) – IMDMA – MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES
Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Provides that upon completion of an affidavit provided by the county clerk, a person, still currently married, may request a certificate of the person's current marriage free of any gender identifying language. Provides that the request shall not permanently change the gender identifying language in the clerk's records, and the affidavit and issuance shall be kept in the permanent records of the clerk. Provides that if 2 parties currently married request a marriage certificate with gender identifiers changed, both parties shall appear before the clerk, indicate consent, and complete an affidavit. Provides that if a county provides a certified record, photocopy, or reproduction of an original record in lieu of a summary data sheet, the county clerk shall work with the Department of Public Health to develop a new certificate that can be issued in lieu of a reproduction of the prior record. Provides that when a clerk issues a nongendered marriage certificate, the certificate shall not include any language indicating it has been amended nor that it is not a true and accurate record of the facts stated therein. Provides that affidavits shall be created by the county clerk, may appear on a combined form, and shall be in a specified format. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that on and after a specified date, no unit of local government or school district may file or become a party to opioid litigation against an opioid defendant that is subject to a national multistate opioid settlement unless approved by the Attorney General. Provides that if counties representing 60% of the population of the State, including all counties with a population of at least 250,000, have agreed to an intrastate allocation agreement with the Attorney General, then the Attorney General has the authority to appear or intervene in any opioid litigation, and release with prejudice any claims brought by a unit of local government or school district against an opioid defendant that are subject to a national multistate opioid settlement and are pending on a specified date. Provides that this does not affect the Attorney General's authority to appear, intervene, or control litigation brought in the name of the State of Illinois or on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois. Defines "national multistate opioid settlement", "opioid defendant", "opioid litigation", and "unit of local government." Denies home rule powers. Effective immediately.
Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act and the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State shall not provide facial recognition search services or photographs obtained in the process of issuing an identification card or a driver's license or permit to any federal, State, or local law enforcement agency or other governmental entity for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws. Specifies that provisions prohibiting the release of facial recognition search services or photographs to law enforcement shall not apply to requests from federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies or other governmental entities for facial recognition search services or photographs when the purpose of the request relates to criminal activity other than violations of immigration laws. Effective immediately.

Amends the Public Funds Investment Act. Provides that no more than one-third of a public agency's funds may be invested in short-term obligations of corporations that mature not later than 270 days (currently, 3 years) from the date of purchase. Provides that no more than one-third of a public agency's funds may be invested in obligations of corporations that mature more than 270 days but less than 3 years from the date of purchase. Effective immediately.

Creates the Wipes Labeling Act. Presents the findings of the General Assembly. Subject to specified exceptions, a covered product manufactured on or after July 1, 2022 shall be labeled clearly and conspicuously in adherence to specified labeling requirements. Provides that, upon a request by a jurisdictional wastewater authority, a covered entity must submit to the requesting entity, within 90 days after the request, nonconfidential business information and documentation demonstrating compliance with the Act in a format that is easy to understand. Provides that jurisdictional wastewater authorities have concurrent and exclusive authority to enforce the Act and to collect civil penalties for violations of the Act and may impose a civil penalty in the amount of up to $2,000 for the first violation of the Act, up to $5,000 for the second violation, and up to $10,000 for the third and any subsequent violation. Provides that a jurisdictional wastewater authority must send a written notice of an alleged violation and a copy of the requirements of the Act to a noncompliant covered entity, which will have 90 days to become compliant. Limits home rule powers to regulate the labeling of covered products. Contains a severability provision. Effective July 1, 2022.

Amends Illinois Promotion Act. Adds other units of local government to the list of units of local government, not-for-profit organizations, local promotion groups, and for-profit businesses that are eligible to receive certain tourism grants from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Effective immediately.

SB 337 (P.A. 102-0094) (Sen. Crowe; Rep. Stuart) – COURT SECURITY OFFICERS
Amends the Supreme Court Act. Provides that the office of marshal for the Supreme Court may also employ court security officers. Authorizes a court security officer to arrest in the same manner as authorized by similarly certified officers of a county sheriff. Allows a court security
officer to carry a weapon at his or her place of employment and to and from his or her place of employment. Effective immediately.

Amends the Criminal Identification Act, the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act, the Boat Registration and Safety Act, the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act, the Cannabis Control Act and the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that certain fees, assessments, fines and funds collected relating to the State Police shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit into the appropriate fund or distribution to the appropriate entity. Repeals the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act and the Section of the Clerks of Courts Act pertaining to court fees on January 1, 2026. Effective immediately.

Amends the Township Code. Provides that if the Secretary of State finds that any 2 or more townships within a single county (currently, 2 or more townships within the entire State) are named alike, he or she shall so inform the clerk of the county and the county board of that county shall, at its next meeting, adopt for one of the townships a different name. Effective immediately.

Provides that, in Cook County, an application for judgment and order of sale for the 2018 annual tax sale that would normally be held in calendar year 2020 may not be filed later than October 1, 2021. Provides that no subsequent annual tax sale may begin earlier than 180 days after the last day of the prior delayed tax sale, and no scavenger tax sale may begin earlier than 90 days after the last day of the prior delayed tax sale. Provides that there may be more than 2 consecutive years without a scavenger sales if a tax sale has been delayed as a result of a statewide COVID-19 public health emergency. Provides that, in a county with 275,000 or more inhabitants, for any annual tax sale conducted on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the county collector shall adopt a single bidder rule sufficient to prohibit a tax purchaser from registering more than one related bidding entity at a tax sale. Provides that a county with less than 275,000 inhabitants may adopt a single bidder rule. Provides that, for levy year 2022, the aggregate extension base of a home equity assurance program that levied at least $1,000,000 in property taxes in levy year 2019 or 2020 under the Home Equity Assurance Act shall be the amount that the program's aggregate extension base for levy year 2021 would have been if the program had levied a property tax for levy year 2021. Provides that the county collector may employ an electronic automated bidding system for conducting scavenger tax sales. Amends the Home Equity Assurance Act. Provides that the governing commission of a home equity assurance program that levied at least $1,000,000 in property taxes in levy year 2019 or 2020 may not levy any property tax in levy year 2021. Effective immediately.

