



## **POSTING OF PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH RIGHTS FOR WOMEN**

**Public Act 101-445, House Bill 2**

This initiative amends the Medical Patients' Rights Act to require the posting of a list of rights women have with regard to care during and after pregnancy and childbirth. The rights must be posted on the public website of specified state agencies, and in a prominent place in the office of every health care provider, day-care center, Head Start location and community center.

## **PUBLIC UNIVERSITY UNIFORM ADMISSION ACT**

**Public Act 101-448, House Bill 26**

By the 2020-2021 academic year, NIU, SIU, WIU, and EIU shall create a 4-year uniform admission system pilot program. The program will require the universities to admit any student who graduates in the top 10% of their high school class or has a grade point average that falls within the top 10% of their graduating class in one of the two school years prior to the academic year for which the student is applying for college admission.

## **EXTENDING USE OF THE STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY**

**Public Act 101-222, House Bill 37**

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a designation available to graduates of public high schools who attain proficiency in a second language. The new law extends the designation to students at private high schools.

## **ENHANCING CRIMINAL PENALTIES ON VIOLENCE IN PLACES OF WORSHIP**

**Public Act 101-223, House Bill 38**

This legislation adds, as an aggravating factor to the sentencing of a first-degree murder, when the victim was a member of a congregation engaged in prayer or other religious activities at a place of worship. An assault or battery committed in a place of worship is enhanced to an aggravated assault or aggravated battery.

## **PROVIDING PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO DEAL WITH DEBT COLLECTORS**

**Public Act 101-168, House Bill 88**

This new law helps to prevent debt collectors from taking advantage of economically-disadvantaged people against whom judgments are issued in small claims court. The bill lowers the interest rate on consumer debt judgments under \$25,000 from 9% to 5% per year, with interest accruing only on the unsatisfied portion of the debt. It also limits the revival of the judgments to no more than ten years after entry of the judgment and allows dormant judgments to continue only with court supervision and a wage deduction order.

## **EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION SENTENCING CREDITS FOR INMATES**

**Public Act 101-440, House Bill 94**

Under this law, an inmate who is currently serving a sentence under truth-in-sentencing is now eligible for sentencing credits for satisfactory completion of rehabilitative programming in the Department of Corrections (DOC); however, an inmate serving a sentence of natural life is not entitled to sentencing credits.

## **CLARIFYING AND UPDATING THE FIRE INVESTIGATION ACT**

**Public Act 101-82, House Bill 105**

This legislation amends the Fire Investigation Act by clarifying the jurisdiction and local authority of home-rule governments with respect to inspections and enforcement. The Act clarifies language in areas of current notice, corrective actions and administrative order processes; also clarifies procedures relative to rulemaking.

## **INCREASING THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR JOBS WITH THE STATE POLICE**

**Public Act 101-374, House Bill 124**

This new law increases the number of young applicants by enabling persons who are 20 years of age, and who have completed an associate's degree or 60 hours at an accredited college or university, to qualify for appointment to the State Police. The new language replaces a previous requirement that applicants must be at least 20 years of age and have completed two years of law enforcement studies.

## **TAMMS MINIMUM SECURITY FACILITY TASK FORCE**

**Public Act 101-449, House Bill 210**

The Tamms Minimum Security Task Force will study the feasibility of reopening and repurposing the shuttered Tamms Correctional Center's minimum-security facility.

## **ALLOWING SOME COUNTIES TO COMBINE TAX SALES WITH ADJACENT COUNTIES**

**Public Act 101-379, House Bill 250**

Whereas current law requires a tax sale to be held at a location within the parcel's county, this law allows counties outside of Cook to combine their tax sale with a tax sale in an adjacent county if both counties agree. The amendment should increase participation by tax purchasers and allow for more competitive bidding. The legislation also requires that, if property contains a hazardous substance, hazardous waste or an underground storage tank, the court may order the holder of the certificate of purchase to assign the certificate to the county collector upon request of the collector.

## **ALLOWING GRADUATE STUDENT WORKERS TO UNIONIZE AND COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN**

**Public Act 101-380, House Bill 253**

The Educational Labor Relations Act is amended to include all graduate student workers at public universities so they can unionize and bargain collectively. The law would pertain to graduate-level research assistants, pre-professional graduate assistants, graduate-level teacher assistants and all other graduate-level assistants.

## **REPORTING OF K-12 SCHOOL CLASS SIZE DATA**

**Public Act 101-451, House Bill 254**

With a goal of improving education transparency, this new law requires that no later than January 31, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) must post to its website information about actively employed teachers within each school district, pupil-teacher ratios for each school district, class instructors by grade level and subject for each district, and class sizes in each school. School districts must report the information to ISBE no later than November 16, 2020, and annually thereafter and also post it to their websites.

## **AMENDING THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT**

**Public Act 101-40, House Bill 269**

This legislation makes numerous changes to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, including allowing a single commissioner, rather than the three-member Commission, to find that an employer has knowingly failed to provide workers compensation insurance coverage. It further allows that commissioner to issue a stop-work order upon the finding and allows stop-work orders to be issued at extra hazardous employers during an investigation. Finally, the legislation provides that all investigations under the Act must be acted upon within 90 days of a complaint, raises the maximum penalty for non-compliance in certain areas to \$10,000 from \$2,000, and doubles the maximum allowable penalties to \$1,000 per day with a minimum penalty of \$20,000 for employers found to be in non-compliance more than once.

## **INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON COOK COUNTY ROADS**

**Public Act 101-42, House Bill 331**

This new law creates the Tamara Clayton Expressway Camera Act. It allows the State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Illinois Tollway to create a program to increase the number of surveillance cameras along expressways in Cook County. Any municipal police department, county sheriff's office, State Police officer, or other law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the expressway in Cook County may use images from expressway cameras in the investigation of any offense involving the use of a firearm.

## **ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN CILAS AND DD FACILITIES**

**Public Act 101-229, House Bill 344**

Residents of Illinois' state-run centers for independent living (CILA) and developmentally-disabled (DD) facilities will now have the ability to utilize electronic monitoring in their rooms to ensure the highest quality of care at the resident's own expense. The new law establishes the parameters for using electronic monitoring, including notification requirements and privacy protection guidelines.

## **PROTECTING ELDERLY CRIME VICTIMS' ESTATES**

**Public Act 101-182, House Bill 347**

This new law responds to a 2018 court case in which a person convicted of battering an 88-year old disabled woman was not prevented from being reimbursed from the victim's estate for caretaking services. It provides that assault, aggravated assault, battery, and aggravated battery shall also constitute abuse with regard to financial exploitation, abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or a person with a disability. The finding disqualifies the abuser from receiving any property, benefit, or other interest upon the death of the elderly person or person with a disability.

## **INCLUSIVE TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS**

**Public Act 101-85, House Bill 355**

In an effort to give more support and training to general education teachers who work with special education students in their classrooms, this new law provides that professional development for teachers may include training on inclusive practices in the classroom that examines instructional and behavioral strategies that improve academic and social-emotional outcomes for all students, with or without disabilities, in a general education setting.

## **GATHERING DATA ABOUT THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING AND GPS MONITORING**

**Public Act 101-231, House Bill 386**

This new law requires DOC and the Prisoner Review Board to publish certain information annually about evidence-based assessments, questionnaires, or other instruments used to set conditions of release, and also certain information about the usage of electronic monitoring and GPS monitoring as a condition of parole and supervised release.

## **IEP MEETING INTERPRETER STANDARDS**

**Public Act 101-124, House Bill 424**

Under current law regarding individualized education programs (IEP) for students with disabilities, one or more parents are required to be present or be afforded the opportunities to be present. To ensure that parents with limited English proficiency can get the best results for their child, this new law requires ISBE to establish the criteria, standards, and competencies for a bilingual language interpreter at such meetings.

## **PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER REGULATIONS**

**Public Act 101-452, House Bill 465**

To help address high prescription drug costs, this law establishes a number of new regulations and oversights on Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM), third-party administrators of prescription drug programs. It requires them to be registered with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), notify the Department of a conflict of interest, and provide certain disclosures. PBMs are prohibited from limiting the information a pharmacist can disclose, like more affordable options or requiring a customer to pay a co-pay when the retail price would be lower. Additionally, a PBM must ensure certain conditions are met before placing a drug on a maximum allowable cost (MAC) list and there are required contractual provisions between a PBM and a health insurer. Allows the Department of Insurance to examine the books, records, and documents of a PBM and to fine a PBM up to \$50,000 per violation.

## **UNDER 18 ID CARD FEE**

**Public Act 101-232, House Bill 808**

The fee for original, renewal, and duplicate standard Illinois Identification Cards issued to persons under 18 years of age is reduced from \$10 to \$5.

## **IML OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING**

**Public Act 101-233, House Bill 814**

The Open Meetings Act is amended to permit elected or appointed officials of a municipality to satisfy Open Meetings Act training requirements with training conducted by the Illinois Municipal League.

## **HOSPITAL CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATION NOTIFICATION**

**Public Act 101-43, House Bill 831**

This new law provides that whenever the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) receives a report of suspected child abuse or neglect while the child was in the care of a hospital, DCFS shall notify the Department of Public Health (DPH) and HFS of the report and send the final finding to the directors of both those agencies.

## **NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DECOMMISSIONING TRUST REGULATIONS**

**Public Act 101-044, House Bill 840**

Due to the lengthy process of decommissioning nuclear power plants, this legislation provides for increased oversight by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) of "decommissioning trusts," bank accounts established to hold the decommissioning funds for the eventual purpose of paying decommissioning costs. The legislation requires each nuclear power plant to provide the ICC with a copy of the nuclear decommissioning funding assurance stats report and provides that the ICC shall report the information to the General Assembly every two years.