SB 512 (P.A. 102-0575) (Sen. Morrison; Rep. Morgan) – PREVENTING YOUTH VAPING
Creates the Prevention of Cigarette and Electronic Cigarette Sales to Persons under 21 Years of Age Act. Provides that it is unlawful for a person to sell or distribute specified electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette packaging. Provides that the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Health, a local public health department, the Department of Human Services, the Illinois State Police, a county sheriff, and a municipal police department (rather than the Department of Agriculture, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Health, and
Illinois State Police) may inspect any business that sells, manufactures, transports, or distributes electronic cigarettes in the State to ensure compliance with the Act. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Specifies further requirements for labor unit clarification. Provides that no collective bargaining agreement entered into between an executive branch constitutional officer or any agency or department of an executive branch constitutional officer and a labor organization may extend more than 12 months after the date on which the terms of office of executive branch constitutional officers begin (currently, may extend beyond June 30). Provides that determinations of confidential employee status, managerial employee status, and supervisor status shall be based on actual employee job duties and not solely on written job descriptions. Provides an exemption concerning collective bargaining agreements and the increase of salary, wages, or benefits starting on or after the first day of the terms of office of executive branch constitutional officers. Modifies defined terms. Effective immediately.

SB 536 (P.A. 102-0668) (Sen. Harmon; Rep. Stuart) – OMNIBUS ELECTION TRAILER BILL
This bill is a trailer bill to P.A. 102-0015 which is the omnibus election bill enacted into law over the summer. The trailer bill makes several corrections to problems found within P.A. 102-0015 and includes some new provisions. The bill directs county boards other than Cook County to increase the number of voters within each precinct to 1,200 within 60 days of the effective date of the bill (Cook County may increase precincts to 1,800 registered voters), increases polling place access for the disabled, provides that county boards shall complete their reapportionment plans by December 31, 2021, provides that commissioners of a forest preserve district in DuPage County shall be elected from districts as determined by the board of commissioners, makes clarifications about voting centers, voting by mail and drop box ballot collections and provides that the boundaries of subcircuits in certain judicial circuits shall be redrawn in 2022 (currently 2021). Effective November 15, 2021.

SB 539 (P.A. 102-0664) (Sen. Gillespie; Rep. Burke) – GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ETHICS LEGISLATION
Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Creates a uniform statement of economic interest form that must be completed by all persons who are required to file that form under the Act. Changes the nature of the required disclosures that must be made. Requires the Secretary of State to adjust specified amounts that prompt disclosure under the Act for purposes of inflation, and requires the Secretary to make conforming changes to the statement of economic interest form. Requires candidates filing for supreme court justice, appellate court judge, circuit court judge, or judicial retention to file their statement of economic interests in written or printed form. Modifies requirements concerning legislator restricted activities and the code of conduct. Prohibits a person appointed to an affected office from serving as an officer of a candidate political committee under specified circumstances. Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Restricts fundraising during sessions of the General Assembly, regardless of county. Modifies provisions concerning procurement and revolving door prohibitions concerning the fiscal administration of State contracts. Provides further revolving door requirements for executive branch officers and members of the General Assembly concerning lobbying. Modifies requirements concerning the Executive Ethics Commission and the Legislative Ethics Commission. Modifies requirements for Executive Inspectors General and the Legislative
Inspector General. Provides that all investigatory files and reports of the Office of an Executive Inspector General are, among other exemptions, privileged. Amends the Election Code. Prohibits a member of the State Board of Elections from contributing to a political committee, serving as an officer of a political committee, or being a candidate supported by a candidate political committee. Prohibits a limited activity committee from accepting contributions except under specified circumstances. Provides that a limited activity committee may only make specified expenditures. Amends the General Assembly Compensation Act. Provides that the compensation to be paid per year to members of the General Assembly shall be paid bi-monthly. Provides for member compensation on a prorated basis. Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Applies the requirements of the Act to municipalities, counties, and officials thereof, and other specified State officials. Provides for home rule preemption under the Act. Defines terms. Makes conforming changes. Adds an applicability clause. Effective January 1, 2022.

Governor Amendatory Veto Message

Recommends: (i) deleting new language providing that the Executive Inspectors General have the duty to "receive and investigate, without advance approval of the Executive Ethics Commission, allegations of violations of this Act and other wrongful acts within his or her jurisdiction based on a complaint" and that an "investigation may not be initiated more than one year after the alleged wrongful act or the most recent act of a series of alleged wrongful acts based on the same wrongful conduct except if there is reasonable cause to believe that fraudulent concealment has occurred"; and (ii) restoring existing law providing that the Executive Inspectors General have the duty to "receive and investigate allegations of violations of this Act" and that an "investigation may not be initiated more than one year after the most recent act of the alleged violation or of a series of alleged violations except where there is reasonable cause to believe that fraudulent concealment has occurred".

SB 561 (P.A. 102-0290) (Sen. Ellman; Rep. Moeller) – PFAS REDUCTION ACT

Creates the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that a person, local government, fire department, or State agency may not discharge or otherwise use for training or testing purposes a class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS. Provides that nothing in the Act shall prevent or discourage a fire department from responding to and mitigating incidents where a fire, spill, or leak of a known or suspected flammable liquid has occurred or is believed to be imminent. Provides that specified prohibitions do not apply to the use of Class B firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals by a fire department while responding to an emergency situation. Requires manufacturers to provide specified notice to fire departments. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.


Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that reports and records of the obligation, receipt, and use of public funds of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook Count are public records available for inspection by the public. Amends the Clerks of Courts Act. Provides that the clerk of the court shall (rather than may) accept credit card payments over the Internet for specified payments. Amends the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. Provides that one hour of public or community service shall be equivalent to $10 (rather than $4) of assessment. Further amends the Clerks of Courts Act to allow the clerk of court to accept payment of fines, penalties, or costs by certified check. Effective January 1, 2022.
Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that, in mortgage foreclosure actions, the plaintiff, or his or her attorney, (rather than the clerk of the court) shall send a copy of the publication to each defendant. Provides that the certificate of the plaintiff (rather than the clerk of the court) is evidence that the plaintiff sent a copy of the publication to each defendant. Provides that a copy of the certificate shall be filed at the office of the clerk of the court where the action is pending. Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 626 (P.A. 102-0620) (Sen. Collins; Rep. Cassidy) – JUDICIAL DISTRICT CHANGES
Creates the Judicial Districts Act of 2021. Provides for the specific counties to be included in the second, third, fourth, and fifth judicial districts. Amends the Judicial Districts Act. Provides that the judicial districts listed in the Act are effective until the effective date of this amendatory Act. Repeals the Judicial Redistricting Act of 1997 (which has been held unconstitutional). Effective immediately.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that not later than the 15th working day after the date an order of transfer is entered, the clerk of the court transferring a proceeding shall send to the clerk of the receiving court in the county to which the transfer is being made an authenticated copy of the court record, including all documents, petitions, and orders filed therein, and the minute orders and docket entries of the court. Provides that the clerk of the receiving court shall set a status hearing within 10 business days of receipt of the case and shall notify the judge of the receiving court and all parties. Provides that the receiving court shall review the court record immediately upon receipt. Provides that within 20 business days of receipt of the record, the reviewing court shall send a notice to the transferring court indicating it has accepted the case and scheduled a status date. Provides that until the transferring court receives this notice it continues to have jurisdiction over the case. Provides that if for any reason the receiving court does not accept the transfer, the receiving court shall, within 20 business days of receiving the case, send a notice to the transferring court indicating its reasons. Provides that the transferring court shall continue its jurisdiction of the case and shall set the matter for status within 20 business days. Effective immediately.

Creates the Illinois Way Forward Act. Amends the Illinois TRUST Act. In a provision concerning prohibition on enforcing federal civil immigration laws, provides that a law enforcement agency or law enforcement official may not inquire about or investigate the citizenship or immigration status or place of birth of any individual in the agency or official's custody or who has otherwise been stopped or detained by the agency or official. Provides that nothing in this Act shall prevent a law enforcement officer from contacting another law enforcement agency for the purposes of clarifying or confirming the civil or criminal nature of notifications or other records provided by the National Crime Information Center, or the Law Enforcement Agencies Data Administrative System. Provides that a certain provision shall not be construed to limit the ability of a law enforcement agency or law enforcement official to notify a person in the law enforcement agency's custody about that person's right to communicate with consular officers from that person's country of nationality, or facilitate such communication,
in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations or other bilateral agreements. Provides that a specified provision shall not be construed to limit the ability of law enforcement agencies or officials to request evidence of citizenship or immigration status for specified purposes. Provides that unless otherwise limited by federal law, a law enforcement agency or law enforcement official may not deny services, benefits, privileges, or opportunities to an individual in custody or under probation status, including but not limited to eligibility or placement in a lower custody classification, educational, rehabilitative, or diversionary programs, on the basis of the individual's citizenship or immigration status, the issuance of an immigration detainer or civil immigration warrant against the individual, or the individual being in immigration removal proceedings. Provides that unless presented with a federal criminal warrant, or otherwise required by federal law, a law enforcement agency or official may not perform specified actions. Provides that law enforcement agencies shall submit a report annually to the Attorney General to ensure compliance with the Illinois TRUST Act. Provides that the Attorney General has enforcement powers to ensure compliance with the Illinois TRUST Act. Amends the Voices of Immigrant Communities Empowering Survivors (VOICES) Act. Makes similar changes. Provides for training officials to ensure compliance with this Act. Makes other changes. Defines terms. Contains a severability provision. Effective immediately.


Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that when a patient has been determined by EMS personnel to (1) have no immediate life-threatening injuries or illness, (2) not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, (3) have no immediate or obvious need for transport to an emergency department, and (4) have an immediate need for transport to an EMS System-approved mental health facility, the EMS personnel may contact Online Medical Control or his or her EMS Medical Director or Emergency Communication Registered Nurse to request bypass or diversion of the closest emergency department and request transport to the closest or appropriate EMS System-approved mental health facility. EMS personnel may transport a patient to an EMS System-approved urgent care or immediate care facility that meets the proper criteria and is approved by Online Medical Control or his or her EMS Medical Director or Emergency Communications Registered Nurse. Requires the Department of Public Health to create standards and requirements with respect to alternative vehicle staffing models for private, nonpublic local government employers (rather than vehicle staffing models) that include an Emergency Medical Responder who drives an ambulance with a licensed EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, or PHRN, as appropriate, in the patient compartment providing care to the patient pursuant to the approval of the EMS System Program Plan developed and approved by the EMS Medical Director for an EMS System. Provides that the Department shall monitor the implementation and performance of alternative staffing models and may issue a notice of termination of an alternative staffing model only upon evidence that an EMS System Program Plan is not being adhered to. Provides that an EMS System Program Plan for a Basic Life Support transport utilizing an EMR and an EMT shall include specified requirements. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**SB 825 (P.A. 102-0015) (Sen. Harmon; Rep. West, II) – OMNIBUS ELECTION LEGISLATION**

Amends the Election Code. Provides dates for the 2022 general primary election and dates to prepare for the 2022 general election. Repeals the provisions on January 1, 2023. Provides that in a county with a population of less than 3,000,000, the sheriff may establish a temporary branch
polling place at the county jail. Limits eligibility to a resident of a county who is in custody at the county jail and who has not been convicted of the offense for which the resident is in custody. Allows an elector to be added to a list of permanent vote by mail status voters who receive an official vote by mail ballot for all subsequent elections. Provides that a voter whose application for permanent vote by mail status is accepted by the election authority shall remain on the permanent vote by mail list until the voter requests to be removed from permanent vote by mail status, the voter provides notice to the election authority of a change in registration, or the election authority receives confirmation that the voter has subsequently registered to vote in another county. Provides the notice to be sent by election authorities to all qualified voters before a general election for the option to be placed on the list of permanent vote by mail status voters. Provides the application form for permanent vote by mail status. Allows an election authority to combine the applications for single election vote by mail and permanent vote by mail status on one form. Provides that a political committee selected to conduct an audit shall only be required to conduct the audit if it was required to file at least one quarterly report during the period to be covered by the audit and has a fund balance of $10,000 or more, an average closing fund balance of $10,000 or more on quarterly reports, or average total receipts of $10,000 or more on quarterly reports. Requires a political committee owing unpaid fines at the time of its random selection to conduct an audit. Amends the Public Officer Simultaneous Tenure Act. Provides that a unit of local government may not adopt an ordinance or resolution that requires a member of the General Assembly to resign his or her office in order to be eligible to seek elected office in the unit of local government and that any such ordinance or resolution is void. Provides that the Section apply to ordinances or resolutions adopted on or after November 8, 2016. Limits home rule powers. Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a sheriff shall enter upon the duties of his or her office on the December 1 following his or her election (rather than on the first day in the month of December following his or her election on which the office of the sheriff is required, by statute or by action of the county board, to be open) Amends the Township Code. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that when a person who intends to be a write-in candidate for an uncontested nonpartisan office has not timely filed nomination papers but has filed a written statement or notice of his or her intent, no primary ballot shall be printed (rather than requiring a primary ballot to be prepared and a primary election held if the write-in candidate is the fifth candidate filed). Provides that where no primary is held, a person intending to become a write-in candidate shall refile a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the general election with the appropriate election authority or authorities. Removes language: concerning requirements for the written statement or notice; and providing that an election authority has no duty to conduct a primary and prepare a ballot for an uncontested office, unless the written statement or notice is filed in a timely manner. Amends the Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941. In the provisions concerning the prohibition on the city treasurer serving 2 terms in succession, allows the city to establish different succession terms by ordinance. Amends various Acts and Codes. Changes all statutory references of alderman and aldermen to alderperson and alderpersons. Changes all statutory references of congressman to congressperson. Makes other and conforming changes. Effective immediately, except certain provisions of the Election Code are effective on July 1, 2023.