## **MANDATES INSURANCE COVERAGE OF TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES**

**Public Act 101-371, House Bill 889**

Insurance coverage will now be required for long-term antibiotic therapy (over 4 weeks) for a person with a tick-borne disease.

## **INCARCERATION REIMBURSEMENT BAN**

**Public Act 101-235, House Bill 900**

This act repealed a seldom-used law that allowed DOC to collect reimbursement from inmates for incarceration costs.

## **CAC INTERVIEW PROTECTIONS**

**Public Act 101-236, House Bill 909**

This new law clarifies the Children's Advocacy Center Act to ensure that there is continuity across the state regarding consent when a CAC conducts an electronically recorded forensic interview and provides additional protections for the interview content, through FOIA exemptions and protective orders.

## **NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX EXTENSION**

**Public Act 101-47, House Bill 938**

This act extends until July 1, 2030, the law allowing the corporate authorities of a non-home rule municipality to use the proceeds of the non-home rule municipal retailers' occupation tax for expenditure on municipal operations, in addition to or in lieu of any expenditure on public infrastructure or for property tax relief, for such a tax approved on or after July 14, 2010.

## **LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA**

**Public Act 101-27, House Bill 1438**

The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act allows for the recreational use of cannabis by individuals over the age of 21. Illinois citizens may possess up to 30 grams of cannabis and out of state individuals may possess up to 15 grams. Medical cannabis patients may grow up to 5 plants in their residence. The act establishes guidelines pertaining to expungement of records for possession of cannabis, taxation on cannabis, including numerous changes and additions to Illinois law.

## **RESOLUTION FOR DISPUTES OVER REMAINS**

**Public Act 101-381, House Bill 1455**

Any dispute concerning the right to control the disposition of a decedent's remains shall be resolved by a court within 30 days of the dispute being filed.

## **ILLINOIS TRUST CODE**

**Public Act 101-48, House Bill 1471**

The use of trusts has increased substantially in recent years in family estate planning and commercial transactions. Current Illinois law is fragmented between various statutory acts leading to imperfect counsel provided to families and businesses. In an effort to make trust law more uniform, this law creates the Illinois Trust Code to repeal all or parts of eight Acts and to make conforming changes to an additional 13 Acts to provide for a more uniform Illinois trust law.

## **DCFS FAMILY SUPPORT CHANGES**

**Public Act 101-237, House Bill 1551**

This new act makes numerous changes to the laws governing DCFS. Children in DCFS custody or under court jurisdiction must be up to date on their well-child visits and immunizations. When a child exits foster care DCFS must complete a home safety checklist to ensure that the condition of the child's home is sufficient. Any aftercare services provided by DCFS must begin immediately. A child protective services investigation is required if the family refuses to cooperate or refuses access to the home or children after a report is made by a mandated reporter to the statewide reporting telephone number. In addition, the Auditor General must do a performance audit of DCFS one year after the effective date of this law and a follow-up audit within two years thereafter to determine if DCFS has implemented the recommendations of the first audit.

## **SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE CONSISTENCY**

**Public Act 101-121, House Bill 1553**

The Juvenile Court Act allows a court to grant Special Immigrant Minor status to a minor, which makes it easier for undocumented youth who have been subjected to abuse and/or neglect at the hands of their parents to obtain visas. The statute was updated to make all statutes that affect custody and/or guardianship of a minor consistent. The act also made updates to the language to be consistent with federal law.

## **ENGLISH LITERACY CLASS AWARENESS AT SOS FACILITIES**

**Public Act 101-053, House Bill 1557**

The Secretary of State must provide a pamphlet or post information informing customers of the availability of literacy and English as a second language classes at every Drivers Services Facility.

## **THREATS AGAINST SCHOOLS MADE BY MINORS**

**Public Act 101-238, House Bill 1579**

Before sentencing a minor for disorderly conduct, where the minor made threats of harm, violence, death, or destruction towards a school or persons in or at the school, the court may order the minor to undergo a mental health evaluation. The new law requires the student to reimburse the reasonable costs of the emergency response by the public agency unless the minor is determined to be indigent by the court.

## **ELECTRONIC ARREST WARRANTS**

**Public Act 101-239, House Bill 1583**

An arrest warrant may be issued via electronic means, such as email. In addition, this legislation provides that if an arrest warrant is sought and the request is made by electronic means that have a simultaneous video and audio transmission between the requestor and the judge, the judge may issue an arrest warrant based upon a sworn complaint or sworn testimony communicated in the transmission.

## **EXPEDITED PROFESSIONAL LICENSES FOR SERVICE MEMBERS**

**Public Act 101-240, House Bill 1652**

One staff member will be designated as the military liaison within the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to ensure expedited applications are processed within 60 days. The military liaison shall provide an annual report documenting the expedited licensure program for service members and spouses, and shall deliver that report to the Secretary of IDFPR and the Lieutenant Governor.

## **DOUBLES FINES FOR ILLEGALLY PASSING STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES**

**Public Act 101-55, House Bill 1873**

Fines are doubled for violations of the law regarding approaching, overtaking, and passing school buses. A first violation of the state law or a local ordinance shall be subject to a mandatory fine of \$300 (instead of \$150) and a second or subsequent violation shall be subject to a mandatory fine of \$1,000 (instead of \$500).

## **PERMITS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEFS TO USE EMERGENCY LIGHTS**

**Public Act 101-56, House Bill 1876**

Red or white oscillating, rotating, or flashing emergency lights may be used on a vehicle operated by a qualified deputy fire chief or assistant fire chief (in addition to a fire chief).

## **INCREASES STATE POLICE BURIAL BENEFIT**

**Public Act 101-28, House Bill 2028**

The burial benefit for State Police Officers who have been killed in the line of duty is increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This change applies to officers killed in the line of duty after June 30, 2018.

## **BANS CO-PAYMENTS PAID BY INMATES**

**Public Act 101-86, House Bill 2045**

Neither the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) nor DOC may charge inmates/committed persons a co-payment for medical or dental services.

## **HEALTHY PET MONTH**

**Public Act 101-244, House Bill 2086**

The month of April of each year is now designated as Healthy Pet Month. Pet owners are encouraged to take time to review their pet's health needs and make arrangements with their veterinarians to have annual exams and evaluations performed to enhance and extend their pet's quality of life.

## **CREATES COLD WAR LICENSE PLATES/DECALS**

**Public Act 101-245, House Bill 2088**

The Secretary of State may issue Cold War license plates to Illinois residents who served in the Armed Forces between August 15, 1945, and January 1, 1992. The plates have no additional fee attached and will be designed by the Secretary of State.

## **CREATES UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE LICENSE PLATES**

**Public Act 101-247, House Bill 2119**

The Secretary of State may issue United Nations Protection Force license plates to veterans who served in the UN Protection Force in Yugoslavia. There will be an additional fee of \$15 for the license plate.

## **ELIGIBILITY OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS CONVICTED OF NONVIOLENT CRIMES**

**Public Act 101-458, House Bill 2121**

This legislation is intended to provide more opportunities for those who have been convicted of nonviolent crimes to be school bus drivers. It changes current law in regards to offenses that prohibit a person from obtaining a school bus drivers permit.

## **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS LICENSE PLATE**

**Public Act 101-248, House Bill 2126**

This law creates a decal for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness for the universal special license plate. The decal will cost an additional \$25 and will be distributed and designed by the not-for-profit group K9s for Veterans. It creates a special fund in the state treasury that distributes the money in grants to K9s for Veterans.

## **CRACKING DOWN ON CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN COMMITTED IN THE CLOUD**

**Public Act 101-87, House Bill 2133**

This new law strengthens the ability of law enforcement to charge offenders who commit fraud, child pornography, online solicitation of a child and a range of other crimes by updating the definition of "computer" in state law to include any cloud-based networks of remote services hosted on the Internet.



## **ELIMINATES STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES**

**Public Act 101-130, House Bill 2135**

Removes the statute of limitation for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse regardless of the age of the victim.

## **CREATES THE HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES ACT**

**Public Act 101-250, House Bill 2146**

The University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, in consultation with DPH, shall convene a workgroup to review legislation and make new policy recommendations relating to the health of residents of the state.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ACT**

**Public Act 101-461, House Bill 2154**

Insurance coverage is required for evidence-based early treatment models for psychosis and other serious mental health conditions for youth under age 26. HFS is required to restructure the program to streamline eligibility, promote family engagement and enable early treatment for children and young adults with high mental health needs under the age of 26. It provides for certain percentage funding levels for specified components of the Family Support Program and requires HFS to develop a public awareness campaign to increase awareness of the program. The law also creates and addresses Medicaid billing issues to provide for a system or reimbursement and billing for providers.

## **NO DORMANCY FEES ON REBATE CARDS**

**Public Act 101-462, House Bill 2156**

Under this legislation, it is illegal to offer to consumers at retail a rebate made on a rebate card that charges dormancy fees or other post-issuance fees.

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM**

**Public Act 101-463, House Bill 2160**

This legislation requires the Departments of Insurance and HFS to each develop their own electronic uniform prior authorization request forms for prescription drug benefits and requires insurers and MCOs that provide prescription drug benefits to accept the electronic uniform prior authorization request form.

## **HIGH SCHOOL MATH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Public Act 101-464, House Bill 2165**

The high school graduation requirement for mathematics is updated by broadening the scope of the geometry component so it may include an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, or career and technical education course that prepares a student for a career readiness path.

## **NOTARY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

**Public Act 101-465, House Bill 2176**

Under this legislation, every public notary who is not an attorney or an accredited immigration representative must, prior to rendering notary services, provide any person seeking notary services with a written

acknowledgment, in English and the language used in the advertisement for notary services, that the notary is not a licensed attorney or immigration representative.

## **GENETIC TESTING PRIVACY**

**Public Act 101-132, House Bill 2189**

The definition of “genetic testing” now includes direct-to-consumer commercial genetic testing. A company providing direct-to-consumer commercial genetic testing is prohibited from sharing any genetic test information or other personally identifiable information about a consumer with any health or life insurance company without written consent from the consumer.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAM**

**Public Act 101-466, House Bill 2237**

The State Treasurer shall administer the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program, subject to appropriation, to, beginning in 2021, ensure that a 529 college savings account is automatically opened for every child born in Illinois with an initial deposit in the amount of \$50. If the initial \$50 deposit is unclaimed by the beneficiary’s 10<sup>th</sup> birthday or unused by his or her 26<sup>th</sup> birthday, it will be forfeited.

## **SIU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Public Act 101-175, House Bill 2239**

The two student members, instead of only one, on the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall be voting student members.

## **MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAMS**

**Public Act 101-61, House Bill 2247**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) shall make funding available to develop and implement community-based pilot programs for persons with or at risk for a mental health diagnosis. The funding will help provide for local social media campaigns that focus on the prevention or promotion of mental wellness and provide links to mental health services. To be considered for a pilot program, a provider must be in an area that shows a high need or underutilization of mental health services, collaborate with other systems and government entities that exist in a community, and provide a presence staffed by mental health professionals in natural community settings.

## **CPS SCHOOLS SUBJECT TO FOIA**

**Public Act 101-88, House Bill 2272**

The governing bodies of contract schools within the Chicago Public School system are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

## **UNION MEMBERSHIP ON SPECIFIED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES**

**Public Act 101-384, House Bill 2301**

This new law amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Workers’ Compensation Act, the Coal Mining Act, and the Workers’ Occupational Diseases Act by changing the membership requirement for Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces to better reflect union membership.

## **BUILDING TRADES TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Public Act 101-469, House Bill 2304**

Subject to appropriation, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) may establish a Training in the Building Trades Program to award grants to community-based organizations for the purpose of establishing training programs for persons who are between 18 and 35 years of age and have an interest in the building trades.

## **NO CONTACT ORDERS WHILE AWAITING TRIAL**

**Public Act 101-138, House Bill 2308**

Judges may now use their authority to issue no contact orders to inmates awaiting trial in county jails. In the past, inmates have sometimes used their phone privileges to continue to harass their accuser while awaiting trial.

## **DELAYING PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDERS OF PROTECTION TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**

**Public Act 101-255, House Bill 2309**

When a judge grants an emergency stalking no contact order, a civil no contact order, or an emergency order of protection, the petition will not be publicly available until the petition is served on the accused individual. The change is designed to discourage respondents from contacting their petitioner from the moment any such order is granted.

## **SECRETARY OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE CHANGES**

**Public Act 101-185, House Bill 2315**

This act makes various administrative changes for the Secretary of State involving driver's licenses, REAL IDs and Identification Cards, including provisions under which the Secretary of State can invalidate a standard Illinois Identification Card or an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card.

## **REMOVAL OF PRIVATE COMPROMISING IMAGES ACT**

**Public Act 101-385, House Bill 2408**

A person may sue for the quick removal of compromising images posted of themselves online via an emergency take-down order granted by a judge. A person who is found to have posted a private compromising image of another person by a court is liable for damages, in an amount left to the discretion of the court.

## **BLOOD PRESSURE EQUIPMENT FOR NEW MOMS**

**Public Act 101-91, House Bill 2433**

Due to the increased rates of maternal deaths in hospitals from hypertension, hospitals will be required to have the proper instruments available for taking a pregnant woman's blood pressure. DPH is in charge of implementing this change.

## **SENTENCING GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS**

**Public Act 101-471, House Bill 2444**

Withholding or minimizing an imprisonment sentence will be considered when sentencing a defendant who is the parent of a child or infant whose well-being will be affected by the parent's absence. Circumstances for mitigation can also be considered.

## **SUSTAINABILITY INVESTING ACT**

**Public Act 101-473, House Bill 2460**

Under the Sustainable Investing Act, public agencies or governmental units can develop, publish, and implement sustainable investments for all public funds under its control.

## **LICENSE PLATE DECAL TO BENEFIT GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA/ MECHANICS TRAINING FUND**

**Public Act 101-256, House Bill 2492**

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers may issue a license plate decal with some funding to go to the Guide Dogs of America Fund. The bill also authorizes Local Lodge 701 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers to issue a special decal for the same purpose with funds to also benefit the Mechanics Training Fund for that decal.

## **BETTER DEFINING OF "LOCAL FARM OR FOOD PRODUCTS"**

**Public Act 101-258, House Bill 2505**

The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act is updated to define "local farm or food products" to include products processed and packaged in Illinois using at least one ingredient grown in Illinois. This is aimed at correcting a procurement issue with the definition of local farm or food products. The current definition was interpreted to mean that all components of a food product must be made/grown/processed in Illinois. Products with ingredients were interpreted to not qualify as local because the full product did not originate in Illinois.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY REPORT**

**Public Act 101-93, House Bill 2512**

Each public university will now be required to submit an annual report to the Board of Higher Education on the amount of tuition that undergraduate, degree-seeking students attending the university paid in the previous academic year. The tuition will now reflect the amount of tuition paid by a student after all scholarships, grants, and other financial assistance have been applied to his or her tuition charge and must reflect only the amounts paid by undergraduate, degree-seeking students.

## **PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF HOME-BASED BUSINESS OWNERS**

**Public Act 101-475, House Bill 2528**

Victims of stalking and petitioners for an order of protection who operate a home-based business have a new protection in state law to shield their privacy, as this new law provides that a person operating a business under an assumed name at his or her personal residence may list the address of their local county clerk as the default agent for service of process to meet the publication requirements, if specific conditions are met. The law was inspired by a person whose stalker used the law requiring home-based businesses to have their address published in order to find and further victimize her.

## **CIVICS TRAINING FOR PRISONERS RE-ENTERING SOCIETY**

**Public Act 101-441, House Bill 2541**

Under the Re-Entering Citizens Civics Education Act DOC and DJJ shall provide a nonpartisan peer-led civics program throughout the correctional institutions to teach civics to soon-to-be-released citizens who will be re-entering society. The program shall be taught by peer educators who are citizens incarcerated in DOC and DJJ facilities and specially trained by experienced peer educators and established nonpartisan civic organizations. Nonpartisan civic organizations shall provide adequate training to peer educators on matters including, but not limited to, voting rights, governmental institutions, current affairs, and simulations of voter registration, election, and democratic processes, and shall provide periodic updates to program content and to peer educators.

## **NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SET FOR AI VIDEO INTERVIEWS OF JOB APPLICANTS**

**Public Act 101-260, House Bill 2557**

Employers who ask applicants to record video interviews and use an artificial intelligence analysis of applicant-submitted videos shall notify each applicant before the interview that AI may be used to analyze the applicant's facial expressions and consider the applicant's fitness for the position. Employers must provide each applicant with an information sheet before the interview explaining how AI works and what characteristics it uses to evaluate applicants, and obtain consent from the applicant to be evaluated by the AI program. Destruction of the videos is contingent upon an applicant's request for destruction.

## **IMPROVING POLICE OFFICER HIRING AND TRAINING STANDARDS**

**Public Act 101-187, House Bill 2591**

Applicants are now allowed to have more than one opportunity to be hired by a police department due to prospective officers being allowed an additional chance to qualify with training when their agencies fail to train within the required six-month period. If an agency fails to train an officer within that period, they will be prohibited from employing the individual for one year from the date training was to be completed. This essentially affords a "second bite at the apple" with an agency that has already invested time and resources to select the subject officer. The new law will ensure that law enforcement agencies meet the requirement to train new officers early in their careers.

## **SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

**Public Act 101-94, House Bill 2605**

Non-teaching speech-language pathologists will be given a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement if they hold a regular license as a speech-language pathologist and hold a current Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

## **DISABLED VETERANS CAN ACCESS OTHER MILITARY LICENSE PLATES WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FEE**

**Public Act 101-262, House Bill 2618**

In lieu of receiving registration plates without payment of a fee under the Section authorizing issuance of plates for veterans with disabilities, any veteran who holds proof of a 50% or greater service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs may apply for a military series registration plate in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State. Upon the veteran showing proof of the disability, a military series registration plate may be issued to the veteran without fee for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

## **IEPA WATER REVOLVING FUND LOANS FOR CONSOLIDATION SERVICES OF WATER DELIVERY UTILITIES**

**Public Act 101-143, House Bill 2650**

IEPA must adopt Rules to expand usage of federally allowable set-aside programs within the Water Revolving Fund, including, but not limited to, programs that provide financial assistance to utilities exploring consolidation or other collaborative approaches with separate utilities for the purpose of improving efficiency, sustainable water management, and equitable water rates.

## **MINORS IN CONTACT WITH STDS MAY RECEIVE HIV PREVENTION MEDICATION**

**Public Act 101-214, House Bill 2665**

A minor of 12 years or older who may have come into contact with any sexually transmitted disease, who may be determined to be an intoxicated person, a person with a substance abuse disorder, or who may have a family member who abuses drugs or alcohol, may give consent to health care services or counseling related to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of the disease, rather than just the diagnoses or treatment.