SB 919 (P.A. 102-0247) (Sen. Collins; Rep. Mah) – BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
Amends the Broadband Advisory Council Act. Adds 4 members to the Broadband Advisory Council to represent underrepresented and ethnically diverse communities that are appointed by
the Governor, including: one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of African-American or Black individuals; one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of Hispanic or Latino individuals; one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of Asian-American or Pacific Islander individuals; and one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of ethnically diverse individuals. Makes corresponding changes. Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 920 (P.A. 102-0523) (Sen. Van Pelt; Rep. Collins) – FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION
Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Illinois Forensic Science Commission and provides for membership and duties for the commission. Provides for reporting by publicly funded forensic laboratories of non-conformities with the efficient delivery of forensic services. Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides for notification by the State's Attorney to forensic laboratories under specified circumstances. Amends the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act. Provides that the Department of State Police may, rather than shall, develop rules to implement a sexual assault evidence tracking system. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

SB 927 (P.A. 102-0663) (Sen. Harmon; Rep. Hernandez) – STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MAPS

SB 1169 (P.A. 102-0667) (Sen. Harmon; Rep. Gabel) – HEALTH CARE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE ACT
The bill is intended to prevent the Health Care Right of Conscience Act from being used to forestall certain COVID-19 prevention methods and requirements. Effective June 1, 2022.

Amends the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act. Changes the definition of "off-highway vehicle" to exclude large non-highway vehicles. Provides that a large non-highway vehicle may not be granted an off-highway vehicle trails public access sticker or be operated on lands or waters that require the display of such a sticker. Defines "large non-highway vehicle" as any motorized off-highway device designed to travel primarily off-highway, greater than 64 inches and not more than 75 inches in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of 3,500 pounds or less, traveling on 4 or more non-highway tires, designed with a non-straddle seat and a steering wheel for steering control, except equipment such as lawnmowers. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes the definition of "recreational off-highway vehicle" to include electric-powered vehicles having a manufacturer's dry weight of 3,000 or less. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. In a provision concerning court files, provides that relevant information, reports and records, held by the Department of Juvenile Justice, including social investigation, psychological and medical records, of any juvenile offender, shall be made available to any county juvenile detention facility upon written request by the Superintendent or Director of that juvenile detention facility, to the Chief Records Officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice where the subject youth is or was in the custody of the Department of Juvenile
Justice and is subsequently ordered to be held in a county juvenile detention facility. Provides legislative findings. Effective immediately.

**SB 1650 (P.A. 102-0215) (Sen. Rose; Rep. Hurley) – LINE OF DUTY COMPENSATION ACT CLAIM DEADLINE**
Amends the Line of Duty Compensation Act. Provides that a claim for a death benefit for a death occurring after December 31, 2016 and before January 1, 2021 may be filed no later than December 31, 2022. Effective immediately.


**SB 1697 (P.A. 102-0626) (Sen. Bennett; Rep. Hoffman) – GATA EXEMPTIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**
Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the requirements established under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act do not apply to allocations of State revenues paid over by the Comptroller to units of local government and other taxing districts pursuant to the State Revenue Sharing Act from the Local Government Distributive Fund or the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund, or to allotments of State motor fuel tax revenues distributed by the Department of Transportation to units of local government pursuant to the Motor Fuel Tax Law from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund or the Transportation Renewal Fund. Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act. Provides that commencing with State fiscal year 2022 programs, and for each fiscal year thereafter, all appropriations made under the provisions of the Act shall not constitute a grant program subject to the requirements of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Effective immediately.

**SB 1721 (P.A. 102-0363) (Sen. Stadelman; Rep. Collins) – PROPERTY TAX – DELINQUENT PROPERTY**
Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions about delinquent property, provides that a county may take steps necessary (currently, shall take all steps necessary) to acquire title to the property and may manage and operate the property, including, but not limited to, mowing of grass, removal of nuisance greenery, removal of garbage, waste, debris or other materials, or the demolition, repair, or remediation of unsafe structures. Provides costs to be distributed to taxing districts, including operation and maintenance costs and all costs associated with county staff and overhead used to perform the duties of the trustees. Reduces the maximum penalty bids for the annual tax sale from 18% to 9%. Makes conforming changes. Amends the Counties Code and Illinois Municipal Code. Modifies the requirements to have a circuit court declare property abandoned. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Makes changes in the information that must be searchable in the database capable of accepting and retaining certified payrolls. Provides that beginning January 1, 2022, the Department of Labor shall make accessible to the public on its website by the 16th day of each month following the month the work was performed the following information from certified payrolls submitted under this Act: each worker's (i) classification or classifications, (ii) skill level, such as apprentice or journeyman, (iii) gross wages paid in each pay period, (iv) number of hours worked each day, (v) starting and ending times of work each
day, (vi) hourly wage rate, (vii) hourly overtime wage rate, and (viii) hourly fringe benefit rate. Effective immediately.