## **ELIMINATES FARM FERTILIZER SPREADER REGISTRATION FEE**

**Public Act 101-481, House Bill 2669**

This act removes current law requiring registration of specific farm wagon trailers utilized for spreading fertilizer. It eliminates the \$250 registration fee and existing width and weight restrictions for single unit self-propelled agricultural fertilizer implements.

## **PREVENTS PAST CRIMINAL OFFENSES FROM LIMITING NEW BUSINESS OWNERS**

**Public Act 101-388, House Bill 2670**

No application for a license for any state or local department, agency, board, or commission shall be denied or acted on adversely by reason of the applicant having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses or by reason of a finding of lack of good moral character, except if certain determinations are made.

## **ALLOWS HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT AID FOR UNDOCUMENTED & TRANSGENDER STUDENTS**

**Public Act 101-21, House Bill 2691**

A student attending an institution of higher learning in this state who is deemed an Illinois resident for tuition purposes and is not otherwise eligible to receive federal financial aid shall be eligible to apply or receive consideration for state financial aid, including any student aid or benefit funded or administered by the state, a state agency, or any public institution of higher learning, including, but not limited to, scholarships, grants, awards, stipends, free room and board, tuition waivers, or other financial or in-kind assistance.

## **ALLOWS AUTHORIZED DESIGNEES TO SIGN MORTGAGE RELEASE REQUESTS ON BEHALF OF CONSUMERS**

**Public Act 101-97, House Bill 2699**

Some consumers feel more comfortable relying on a "professional" such as a realtor or local bank when dealing with the mortgage release. This law would allow the consumer to appoint such a professional as an authorized requester of a mortgage release on behalf of the consumer. It changes the timeline for compliance from one month to 30 days.

## **REFUNDS OF TRS OVERPAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS**

**Public Act 101-483, House Bill 2700**

If in any case an error is made in billing a Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) benefit recipient, the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) shall identify the error and refund the overpaid amount as soon as practicable. A TRS benefit recipient who has overpaid shall be entitled to a refund of overpayments for up to seven years of past payments.

## **EXTENDS TIME FOR UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO IBHE**

**Public Act 101-267, House Bill 2720**

The amount of time in which each public university is required to provide the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) with their fiscal year-end financial statements is extended from 120 days to 150 days.

## **RENTED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT COVERED BY BONDS**

**Public Act 101-65, House Bill 2722**

Bonds issued under the Public Construction Bond Act can be used for, among other conditions, the payment of apparatus, fixtures, and machinery used in the completion of a contract. The terms "material," "labor," "apparatus," "fixtures," and "machinery" include those rented items that are on the construction site and those rented tools that are used or consumed on the construction site in the performance of the contract on account of which the bond is given.

## **NEW PURPOSES FOR SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**Public Act 101-484, House Bill 2737**

This new law amends the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act to add the conservation of soil health, organic matter in soil and plants, and water quality and the improvement of resilience to droughts, floods, and other extreme weather to the purposes of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. It further adds the incorporation of perennial plants to the conservation of soil and water resources plans. "Soil health" means the overall composition of the soil, and the continued capacity of soil function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans.

## **PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH OF FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Public Act 101-215, House Bill 2767**

The new law will require the creation and approval of a course by the Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Police officer training schools will now teach law enforcement strategies for recognizing signs and symptoms of work-related cumulative stress, issues that may lead to suicide, and solutions for intervention with peer support resources.

## **FILLING SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES**

**Public Act 101-67, House Bill 2802**

School districts who are having difficulty finding replacement school board members will have more time to fill a vacancy when it occurs. The new law applies to Boards of Education in school districts that have populations between 1,000 and 500,000 inhabitants. When a vacancy occurs, members of the board will have 60 (rather than 45) days to fill the vacancy. After 60 days, the regional superintendent will be required to fill the vacancy.

## **VOCATIONAL DATA TO BE PLACED ON ISBE'S WEBSITE**

**Public Act 101-68, House Bill 2822**

ISBE's school report cards must now include the most current data on the percentage of students who participated in vocational programs such as job shadowing, internships, and whether the school offered other job training opportunities.

## **SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH**

**Public Act 101-208, House Bill 2832**

The month of April of each year will be designated as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month to be observed throughout the state as a month to recognize the many ways that Sikh Americans have influenced American history, achievement, culture, and innovation.

## **PROTECTION OF ORGAN DONORS**

**Public Act 101-179, House Bill 2847**

It is now unlawful to refuse to insure, to refuse to continue to insure, to limit the amount, extent, or kind of coverage for life, disability, or long-term care insurance to an individual, or to charge an individual a different rate for the same coverage, solely because of the individual's status as a living organ donor. People who are living organ donors shall be subject to the same standards of sound actuarial principles as are persons who are not organ donors. Requires SOS to create a database of individuals who have consented to being a donor and gives procurement organization access to the database.

## **COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM**

**Public Act 101-271, House Bill 2852**

Public universities are required to notify students if they become eligible for a competency-based learning program offered by the university. This change will make all students aware of all the options provided to them, as well as make certain all students receive credit for the work they are doing.

## **ELECTRONIC LIEN AND TITLE SYSTEM MODERNIZATION**

**Public Act 101-490, House Bill 2856**

Illinois' vehicle title system will be modernized by creating a more secure and efficient statewide vehicle system and eliminating the current cumbersome paper system. The Secretary of State will implement the new electronic lien and title system to process the electronic notation and release of security interests in motor vehicles. The Secretary of State may charge a fee of up to \$1 for each electronic notation and release of security interest.

## **PROTECTING PREGNANT WOMEN FROM POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS**

**Public Act 101-390, House Bill 2895**

Birthing facilities are now required to conduct continuing yearly education on severe maternal hypertension and obstetric hemorrhage for providers, obstetric staff, emergency department staff, and other staff that may care for pregnant or postpartum women. DPH will collaborate with the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative to develop an initiative to improve birth equity and reduce peripartum racial and ethnic disparities.



## **DIVERSITY IN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS TASK FORCE**

**Public Act 101-273, House Bill 2896**

The Diversity in Health Care Professions Task Force is established in order to find ways to improve diversity in the health care profession, thereby providing culturally competent care to minority populations. DPH shall provide administrative support to the task force.

## **FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Public Act 101-70, House Bill 2897**

The Department of Public Health shall investigate and apply for federal funding opportunities to support maternal mental health. DPH will be required to file a report with the General Assembly detailing the Department's efforts to secure and utilize the federal funding it receives.

## **SUMMONS CAN NOW BE LEFT WITH COHABITANTS**

**Public Act 101-146, House Bill 2934**

A copy of a summons can be left with any person residing at the address. Formerly, a copy of the summons and petition could only be left with a family member at the usual place of abode of the person to be summoned. The law is being updated because of the increase in cohabitation without marriage, and so that it will still provide adequate service.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL TO BE VACATED**

**Public Act 101-147, House Bill 2935**

Counsel appointed for minors and any indigent party shall appear at all stages of the trial court proceeding, and the appointment shall continue through the permanency hearings and termination of parental rights proceedings subject to withdrawal, vacating of appointment, or substitution.

## **YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE CREATED**

**Public Act 101-98, House Bill 2983**

The Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth will create a new Youth Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will drive the state's strategic vision for preventing homelessness among youth leaving state systems of care.

## **PROMOTING INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN SOS AND ICC**

**Public Act 101-494, House Bill 2992**

This legislation promotes information sharing between the Secretary of State and the Illinois Commerce Commission by requiring the SOS to maintain a list of corporations also regulated under the Collateral Recovery Act, Personal Property Storage Act or Vehicle Code in order to more effectively regulate businesses. SOS and ICC will be able to electronically share this data.

## **THE ETHNIC VILLAGE TO BE RENAMED THE VILLAGE OF CULTURES AT THE STATE FAIR**

**Public Act 101-216, House Bill 3014**

The Department of Agriculture shall rename the Ethnic Village exhibit at the State Fair to the Village of Cultures. Changing the name of the Ethnic Village exhibit to the Village of Cultures is an effort to be more culturally sensitive.

## **NOTICE OF LONG TERM CARE BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY**

**Public Act 101-100, House Bill 3039**

HFS is now required to notify the long-term care resident and long-term care facility when the resident is no longer eligible for benefits.

## **NOTICE OF LONG TERM CARE TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY**

**Public Act 101-101, House Bill 3040**

If an individual has transferred to another long-term care facility, the annual notice concerning redetermination of eligibility must be sent to the long-term care facility where the individual resides as well as to the individual.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY NOW EXPAND SCOPE OF ELDER ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS**

**Public Act 101-496, House Bill 3065**

The Department on Aging shall attempt to contact as many family members and friends as reasonably possible during any investigation of elder abuse. The department shall conduct interviews or consultations regarding elder abuse allegations with service agencies, immediate family members, and individuals who may have knowledge of the eligible adult's circumstances.

## **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY CALLS FROM GROUP HOMES**

**Public Act 101-75, House Bill 3069**

This act requires CILAs to notify DHS when emergency calls are made from the facility.

## **AUTO ENROLLMENT OF STATE EMPLOYEES INTO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

**Public Act 101-277, House Bill 3082**

An auto-enrollment in the state's deferred compensation plan for GARS, SERS and JRS employees is created. The auto-enrollment will deduct 3% of salary per pay period and deposit it into the deferred compensation account. This will help increase benefits for Tier 2 pensioners to supplement retirement income.

## **ASSESSMENT OF MARKETING PROGRAM BY DCEO**

**Public Act 101-497, House Bill 3084**

DCEO must complete an assessment of its current practices related to the marketing programs it administers. If DCEO, in consultation with the General Assembly, concludes that a Citizens Services Coordinator is needed to assist Illinois residents in obtaining services and programs offered by the Department, then the Department may, subject to appropriation, hire an individual to serve in that capacity.

## **NATIVE PRAIRIE AND FORAGE PREFERENCE ACT**

**Public Act 101-76, House Bill 3092**

Every state agency, where appropriate, shall give preference to using native prairie and forage plants to benefit pollinators, including, but not limited to, honey bees and monarch butterflies. The Department of Agriculture shall provide information when requested to support this initiative.

## **AMENDS THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC AID CODE**

**Public Act 101-278, House Bill 3097**

HFS shall develop, in collaboration with an academic institution with a Doctor of pharmacy professional program in Cook County, a program designed to provide prescribing physicians under the medical assistance program with an evidence-based, non-commercial source of the latest objective information about pharmaceuticals. The prescriber education program shall consist of a web-based curriculum and an academic educator outreach and shall contract with clinical pharmacists to provide scheduled visits with prescribing physicians to update them on the latest research concerning medication usage and new updates on disease states in an unbiased manner within 48 hours after a question is received.

## **ANNUAL WHOLE BODY SKIN EXAMINATION ONCE PER YEAR WITHOUT COST SHARING**

**Public Act 101-500, House Bill 3113**

Insurance policies must provide an annual whole body skin examination once per year without cost-sharing. The law includes an exemption for high-deductible health savings account plans.

## **COURTS TO CONSIDER IMPACT INCARCERATION (BOOT CAMPS) DURING SENTENCING IN SOME FELONY CASES**

**Public Act 101-105, House Bill 3168**

Courts will now be required to make a specific finding about whether a defendant being sentenced in a felony case is eligible for participation in a DOC impact incarceration program. If the defendant is not eligible, the court must provide an explanation as to why a sentence to impact incarceration is not an appropriate sentence.

## **DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR VETERAN ID CARDS**

**Public Act 101-106, House Bill 3216**

The Identification Card Act and the Vehicle Code were amended to clarify that for the purpose of issuing an identification card or driver's license with a veteran designation, acceptable forms of proof shall include, among other documents, a Department of Defense form DD-2 (Retired) or a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs summary of benefits letter. If VA cannot confirm that an applicant is a veteran, they shall inform the SOS who shall cancel the veteran designation.

## **CREATES THE ASIAN AMERICAN FAMILY COMMISSION ACT**

**Public Act 101-392, House Bill 3217**

The Asian American Family Commission is created as a task force to advise the Governor and General Assembly, as well as work directly with state agencies, to improve and expand existing policies, services, programs, and opportunities for Asian-American families.

## **PARKINSON'S DISEASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ACT**

**Public Act 101-107, House Bill 3247**

The Director of Public Health, subject to appropriation, shall establish a Parkinson's Disease Public Awareness and Education Program to promote public awareness of Parkinson's and the value of early detection and possible treatments, including the benefits and risks of those treatments. IDPH may accept for that purpose any special grant of moneys, services, or property from the federal government or any of its agencies, or from any foundation, organization, or medical school. IDPH shall prepare an information booklet in English, Spanish and Mandarin, which provides information about the symptoms and treatment of Parkinson's.

## **SECRETARY OF STATE USER FEES**

**Public Act 101-505, House Bill 3269**

The Secretary of State may collect user fees for vehicles of the Second Division registered under plate category C. A dealer may use a special plate issued to the dealer to transport a vehicle sold to a customer either by towing or by driving the sold vehicle with the special plate attached to the vehicle. The SOS may limit the number of dealer plates based on a number of factors including, but not limited to revenue, sales, location, etc. It requires a 'pre-license education certificate' course for remittance agents; permits State Police to get federal background checks done on remittance agents. Licensed dealers cannot have a forcible felony conviction in the last 10 years and be a licensed dealer.

## **AMENDS THE MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CODE**

**Public Act 101-506, House Bill 3299**

A person admitted to a developmental disability facility and receiving habilitation shall have access to sex education, related resources and treatment planning that supports his or her right to sexual health and healthy sexual practices and to be free from sexual exploitation and abuse. The person receiving habilitation shall be assessed: (1) on whether he or she has decision-making capacity to give consent to sexual activity and (2) for developmentally appropriate sex education materials and resources. As part of the assessments, consideration shall be given to medical, psychological, and psycho-social evaluations.

## **DENTAL SERVICE PLAN EXCLUDED FROM DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATOR**

**Public Act 101-108, House Bill 3320**

A dental service plan regulated by the Insurance Code is excluded from the definition of "administrator" and therefore out of the scope of the Act.

## **ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**

**Public Act 101-280, House Bill 3331**

This new law makes several changes in certain types of assistance grantees shall offer households to prevent homelessness. The changes concern grants for payment of a rent or mortgage arrearage, payment of a security deposit and payment of rent or mortgage. In no case shall the total assistance for a household be greater than the equivalent of 6 months of rent or mortgage payments. On an annual basis, a grantee's administrative costs and case management expenses shall not exceed 15% of the grant amount it receives.

## **FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN KENNELS**

**Public Act 101-210, House Bill 3390**

A kennel operator shall install a fire alarm monitoring system that triggers notification to local emergency responders when activated. The Department of Agriculture shall deny the initial licensure or license renewal of a kennel operator for the failure to comply with this provision. Shelters with 24/7 staff are not included in the requirement; more stringent federal, state, or local laws shall govern; the state or the local fire marshal, if designated, is responsible for inspection, to be completed during routine building inspections; immediately upon the discovery that a kennel operator is non-compliant, the Department of Agriculture shall be notified and the Department shall then deny issuing a license. The act establishes fines for repeated violations.

## **ADMINISTERING NO CONTACT ORDERS ON HOLIDAYS**

**Public Act 101-508, House Bill 3396**

If an emergency stalking no-contact order, emergency civil no-contact order, or emergency order of protection is granted on a court holiday or evening, the court shall immediately file a certified copy of the order with the sheriff or other law enforcement official charged with maintaining ISP records (rather than on the next court day).

## **COLLEGE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES**

**Public Act 101-217, House Bill 3404**

For the 2020-2021 academic year, and for each academic year thereafter, a university or community college district must make available to its students information on all mental health and suicide prevention resources available at the university or community college.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE RECOVERY FROM EMPLOYERS**

**Public Act 101-509, House Bill 3405**

This new law amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act to provide that gratuities are the property of employees and that employers shall not keep gratuities. Gratuities must be paid to employees within 13 days after the end of the pay period during which the gratuities were earned. The Department of Labor is authorized to enforce this new law.

## **MEDICALLY NECESSARY EPINEPHRINE INJECTORS**

**Public Act 101-281, House Bill 3435**

A policy of accident and health insurance or a managed care plan shall provide coverage for epinephrine injectors for persons 18 years of age or under, but is limited to medically necessary epinephrine injectors.

## **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS PLATE DECALS**

**Public Act 101-282, House Bill 3437**

The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended to allow for the issuance of developmental disabilities awareness decals for universal special license plates by DHS.

## **PERSONAL CONTAINER USAGE IN RETAIL OPERATIONS**

**Public Act 101-510, House Bill 3440**

A retailer may allow a consumer to fill or refill a personal container with bulk food if the dispensers used prevent direct handling. Take-home containers provided for customer use must be cleaned, stored and dispensed in a sanitary manner. County health departments or municipalities may not prohibit a customer from filling or refilling a personal container with bulk food unless such a provision is provided for in the DPH Administrative Rules Food Code.

## **CLOSED CAPTIONING IN CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

**Public Act 101-116, House Bill 3468**

Certain Illinois medical facilities must now make reasonable efforts to have the closed captioning feature activated at all times on televisions in common areas of the facility. The facility staff must also enable the closed captioning feature in a patient, resident or customer's room when requested to do so.

## **COVERAGE FOR CARDIOPULMONARY MONITORS**

**Public Act 101-218, House Bill 3471**

The Public Aid Code will now require that the medical assistance program shall provide coverage for cardiopulmonary monitors if the monitor is determined to be medically necessary for a person 18 years old or younger who has cardiopulmonary events.

## **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Public Act 101-117, House Bill 3487**

Hospitals with emergency rooms must post a notice with information regarding enrollment in health insurance through the Illinois health insurance marketplace. The notices must be placed in a conspicuous location in the emergency room.

## **PROSECUTING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

**Public Act 101-285, House Bill 3498**

Any parent, guardian or other person having physical custody or control of a child under the age of 18 years old who knowingly facilitates or permits female genital mutilation has committed a Class 1 felony. Prosecution may be commenced at any time if the victim was under the age of 18 at the time of the offense. The law defines female genital mutilation.

## **COVERAGE OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS**

**Public Act 101-393, House Bill 3503**

Hearing instruments and related services for individuals age 65 and older will now be covered by insurance and public aid when they are prescribed by a hearing care professional, with certain specified restrictions. The law sets a cap of \$2500 for hearing instruments and related services every 24 months, but does not preclude an individual from selecting a more expensive device at his or her own expense. If a group policy does not have enough participants to allow it to offer hearing aid coverage, then it is not required.

## **INSURANCE AND PUBLIC AID COVERAGE OF DONATED BREAST MILK**

**Public Act 101-511, House Bill 3509**

The Insurance Code, State Employees Group Insurance Act and the Public Aid Code will now require coverage for human breast milk for infants up to six months old if certain conditions are met, and coverage for children six to twelve months of age if certain conditions are met.

## **EDUCATION ABOUT MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH**

**Public Act 101-512, House Bill 3511**

DHS shall develop educational materials for health care professionals and patients about maternal mental health conditions. By 2021, employees of birthing hospitals shall distribute these materials to employees who work with pregnant or post-partum women and also incorporate these materials into their employee training programs.