**SB 1839 (P.A. 102-0526) (Sen. Hunter; Rep. Harper) - MODULAR DWELLING AND MOBILE STRUCTURE SAFETY ACT CODES**
Amends the Illinois Modular Dwelling and Mobile Structure Safety Act. In provisions regarding definitions, provides that codes for structural requirements adopted for modular dwellings shall be no more stringent than the requirements contained in the most recent edition of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings or the International Building Code, as applicable. Provides that the Code of Standards shall permit the use of new technology, techniques, methods and materials, for both modular dwellings and mobile structures, consistent with recognized and accepted codes and standards developed by the Illinois Energy Conservation Code. Effective January 1, 2022.

**SB 1840 (P.A. 102-0581) (Sen. Hunter; Rep. Lily) - HOSPITALS - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
Amends the Community Benefits Act. Provides that the community benefits plans developed by a nonprofit hospital must describe activities the hospital is undertaking to address health equity, reduce health disparities, and improve community health. Provides that the annual report for the community benefits plan must include details about specified financial assistance applications received and processed by the hospital. Provides that, for a health system that includes more than one hospital, charity care spending and financial assistance application data must be reported separately for each individual hospital within the health system. Provides that a hospital shall make the annual hospital community benefits plan report submitted to the Attorney General available to the public by publishing the information on the hospital's website in the same location where annual reports are posted or on a prominent location on the homepage of the hospital's website. Provides that a hospital is not required to post its audited financial statements. Requires the Attorney General to provide notice on the Attorney General's website informing the public that, upon request, the Attorney General will provide the annual reports filed with the Attorney General. Makes changes concerning definitions. Makes other changes. Amends the Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act. Provides that a hospital meeting specified requirements shall provide: (1) a discount from its charges to any uninsured patient who applies for a discount and has family income of not more than 600% of the federal poverty income guidelines for all medically necessary health care services exceeding $150 (rather than $300) in any one inpatient admission or outpatient encounter; and (2) a charitable discount of 100% of its charges for all medically necessary health care services exceeding $150 (rather than $300) in any one inpatient admission or outpatient encounter to any uninsured patient who applies for a discount and has family income of not more than 200% of the federal poverty income guideline. Provides that the maximum amount that may be collected in a 12-month period for health care services provided by a hospital from a patient determined by that hospital to be eligible under specified provisions is 20% (rather than 25%) of the patient's family income. Requires hospital financial assistance applications to include language that directs the uninsured patient to contact the hospital's financial counseling department with questions or concerns, along with contact information for the financial counseling department, and a specified statement. Provides that a hospital shall permit an uninsured patient to apply for a discount within 90 (rather than 60) days of the date of discharge or date of service. Provides that a hospital shall offer specified uninsured patients an opportunity to be screened for and assistance with applying for public health insurance programs if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the uninsured patient may be
eligible for a public health insurance program. Provides that, no later than September 1, 2022, the Attorney General shall provide data on the Attorney General's website regarding enforcement efforts performed under the Act from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Provides that, no later than September 1 of each year through September 1, 2027, the Attorney General shall annually provide data on the Attorney General's website regarding enforcement efforts performed under the Act from July 1 through June 30 of each year. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that when a person has been identified as having 5 (rather than 3) or more prescribers or 5 (rather than 3) or more pharmacies, or both, that do not utilize a common electronic file for controlled substances within the course of a 6-month (rather than continuous 30-day) period, the Prescription Monitoring Program may issue an unsolicited report to the prescribers, dispensers, and their designees informing them of the potential medication shopping. Provides that specified requirements also apply to opioid treatment programs that are licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery and are authorized by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration to prescribe Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances for the treatment of opioid use disorders. Requires opioid treatment programs to attempt to obtain written patient consent, document attempts to obtain the written consent, and not transmit information without patient consent. Provides that the documentation obtained shall not be utilized for law enforcement purposes. Provides that treatment of a patient shall not be conditioned upon his or her written consent. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the owner of a certificate of purchase must file with the county clerk the names and addresses of the owners of the property and those persons entitled to service of notice at their last known addresses. Provides that the clerk shall mail notice within 30 days from the date of the filing of addresses with the clerk. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Freedom of Information Act to remove an exemption from disclosure for certain information under the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Requires employers with fewer than 100 employees to certify that they are exempt from specified provisions. Provides that a business subject to the equal pay registration certificate requirement on March 23, 2021 shall apply for and obtain an equal pay registration certificate between March 24, 2022 and March 23, 2024, rather than within 3 years after March 23, 2021. Provides that a business subject to the equal pay registration certificate requirement after March 23, 2021 shall apply for the certificate within 3 years of commencing business. Requires recertification every 2 years. Requires disclosure of information by county in which the employee works, beginning date of employment, and any other information the Department deems necessary to access pay equity. Provides that the business must disclose its approach to determining the level of wages and benefits payable to employees and identify differences in approach by title of classification employee. Provides that employees may obtain title and pay data. Permits the Department of Labor to share data with the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General. With respect to violations of the Act by employers having 100 or more employees, authorizes a
penalty of up to $10,000 per employee for violation other than equal pay certificate requirements and a penalty of $10,000 for violation of the equal pay certificate requirements. Effective immediately.

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. In provisions concerning persons authorized to have access to reports of child abuse or neglect, provides that State's Attorneys are authorized to receive unfounded reports for the purposes of screening and prosecuting court petitions making an allegation of abuse or neglect relating to the same child, a sibling of the child involving the same perpetrator, or a child or perpetrator in the same household as the child for whom the petition is being filed. Provides that parties to juvenile court proceedings are entitled to receive copies of unfounded reports regarding the same child, a sibling of the child, the same perpetrator, or a child or perpetrator in the same household as the child for purposes of certain types of juvenile court hearings. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.

Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act, the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act, and the Hospital Licensing Act. Requires hospitals organized under the University of Illinois Hospital Act or licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act and ambulatory surgical treatment centers licensed under the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act to: adopt policies to ensure the elimination of surgical smoke plume by use of a surgical smoke plume evacuation system for each procedure that generates surgical smoke plume from the use of energy-based devices, including electrosurgery and lasers; and report to the Department of Public Health within 90 days after the amendatory Act's effective date that the policies have been adopted. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, in addition to other penalties imposed for a violation of provisions concerning operation of a vehicle while approaching an authorized emergency vehicle, the court may order a person to perform community service as determined by the court. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 of each year as a holiday throughout the State (currently, not a holiday and is observed on the third Saturday of June of each year). Provides that when June 19 falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be held and considered the holiday. Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act to include Juneteenth National Freedom Day as a holiday. Effective immediately.

Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Removes specified provisions containing requirements for cottage food operations. Contains requirements for cottage food operations that sell fermented or acidified food and baked goods with cheese. Contains
requirements for the preparation and packaging of products by a cottage food operation. Provides that food and drink produced by a cottage food operation shall be sold directly to consumers for their own consumption and not for resale. Provides that only food that is non-potentially hazardous may be shipped. Prohibits a cottage food product from being shipped out of State. Requires each cottage food product that is shipped to be sealed in a manner that reveals tampering. Provides that a local health department shall register any eligible cottage food operation that meets the requirements of the provisions and shall issue a certificate of registration with an identifying registration number to each registered cottage food operation. Provides that a local health department may establish a self-certification program for cottage food operators to affirm compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Provides that registration shall be completed annually and the local health department may impose a fee not to exceed $50. Provides for inspection, fees, and penalties in the event of a consumer complaint or foodborne illness outbreak, an imminent health hazard, or a product that has been found to be misbranded, adulterated, or not in compliance with the conditions for cottage food operations. Provides that a local health department that receives a consumer complaint or a report of foodborne illness related to a cottage food operator in another jurisdiction shall refer the complaint or report to the local health department where the cottage food operator is registered. Contains an exemption from the requirements for a non-potentially hazardous baked good for sale by a religious, charitable, or nonprofit organization for fundraising purposes. Contains a home rule preemption. Contains other provisions. Effective January 1, 2022.

Creates the FY2022 Budget Implementation Act. Provides that the purpose of the Act is to make the changes in State programs that are necessary to implement the Governor's FY2022 budget recommendations. Effective immediately.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill, except: (1) limits the presumed inadmissibility to a confession made by the minor during the custodial interrogation (rather than statements) in which the law enforcement officer or juvenile officer (rather than a law enforcement officer, juvenile officer, or other public official or employee) knowingly engaged in deception; (2) provides that the presumption of inadmissibility of the confession may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence (rather than clear and convincing evidence); and (3) in the definition of "deception" changes false statements regarding leniency to unauthorized statements regarding leniency. In a provision concerning the prohibition of deceptive tactics, provides that the presumption of inadmissibility of a confession of a minor, who at the time of the commission of the offense was under 18 years of age (rather than by a suspect), at a custodial interrogation at a police station or other place of detention, when such confession is procured through the knowing use of deception, may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence that the confession was voluntarily given, based on the totality of the circumstances. Further amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 to make a conforming change. Effective January 1, 2022.
SB 2129 (P.A. 102-0102) (Sen. Peters; Rep. Cassidy) – STATE RESENTENCING MOTION
Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides that at any time upon the recommendation of the State's Attorney of the county in which the defendant was sentenced, the State's Attorney may petition the sentencing court or the sentencing court's successor to resentence the offender if the original sentence no longer advances the interests of justice. Provides that the sentencing court or the sentencing court's successor may resentence the offender if it finds that the original sentence no longer advances the interests of justice. Provides that, upon receipt of a petition for resentencing, the court may resentence the defendant in the same manner as if the offender had not previously been sentenced; however, the new sentence, if any, may not be greater than the initial sentence. Provides that the court may consider postconviction factors, including, but not limited to, the inmate's disciplinary record and record of rehabilitation while incarcerated; evidence that reflects whether age, time served, and diminished physical condition, if any, have reduced the inmate's risk for future violence; and evidence that reflects changed circumstances since the inmate's original sentencing such that the inmate's continued incarceration no longer serves the interests of justice. Provides that credit shall be given for time served; that victims shall be afforded all rights as outlined in the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act; and that resentencing shall not reopen the defendant's conviction to challenges that would otherwise be barred. Provides that nothing in the new provisions shall be construed to limit the power of the Governor under the Constitution to grant a reprieve, commutation of sentence, or pardon. Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 2133 (P.A. 102-0543) (Sen. Simmons; Rep. Harris) – DEMOGRAPHIC DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENT
If and only if House Bill 2170 of the 101st General Assembly becomes law, amends the Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act to include, in addition to race and ethnicity, the demographic categories of age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity to the categories of data that must be reported. Varied effective date.

SB 2136 (P.A. 102-0639) (Sen. Collins; Rep. Flowers) – EXPUNGEMENT OF FELONY PROSTITUTION RECORDS
Amends the Criminal Identification Act concerns the expungement of the felony prostitution records. In a provision concerning relief from judgments, provides that any individual may at any time file a petition and institute proceedings, if his or her final order or judgment, which was entered based on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, has potential consequences under federal immigration law. Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides that a petition for post-conviction relief may be filed by a person confined, or subject to being confined by the State, local, or federal government as a result of a State criminal conviction (rather than only by persons imprisoned in the penitentiary). Effective immediately.

SB 2137 (P.A. 102-0640) (Sen. Collins; Rep. Moeller) – NURSING HOMES – SOCIAL ISOLATION PREVENTION POLICIES
Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Contains specified requirements for the social isolation prevention policies. Provides that the social isolation prevention policies shall not be interpreted as a substitute for in person visitation, but shall be wholly in addition to the existing in person visitation policies. Provides that a resident's individualized virtual visitation schedule shall give priority to the resident's preferences over the preferences of the resident's representative. Provides that specific protocols and procedures shall be developed to ensure that the quantity of assistive and supportive technology and devices maintained on-site at a facility remains sufficient, at all times, to meet the assessed social and activity needs and preferences of each
facility resident. Provides that a long-term care facility may apply for (rather than the Department shall distribute) civil monetary penalty fund grants, and may request other available federal and State funds to obtain assistive and supportive technologies and related accessories that would facilitate communication between residents and other family members, friends, and external support systems. Provides that the Department (rather than the Department's inspector) shall determine whether a long-term care facility is in compliance with the provisions whenever the Department conducts an annual licensure and certification survey, when a complaint is received, or as frequently as may be necessary (rather than whenever the Department conducts an inspection of a long-term care facility). Provides that a noncompliant long-term care facility shall be liable to pay an administrative penalty as a Type "C" violation. Provides that implementation of an administrative penalty as a Type "C" violation under the provisions shall not be imposed prior to January 1, 2023. Makes other changes. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

SB 2153 (P.A. 102-0641) (Sen. Rezin; Rep. Zalewski) – HOSPITAL WRITTEN STAFFING PLAN CORRECTIONS
Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Requires a hospital to provide a plan of correction to the Department of Public Health within 60 days if the hospital demonstrates a pattern or practice of failing to substantially comply with specified requirements or with the hospital's written staffing plan. Allows the Department to impose specified fines on a hospital for failing to comply with written staffing plans for nursing services or plans of correction. Contains provisions concerning staffing plans. Amends the Nursing Education Scholarship Law. Provides that the Department of Public Health may award a total of $500,000 annually in nursing education scholarships. Effective immediately, except that provisions amending the Hospital Licensing Act take effect on the first day of the first full calendar month that begins 6 months after the Act becomes law.

SB 2244 (P.A. 102-0644) (Sen. Murphy; Rep. Meyers-Martin) – PROPERTY TAX – SENIOR FREEZE INCOME LIMITATION
Amends the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Act. Provides that the income limitation under the Act is $65,000 for tax years 2022 through 2025 and $55,000 for tax year 2026 and thereafter (currently, $55,000). Provides that, for tax years 2022 through 2025, the total amount of any such deferral shall not exceed $7,500 per taxpayer in each tax year (currently, $5,000). Provides that, beginning again in tax year 2026, the total amount of any such deferral shall not exceed $5,000. Effective immediately.

Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. In provisions requiring the Department of Public Health to adopt a protocol specifying how informed consent for psychotropic medication may be obtained or refused that requires a discussion between the resident or the resident's surrogate decision maker and the resident's physician, a registered pharmacist, or a licensed nurse about the possible risks and benefits of a recommended medication and the use of standardized consent forms designated by the Department, removes language prohibiting the registered pharmacist from being a dispensing pharmacist for the facility where the resident lives. Provides that "licensed nurse" means an advanced practice registered nurse, a registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse. Provides that specified forms shall be designated or developed by the Department and may be able to be downloaded from a website designated by the Department (other than the Department's official website). Provides that the maximum possible period for informed consent shall be until a change in the prescription occurs as to the change in the type of psychotropic
medication or an increase or decrease in dosage, dosage range, or titration schedule of the prescribed medication that was not included in the original informed consent. Provides that when informed consent is not required for a change in dosage, the facility shall note in the resident's file that the resident was informed of the dosage change prior to the administration of the medication or that verbal, written, or electronic notice has been communicated to the resident's surrogate decision maker that a change in dosage has occurred. Effective immediately.

Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that, no later than January 1, 2022 (rather than 2011) the Department of Public Health shall file with the Secretary of State's Office (rather than the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) proposed rules or proposed amendments to existing rules to certify nursing homes or distinct self-contained units within existing nursing homes (rather than only distinct self-contained units within existing nursing homes) for the behavioral management of persons with a high risk of aggression. Provides that no more than 3 facilities shall be certified in the first 3 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that, prior to the expansion of the number of certified facilities, the Department of Public Health shall collaborate with specified stakeholders to evaluate the efficacy of the certification program. Effective immediately.

SB 2278 (P.A. 102-0379) (Sen. Stadelman; Rep. West, II) – COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS CONTROL OVER REVENUE
Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county that is authorized to impose a Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax For Public Safety, Public Facilities, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, or Transportation shall establish a 7-member mental health board, which shall have the same powers and duties and be constituted in the same manner as a community mental health board established under the Community Mental Health Act. Provides that moneys from the special county retailers' occupation tax that are earmarked for mental health or substance abuse purposes shall be deposited into a special county occupation tax fund for mental health and substance abuse. Provides that that fund shall be administered by the 7-member mental health board. Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 2290 (P.A. 102-0648) (Sen. Bennett; Rep. Mayfield) – ILLINOIS BROADBAND ADOPTION FUND ACT
Creates the Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund Act. Provides for the creation of the Illinois Broadband Adoption Program for the purpose of expanding availability of broadband Internet connectivity throughout the State. Provides for the creation of the Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance under the Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services may determine qualifications for broadband Internet provider participation and enter into an agreement with each provider. Provides eligibility requirements for financial assistance. Provides that if the Department of Human Services determines that an individual is eligible for financial assistance, the Department may provide financial assistance to the individual or to the broadband Internet provider designated by the individual in the form of one or more vouchers, each in an amount up to (rather than in the amount of) $50, that can be used by the individual to pay one or more specified expenses. Provides that a provider that receives a voucher from an individual household who subscribes to the provider's broadband Internet service shall deduct the amount of the voucher from the amount owed by the subscriber for the provider's provision of broadband Internet service to the individual household on a monthly basis. Removes provision allowing the Illinois Innovation Voucher Program to be
administered by an entity other than the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Prohibits the use of restraints on youth in care, including chemical, manual, and mechanical restraints, during the provision of any transportation services provided or arranged by the Department of Children and Family Services or its contractual assigns. Provides that any known, alleged, or suspected violation of the prohibition shall immediately be reported to the Department's Office of the Inspector General, the court presiding over the youth's case in accordance with the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and the youth's attorney and guardian ad litem. Requires the Department to make a significant events report for any known, alleged, or suspected violation of the prohibition. Sets forth a list of circumstances that require the Department to prepare a written individualized trauma-sensitive transportation plan for any youth in care. Requires the Department to obtain court approval of the transportation plan in accordance with the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 as well as written approval of the transportation plan from the Department's Chief Deputy Director and the Chief Deputy Director of its Clinical Division. Contains provisions concerning information that must be included in a written individualized trauma-sensitive transportation plan; and Department reporting requirements. Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Requires the Department to ensure the provision of trauma-sensitive transport to minors placed in its care. Contains provisions concerning factors a court must consider when determining whether to approve an individualized trauma-sensitive transportation plan submitted by the Department. Effective immediately.