## **GENDER DESIGNATIONS ON STATE DOCUMENTS**

**Public Act 101-513, House Bill 3534**

The Secretary of State will now be authorized to permit applicants for identification documents to choose between “male,” “female,” or “non-binary” when designating the applicant’s sex on identification card and driver’s license application forms.

## **INCLUDING “CONSENT” IN SEX EDUCATION CONTENT**

**Public Act 101-579, House Bill 3550**

This legislation requires that course material and instruction in sex education for students in grades 6-12 must include an age-appropriate discussion on the meaning of consent to sexual activity. Under current law, students are not required to participate in sex education class, if the student’s parent or guardian objects to the class in writing so a student will only be subject to these new requirements if they take the sex education course.

## **ADDING E-MAILS TO EMS LICENSURE APPLICATIONS**

**Public Act 101-153, House Bill 3554**

An applicant for an EMS license or license renewal may submit an e-mail address to DPH, which DPH shall keep on file as another form of contact for the individual. Renewal notices may then be sent electronically at the appropriate time to those who have provided e-mail addresses.

## **BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY ACT**

**Public Act 101-514, House Bill 3575**

The Blockchain Technology Act provides for the permitted uses of blockchain technology in transactions and proceedings. It provides limitations to the use of blockchain technology and prohibits local governments from implementing specified restrictions on the use of blockchain technology.

## **RELIEVING HOUSING AND LICENSING BARS WITH GOOD CONDUCT**

**Public Act 101-154, House Bill 3580**

A certificate of good conduct may be granted by DOC to relieve an eligible offender of any employment, occupational licensing or housing bar. The certificate does not prevent specified persons, such as employers or landlords, from accessing criminal background information and does not hide or expunge such a record.

## **CRIME VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT AT PAROLE HEARINGS**

**Public Act 101-288, House Bill 3584**

A crime victim may submit a victim impact statement to the Prisoner Review Board (PRB) for consideration at hearings as provided under the Open Parole Hearings Act or at an executive clemency hearing. The statement shall be confidential and privileged. Unless otherwise provided, the board shall not release any material to the inmate that contains any information from the victim providing the statement. The victim may register with the PRB and receive reasonable written notice not less than 30 days before the parole hearing or target release date.

## **POST-PLACEMENT ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Public Act 101-155, House Bill 3587**

DCFS shall establish and maintain a toll-free number to respond to requests from the public about post-placement and post-adoption support services. Information about these services shall be provided to adoptive parents and guardians as part of its adoption and guardianship training. DCFS shall also report to the General Assembly annually on information such as the number of guardians, prospective adoptive parents and adoptive families who have received these support services.

## **LIQUOR SALES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

**Public Act 101-156, House Bill 3604**

The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended to allow an institution of higher learning, specifically the University of Chicago, to sell liquor at a specific facility previously banned by a referendum dating from the 1930s.

## **TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF CHARTER SCHOOL BOARDS**

**Public Act 101-291, House Bill 3659**

The Charter Schools Article of the School Code has been updated to require that one member of the charter school's board of directors or other governing body must include at least one parent of a student at the school. It also requires each board member to participate in four hours of training during their first year on the board, then two additional hours of training in each subsequent year on the board.

## **LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACT**

**Public Act 101-292, House Bill 3663**

The new Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act will allow for the organization of these associations, as an entity distinct from its members, for any lawful purpose, whether or not for profit. This creates an alternative to other forms of business incorporation to permit for-profit cooperative associations for the purposes of creating and maintaining sustainable jobs in Illinois.

## **ASSISTANCE ANIMAL INTEGRITY ACT**

**Public Act 101-518, House Bill 3671**

This new law adds requirements for documentation requirements and reasonable accommodations to permit persons with disabilities to use an assistance animal. It allows for denial if the animal poses a danger or causes damage and provides that housing providers are not liable for injury caused by a permitted animal as a reasonable accommodation.

## **TEACHERS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

**Public Act 101-159, House Bill 3701**

The new act updates personnel requirements related to educators at DJJ to address problems the system has with finding qualified teachers.



## **REDUCING JUVENILE RECIDIVISM**

**Public Act 101-219, House Bill 3704**

This new law codifies the use of policies and procedures at the DJJ that emphasize the importance family engagement, as well as other services such as mental health, and education to successfully rehabilitate juveniles and reduce recidivism.

## **PUBLICLY-ACCESSIBLE DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS**

**Public Act 101-293, House Bill 3711**

While publicly-accessible baby diaper changing stations are already available in most public facilities, this legislation updates the law to ensure a changing station is readily available in both men and women's restrooms or a restroom accessible to both men and women. It also requires signage to be displayed indicating the location of changing facilities.

## **FREIGHT TRAIN CREW SIZE**

**Public Act 101-294, Senate Bill 24**

This legislation required all rail carriers to have an operating crew of at least two members on any train or light engine used in connection with moving freight. However, on May 23, 2019, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced that no regulation of train crew staffing is necessary or appropriate at this time. The FRA intends for the withdrawal to preempt all state laws attempting to regulate train crew staffing in any manner.

## **FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE ELDERLY**

**Public Act 101-394, Senate Bill 69**

Anyone who financially exploits the elderly or disabled can be tried any county the offense occurred or where the victim(s) reside. Consent is not a defense if the accused knew or had reason to know the elderly or disabled person lacked the capacity to consent.

## **PROTECTIONS AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**Public Act 101-221, Senate Bill 75**

Hotels and casinos must adopt anti-sexual harassment policies and make the utilization of a safety device available to employees. The law prohibits retaliation against an employee for using a safety device or making use of the protections of the anti-sexual harassment policy. The act limits the terms of employment agreements that restrict specified employee rights with respect to allegations of unlawful conduct. It further requires units of local government to add language to their sexual harassment policies including how to report allegations of sexual harassment by one elected official against another. The Department of Human Rights (DHR) must adopt a model sexual harassment training prevention clause.

## **WATCHING AND DRIVING PROHIBITED**

**Public Act 101-297, Senate Bill 86**

This legislation adds language to the Vehicle Code to clarify the definition of "video devices" to include cell phones, tablets, two-way messaging devices, and electronic games. This section clarifies bans on these devices are already included in existing law.

## **TINTED LIGHTS ON CARS**

**Public Act 101-189, Senate Bill 87**

No person shall drive or move any motor vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lighting or combination of lighting with a smoked or tinted lens or cover.

## **DISSOLUTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS**

**Public Act 101-289, Senate Bill 90**

Drainage districts may be dissolved if one or more municipalities accounts for at least 75% of the drainage district's territory and if each impacted municipality and county adopts a resolution for dissolution. The law is limited to the Lake Michigan Watershed, Chicago/Calumet Watershed, Des Plaines River Watershed, or Fox River Watershed, and watersheds wholly contained within a county with a storm water management planning committee.

## **CONTRACTOR PROMPT PAYMENT**

**Public Act 101-594, Senate Bill 104**

State contractors must pay subcontractors within 10 business days or 15 calendar days upon receiving payment. IDOT is required to create a searchable database of all subcontractors and active projects.

## **DENTAL INSURANCE MANDATE EXPANSION**

**Public Act 101-525, Senate Bill 111**

This new act expands the insurance coverage mandate for dental anesthetics for individuals diagnosed with autism or a developmental disability from under 19 years old to under 26 years old.

## **DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT RECORDS**

**Public Act 101-161, Senate Bill 117**

If the rights and privileges accorded to a parent under the Illinois School Student Records Act have been transferred to a student, a school must give the student reasonable prior notice before any student record is destroyed or any information deleted from the record. The law specifies methods of providing such notice.

## **ESTABLISHES STATEWIDE STANDARD FOR RABIES INOCULATION FOR NON-FERAL CATS**

**Public Act 101-299, Senate Bill 131**

Every cat that is not a feral cat shall be inoculated against rabies, under this law. The fees associated with the vaccine and certificate of completion are determined by the county board. The registration requirements or any fee imposed by the county under the Act shall not apply to feral cats.

## **CHILD PERFORMERS TRUST ACCOUNTS**

**Public Act 101-526, Senate Bill 147**

Before working as a child performer, a trust account must be established which provides at least 15% of gross wages to be deposited into the account. The account can only be accessed by the child performer.

## **PRISONER ACCESS TO JOB WEBSITES**

**Public Act 101-397, Senate Bill 156**

The Director of Corrections and Secretary of the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) must jointly adopt a means which allows committed individuals in a DOC facility to access approved job search and career-building websites.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WORKER PROTECTION UNIT**

**Public Act 101-527, Senate Bill 161**

This new law creates the Worker Protection Unit within the Attorney General's Office to be dedicated to combating businesses which underpay workers, force unsafe conditions, or avoid taxes, and to intervene in such cases.

## **MAKING MAMMOGRAM SCREENING MORE ACCESSIBLE**

**Public Act 101-580, Senate Bill 162**

This Act broadens the availability of mammogram screening for women across Illinois by requiring public and private insurance plans to cover comprehensive ultrasound screenings if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue, or when medically necessary as determined by a licensed physician. It also requires coverage for diagnostic mammograms.

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENT TRUSTEE**

**Public Act 101-300, Senate Bill 172**

To determine status of residency of a potential or current student trustee, the student must provide either evidence of an Illinois dwelling for at least six months, a current and valid driver's license, or a valid Illinois voter registration as opposed to providing evidence of all three.

## **MODERNIZING HEALTH AND ESTATE DIRECTIVES**

**Public Act 101-163, Senate Bill 182**

This new law allows electronic documents and signatures to apply to living wills and healthcare power of attorney. It provides that electronic declarations may be created, signed, or revoked electronically, and requires IDPH to study the feasibility of creating a statewide registry of advance directives.