SB 2339 (P.A. 102-0651) (Rep. Cassidy; Sen. Lightford) PRIVACY OF CHILD VICTIMS
Amends the Privacy of Child Victims of Criminal Sexual Offenses Act. Provides that law enforcement agency records and all circuit court records relating to any investigation or proceeding pertaining to a criminal sexual offense shall be restricted to exclude the identity of a child victim, and shall not be restricted to exclude the identity of any child who is a victim of such criminal sexual offense or alleged criminal sexual offense only if a court order is issued authorizing the disclosure of a particular case or particular cases records maintained by any circuit court clerk. Further amends the Privacy of Child Victims of Criminal Sexual Offenses Act. Provides that an advocate and victim's attorney may be exempt from a requirement to exclude a victim's identity in certain records (in addition to the exemptions provided in current law). Provides that the copy of the criminal history record information to be provided under a specified provision shall exclude the identity of the child victim. Provides that, in a provision concerning criminal sexual offense and school districts, a superintendent shall be restricted from revealing the identity of the victim. Provides that nothing in this Article precludes or may be used to preclude a mandated reporter from reporting child abuse or child neglect as required under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that the Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General may be exempt from a requirement to exclude a victim's identity in certain records.

SB 2340 (P.A. 102-0652) (Rep. Cassidy; Sen. Lightford) – PRIVACY OF ADULT VICTIMS
Creates the Privacy of Adult Victims of Criminal Sexual Offenses Act. Defines "adult victim" and "criminal history record information." Provides that notwithstanding any other law to the
contrary, inspection and copying of law enforcement records maintained by any law enforcement agency or all circuit court records maintained by any circuit clerk relating to any investigation or proceeding pertaining to a criminal sexual offense, by any person not exempted by this Act, shall be restricted to exclude the identity of the adult victim without a court order authorizes the removal of such restriction of a particular case record or particular records of cases maintained by the circuit court clerk. Provides that when a criminal sexual offense is committed or alleged to have been committed by a school district employee or any individual contractually employed by a school district, a copy of the criminal history record information relating to the investigation of the offense or alleged offense shall be transmitted to the superintendent of schools if certain conditions are met. Provides that the Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General may be exempt from a requirement to exclude a victim's identity in certain records. Makes other changes.

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that each public body shall periodically (currently, specifies no less than semi-annually) meet to review minutes of all closed meetings. Provides that meetings to review minutes shall occur every 6 months, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, taking into account the nature and meeting schedule of the public body. Provides that committees which are ad hoc in nature shall review closed session minutes at the later of (1) 6 months from the date of the last review of closed session minutes or (2) at the next scheduled meeting of the ad hoc committee. Provides that when a public body is dissolved, disbanded, eliminated, or consolidated by executive action, legislative action, or referendum, and its functions and responsibilities are assumed by a unit of local government, the unit of local government which assumes the functions of the prior public body shall review the closed session minutes of that public body. Effective January 1, 2022.

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that if the Court prescribes detention, and the minor is a ward of the Department of Children and Family Services, a hearing shall be held every 14 days to determine that there is urgent and immediate necessity to detain the minor for the protection of person or property of another. Provides that if urgent and immediate necessity is not found on the basis of the protection of the community, the minor shall be released to the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services. Provides that if the Court prescribes detention based on the minor being likely to flee the jurisdiction, and the minor is a ward of the Department of Children and Family Services, a hearing shall be held every 7 days for status on the location of shelter care placement by the Department of Children and Family Services. Detention shall not be used as a shelter care placement for minors in the custody or guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services. Replaces certain references to juveniles as "wards" with references to juveniles as "youth in care." Effective January 1, 2023.

Amends the Circuit Courts Act. Reorganizes the counties (other than Cook County) into 24 (currently 23) judicial circuits. Provides that the General Assembly shall divide the 19th circuit into at least 10 subcircuits. Provides that, upon the division of the 19th circuit: each resident judgeship shall be assigned to the newly drawn subcircuit in which the judge of the resident judgeship in question resides; and each at-large judgeship shall be converted to a resident
judgeship and be assigned to the subcircuit in which the judge of the converted judgeship in question resides. Provides that, when a vacancy occurs in a resident judgeship, the resident judgeship shall be allotted by the Supreme Court and filled by election. Provides that the 19th judicial circuit shall have additional resident judgeships to be allotted by the Supreme Court. Provides that in addition to the 2 judgeships filled by election at the 2022 election, any judgeship that became vacant after January 1, 2020 and on the effective date of the amendatory Act is held by an individual appointed by the Supreme Court shall also be filled by election at the 2022 general election. Provides that nothing in the provisions shall affect the tenure of any circuit judge serving on the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that no circuit judge serving on the effective date of the amendatory Act shall be required to change his or her residency in order to continue serving in office or to seek retention or reappointment. Provides that any circuit judge elected to that office prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act who files to run for retention after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall have the right to seek retention in the circuit the judge was elected from or to seek retention in the circuit created by the amendatory Act. Makes a conforming change in the Judicial Vacancies Act. Effective immediately.

SB 2486 (P.A. 102-0562) (Sen. Villivalam; Rep. Evans, Jr.) - PERSONNEL RECORD DISCIPLINE
Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that an individual aggrieved by a disclosure of a disciplinary report in violation of the Act may file a complaint with the Director of Labor or file an action in court within 3 years after the date of the disclosure of the violation. Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 2520 (P.A. 102-0657) (Sen. Rose; Rep. Caulkins) - STATE'S ATTORNEY CONFLICT
Amends the Counties Code. The court on its own motion, or an interested person in a cause, proceeding, or other matter arising under the State’s Attorney’s duties, civil or criminal, may file a petition alleging that the State's Attorney has an actual conflict of interest in the cause or proceeding. Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 2661 (P.A. 102-0012) (Sen. Harmon; Rep. Hernandez) - COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW REDISTRICTING
Creates the Cook County Board of Review Redistricting Act of 2021. Provides legislative findings. Redistricts Cook County for election of Cook County Board of Review Commissioners. Repeals the Cook County Board of Review Districts Act and the Cook County Board of Review Districts Act of 2001. Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that in 2021 and any year following the federal decennial census in which the results of the census are not available by March 31, the General Assembly may use other population data, including, but not limited to, the most recent American Community Survey 5-year data, to reapportion board of review districts. Effective immediately.

SB 2800 (P.A. 102-0017) (Sen. Harmon; Rep. Welch) - SFY2022 STATE BUDGET - APPROPRIATIONS
Makes various appropriations and reappropriations for specified purposes. Amends Public Act 101-637 by changing and adding various appropriations. Some provisions are effective immediately; some provisions are effective July 1, 2021.