## **AGENCY ELIGIBILITY LISTS**

**Public Act 101-192, Senate Bill 190**

If an agency requests an open competitive eligible list from CMS, the director must also provide the Successful Disability Opportunities Program eligible candidate list.

## **INDEPENDENT ESCROWEES AND "GOOD FUNDS"**

**Public Act 101-301, Senate Bill 195**

This law corrects an oversight in a previously-enacted law to provide the definition of "good funds" includes a check drawn on the fiduciary trust account of an independent escrowee.

## **EXTENDING THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT ISSUANCE OF NOTES**

**Public Act 101-302, Senate Bill 205**

This law extends the “non-referendum bonding authority of” the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2034.

## **TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

**Public Act 101-529, Senate Bill 218**

Sexual crimes such as predatory criminal sexual assault, sexual conduct by the use of force, criminal sexual assault, among others are added to the list of convictions of the parent requiring DCFS to request that the State’s Attorney file a petition or motion for termination of parental rights. The law adds sexual crimes to the presumption a parent is deprived and unfit for adopting.

## **ADDRESSING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION**

**Public Act 101-530, Senate Bill 220**

This legislation mandates that “real estate transactions” will include loan modification services. DHR may (rather than shall) conduct a fact-finding conference; it also provides that the formal training program for newly appointed commissioners of the Human Rights Commission shall also include current issues in housing discrimination. The Department shall authorize, and within 30 days after the entry of the administrative closure order, shall commence and maintain a civil action on behalf of the aggrieved party seeking relief.

## **UPDATING THE COURT REPORTERS ACT**

**Public Act 101-581, Senate Bill 397**

This legislation updates the Court Reporters Act, which has not been updated for 25 years and has since become partially outdated. Among other provisions, it deletes specific amounts for a court reporter’s salary and deletes credited court reporter proficiency ratings. It also provides that court reporters employed by the state shall be paid semi-monthly (rather than monthly) and that the employer representatives (rather than the Supreme Court) shall collectively bargain over wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment of all persons employed as court reporting services employees.

## **PROTECTING THE IDENTITY/LOCATION OF ABUSE VICTIMS**

**Public Act 101-211, Senate Bill 399**

This legislation seeks to protect the privacy of domestic violence victims. It specifies that if a party states in the pleading or the affidavit that disclosure of an address would risk abuse or harm to the party or a family member, the address may be omitted from documents filed with the court. Under this bill, a party is not required to include in the pleading or affidavit a domestic violence safe house address or an address changed as a result of a protective order.

## **ADDRESSING SEXUALLY AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR BY INMATES**

**Public Act 101-401, Senate Bill 416**

A defendant being found guilty of an administrative infraction related to an act or acts of public indecency or sexual misconduct in a penal institution shall be considered a factor in aggravation in sentencing.

## **IN-SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS INFUSED PRODUCTS**

**Public Act 101-370, Senate Bill 455**

All schools and school districts must allow a school nurse or school administrator to administer a medical cannabis infused product to a student who is a registered qualifying patient while on school premises or at a school sponsored activity. The schools may authorize the self-administration of the medical cannabis infused product by a student under the direct supervision of a school nurse or school administrator. It also requires ISBE, in consultation with DPH, to develop a training curriculum for school nurses and school administrators on the administration of medical cannabis-infused products.

## **REFOCUSING SCHOOLS' MENTAL HEALTH CURRICULUM**

**Public Act 101-305, Senate Bill 459**

This legislation requires the school instruction on mental health to evaluate the multiple dimensions of health by reviewing the relationship between physical and mental health to enhance student understanding, attitudes, and behaviors that promote health, well-being, and human dignity.

## **MANDATING MINORITY OWNED PARTICIPATION IN CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**Public Act 101-170, Senate Bill 534**

This new law creates the Bureau on Apprenticeship Programs within the Department of Labor (DOL), and it creates the Advisory Board for Diversity in Active Apprenticeship Program Approved by the USDOL, comprised of 12 legislative members appointed by the Caucus Leaders to advise DOL of programs to increase diversity in active apprenticeship. It also provides that CMS shall conduct a second social scientific study measuring the impact of discrimination on minority and women business development in the state; and it extends the repeal of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act until June 30, 2024, from 2020.

## **GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS**

**Public Act 101-165, Senate Bill 556**

Every single-occupancy restroom in a place of public accommodation or public building shall be identified as all-gender and designated for use by no more than one person at a time or for family or assisted-use. Each single-occupancy restroom shall be outfitted with exterior signage that marks the single-occupancy restroom as a restroom and does not indicate any specific gender. These provisions apply to any existing or future places of public accommodation or public buildings.

## **AMENDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD**

**Public Act 101-308, Senate Bill 584**

The new law replaces a county appointment on the board of the Metro-East Sanitary District with a municipal appointment by the Mayor of Granite City. This new Act also places a residency requirement on the District's Director. As well, limitations have been placed on a Director's contract.

## **ALLOWING TOWNSHIPS TO HELP DISTRIBUTE PUBLIC AID**

**Public Act 101-309, Senate Bill 640**

In a county under township organization, a township may provide funds and administer programs for providing in-kind aid for food, paper goods, toiletries, clothing, and other basic maintenance needs to persons

who are poor, indigent, homeless, or in need of immediate assistance. The township will use moneys received and collected for public aid.

## **PROTECTING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY CONSUMERS**

### **Public Act 101-590, Senate Bill 651**

This legislation is a comprehensive consumer protection bill targeting abusive and unscrupulous alternative retail energy and gas suppliers, while at the same time, holding harmless suppliers that play by the rules in the competitive retail electric or natural gas markets. The new law includes protections for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) customers and prohibits any supplier from switching customer bills from a fixed-rate contract to a variable contract without express consent from the customer. To help customers better understand their energy bills, alternative supplies will now be required to disclose the “price-to-compare” on all marketing materials, as well as on each customer’s bill. The new law also provides for greater regulatory oversight by the Attorney General’s office by amending the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and implementing numerous prohibitions and mandates on suppliers. The new requirements are taken, in part, from the current ICC marketing practice and customer enrollment rules covered under Part 412 and Part 453 of the ICC Administrative Code.

## **EXTENDING THE OPEN OPERATING STANDARDS ACT**

### **Public Act 101-314, Senate Bill 725**

This legislation repeals the January 21, 2021, statutory repeal date of the Open Operating Standards Act, which established an open operating standard, known as “Illinois Open Data” for the state. Under this standard, each agency of state government under the jurisdiction of the Governor is required to make available public data sets of public information. DoIT suggested to the Governor’s office that the expiration date on the Act be repealed as part of its legislative initiative for 2019.

## **INCREASING NATIVE AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT**

### **Public Act 101-534, Senate Bill 727**

This legislation creates the Native American Employment Plan Act and adds Native Americans and the Native American Employment Plan to affirmative action provisions. It requires CMS to implement plans to increase the number of Native Americans employed by the state. It also creates the Native American Employment Plan Advisory Council and sets requirements for the membership, meetings, and duties of the Council. CMS will report to the General Assembly each state agency’s activities that implement the Native American Employment Plan.

## **CLARIFYING ALLOCATION OF DUI EDUCATION AND ROADSIDE MEMORIAL FUNDS**

### **Public Act 101-196, Senate Bill 728**

The Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act that was enacted last year removed the \$50 DUI fine that was placed into the Roadside Memorial Program effective July 1, 2019. This legislation is intended to better distribute the remaining funds in the Roadside Memorial Fund by providing DUI prevention through education and prevent the funds from being swept. It creates the DUI Prevention and Education Commission, also creates the DUI Prevention and Education Fund as a special fund in the state treasury. Any remaining balance in excess of \$30,000 from the Roadside Memorial Fund will be transferred to the DUI Prevention and Education Fund. The \$30,000 retained for DUI memorials is estimated to provide 20 years of signage. The FY 20 budget implementation bill reinstated the \$50 fine in the Roadside Memorial program.

## **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT**

**Public Act 101-197, Senate Bill 765**

This will allow all township boards to appoint a non-resident as a highway commissioner, or appoint a resident of under one-year as a commissioner, or to contract with a neighboring township for a highway commissioner. For such appointments, the road district must be within a township with no incorporated town, have a population of less than 500, and have no qualified candidate who has resided in the township for at least one year who is willing to serve as highway commissioner.

## **DISABILITY LICENSE PLATES FOR VETERANS**

**Public Act 101-536, Senate Bill 944**

This new law will allow disabled veterans plates on motorcycles. It makes both the Disabled Veteran license plate and the ISERVE license plate available to qualifying motorcyclists.

## **PEDIATRIC CANCER LICENSE PLATE**

**Public Act 101-372, Senate Bill 946**

This act creates a license plate that promotes pediatric cancer research in memory of Jonny Wade, a child from Jerseyville who died from cancer on Christmas Eve 2015. Money from the sale of the plates will be put into the Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund and will be distributed as grants to the Cancer Center of Illinois.

## **DUPAGE DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX ENFORCEMENT**

**Public Act 101-198, Senate Bill 1041**

This is DuPage County-specific legislation that seeks to enforce delinquent property taxes owed by an entity leasing property from a local taxing body. In DuPage County, if a lessee is liable for payment of property taxes extended against property that is owned by a taxing district, and those taxes remain unpaid in whole or in part 60 days after the second installment due date, then the county treasurer shall promptly notify the taxing district that owns the property of the delinquency in writing. The taxing district shall promptly notify the county supervisor of assessments upon the execution of a new lease or the termination of a lease for property owned by the taxing district. The state's attorney may, then, bring an action against the lessee in the circuit court to recover the delinquent taxes.

## **PROTECTING ADJOINING PROPERTIES FROM HEALTH HAZARDS**

**Public Act 101-200, Senate Bill 1114**

This legislation seeks to better address transferable health or safety risks, such as garbage, carcasses or food, from impacting adjoining units or properties to protect residents. It provides that if a county finds that an imminent hazard to the public health or safety exists on residential property of one acre or less, arising from an unfit condition which requires immediate action to protect the public health or safety, it may bring an action, without bond, for immediate injunctive relief and removal of the hazardous materials. The county may file a notice of lien for the cost and expense of actions taken.

## **CLARIFYING THE ACUPUNCTURE PRACTICE ACT**

**Public Act 101-201, Senate Bill 1133**

This legislation specifies that no person licensed under the Acupuncture Practice Act may hold himself or herself out as being trained in Chinese herbology without proof of having a specified status or successful completion of a specified examination, with a violation constituting a ground for disciplinary action.

## **MAILING NOTICE OF ACTION UNDER THE JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE ARTICLE**

**Public Act 101-539, Senate Bill 1134**

In any action brought under the Judicial Foreclosure Article of the Civil Code, if a plaintiff files an affidavit showing that the defendant has left the state, or cannot be found, the plaintiff will publish notice in a newspaper in the county in which the action is pending. The clerk of the court, within 10 days of the first publication of the notice, will mail a copy to each defendant whose place of residence is stated.

## **ADULT VOCATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Public Act 101-315, Senate Bill 1167**

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission will establish and administer an adult vocational community college scholarship (up to \$2,000/recipient/academic year) program for people over the age of 30 who have been unemployed and are actively searching for employment and who can identify the specific training certificate, credential, or associate degree that he or she is seeking to obtain. Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship if they can demonstrate continual progress toward the desired certificate, credential, or degree.

## **NO NOTICE REQUIRED TO RESUME USE OF MAIDEN NAME**

**Public Act 101-203, Senate Bill 1191**

A person who has received a judgment for dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage and wishes to resume the use of his or her former or maiden name is not required to provide notice by publication of the change of name.

## **PHLEBOTOMY TRAINING EVERY 3 YEARS**

**Public Act 101-542, Senate Bill 1214**

DPH must ensure that those who draw blood from children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are trained at least once every 3 years using finger-prick equipment, hemoglobin testing equipment, and all other related equipment that can be adapted to serve patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nonprofit blood banks or the affiliated laboratories of nonprofit blood banks are exempted from the law.

## **DCFS REPORTING ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN**

**Public Act 101-583, Senate Bill 1239**

Any report received by DCFS alleging the abuse or neglect of a child by a person who is not the child's parent, a member of the child's immediate family, a person responsible for the child's welfare, an individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent, shall immediately be referred to the appropriate local enforcement agency for consideration of criminal investigation or other action.

## **STUDENTS ALLOWED TO SELF-ADMINISTER MEDICATIONS**

**Public Act 101-205, Senate Bill 1250**

A school district must allow any student with an asthma action plan, an Individual Health Care Action Plan, an Illinois Food Allergy Emergency Action Plan and Treatment Authorization Form, a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or a plan pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to self-administer any medication required under those plans. The student's parent or guardian must provide the school with written permission for the student's self-administration of medication and written authorization from the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for the student to self-administer the medication. A parent or guardian must provide the



school the prescription label for the medication, which must contain the name of the medication, the prescribed dosage, and the time or times at which or the circumstances under which the medication is to be administered. School employees incur no liability of any injury from the self-administration except for willful and wanton misconduct.

## **NO DIESEL VEHICLE IDLING OVER 10 MINUTES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS** **Public Act 101-319, Senate Bill 1256**

People may not cause or allow a motor vehicle of 8,000 pounds or more to idle for more than a total of 10 minutes within any 60-minute period under any circumstances if the vehicle is within 200 feet of a residential area. These idling rules are restricted to properties that offer paid parking services to vehicle owners, do not involve fuel dispensing, and are located within a county of over 3 million residents but outside of a municipality of over 2 million residents. These provisions do not apply to school buses, ambulances, waste hauling vehicles, facilities operated by IDOT, or vehicles owned by a public utility and operated to power equipment necessary in the restoration, repair, modification, or installation of a utility service.

## **AMENDS THE REVISED UNIFORM UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT** **Public Act 101-546, Senate Bill 1264**

The Act does not apply to any annuity, pension, or benefit fund held in a fiduciary capacity by a retirement system, pension fund, or investment board created under any article of the Pension Code. Property presumed abandoned in an annuity, pension, or benefit fund shall be reported by the retirement system, pension fund, or investment board to the administrator. No retirement system, pension fund, or investment board shall pay or deliver any annuity, pension, or benefit fund to the administrator. The provisions are retroactive to January 1, 2018. A retirement system, pension fund, or investment board created under specified articles of the Pension Code shall meet or exceed specified minimum standards for due diligence if an annuity, pension, or benefit fund would otherwise be presumed abandoned. A retirement system, pension fund, or investment board does not need to engage in due diligence if: the property is no longer presumptively abandoned because an apparent owner responds or otherwise indicates interest in the property in response to the due diligence efforts; or the property has a value of less than \$50. The administrator and each retirement system, pension fund, and investment board shall enter into an interagency agreement concerning the implementation of the compliance provisions.

## **UPDATES REFERENCES REGARDING THE CRIME OF IDENTITY THEFT** **Public Act 101-324, Senate Bill 1294**

This legislation changes references in the Criminal Code of 2012 from “personal identification information” to “personal identifying information.” It makes conforming changes concerning personal identifying (rather than identification) information.

## **HEAVY-DUTY TOW VEHICLES PERMITS** **Public Act 101-547, Senate Bill 1343**

An “extreme heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicle” is defined as a unit having a lifting capacity of not less than 50 tons, and having either 4 axles and an unladen weight, of not more than 80,000 pounds or 5 axles and an unladen weight not more than 90,000 pounds. These tow trucks may lawfully travel to and from the scene of a disablement and clear a disabled vehicle if the towing service has obtained an extreme heavy-duty tow and recovery permit for the vehicle. The form and content of the permit shall be determined by IDOT with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction.

## **COVERED CLAIMS UNDER THE ILLINOIS INSURANCE GUARANTY FUND**

**Public Act 101-549, Senate Bill 1377**

The Director of Insurance shall approve a plan of division unless he or she finds that each new company created by the proposed division, except a new company that is a non-surviving party to certain mergers, that will be a member insurer of the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and that will have policy liabilities allocated to it will not be licensed to do insurance business in each state where such policies were written by the dividing company.

## **JURY SERVICE NON-DISCRIMINATION**

**Public Act 101-327, Senate Bill 1378**

Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no person who is qualified and able to serve as a juror may be excluded from jury service in any court on the basis of, among other things, sexual orientation.

## **STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAY DESIGNATION**

**Public Act 101-328, Senate Bill 1381**

Class II highways include state highways and designated local roads not built to interstate highway standards that have at least 11 feet lane widths. Each unit of local government may report to IDOT any limitations prohibiting the operation of vehicles imposed by ordinance or resolution in the unit of local government's non-designated highway system.

## **MICROPLASTICS REVIEW**

**Public Act 101-330, Senate Bill 1392**

The Prairie Research Institute will conduct a detailed review to identify the threat of microplastics to human health and the environment. Their findings will be submitted to the General Assembly including recommendations for legislative or regulatory actions the state can take to protect human health and the environment from microplastics.

## **BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY COMMISSIONERS / MONEY TO MADISON MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**Public Act 101-584, Senate Bill 1418**

A county authorized to appoint commissioners that does not contract for light rail service with the Bi-State Development Agency and pay for that service in part with county-generated revenue shall be limited to one commissioner. The Bi-State Development Agency shall pass through 100% of specified Urbanized Area Formula Funding program assistance and funding to the Madison Mass Transit District. The Agency shall retain specified Urbanized Area Formula Funding program funds constituting the total commitment and payment in full for: (1) all claims, debts or obligations, rights, liabilities made or asserted by the Agency, arising out of any previous service agreements, issues, or relationship between the District and the Agency occurring on or before June 30, 2019; and (2) any capital or operating subsidy for the MetroLink Light Rail System.

## **IMMIGRATION STATUS NOT ADMISSIBLE IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS**

**Public Act 101-550, Senate Bill 1429**

Evidence of a person's immigration status is not admissible in any civil proceeding unless: it is essential to prove an element of a claim or an affirmative defense, or the person or his or her attorney voluntarily reveals their immigration status to the court. The court shall conduct a hearing to review the probative value of the person's immigration status. If the court finds the probative value of the person's immigration status

outweighs its prejudicial nature, the court shall make findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the permitted use of the evidence. The motion, related papers, and the record of the hearing shall be sealed and remain under seal unless the court orders otherwise. A party who communicates to a person or witness any threat to or actually disclose a person's or witness's immigration status to any entity or immigration or law enforcement agency with the intent to deter the person from testifying commits a Class C misdemeanor.

## **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS GRANTED FOR MILLENNIUM GARAGES IN CHICAGO**

**Public Act 101-551, Senate Bill 1456**

Certain leasehold property (located in a municipality with a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants that is not subject to a parking taxation) that is used for an airport, for parking, or for waste disposal or processing and is used for a non-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as a leasehold for the period of time during which it is used for that non-exempt purpose. The use of a portion of that property for a non-exempt purpose shall have no effect on the exemption of the remaining portion of the property that continues to be used for an exempt purpose or the future exemption of that same portion of the property if it ceases to be used for a non-exempt purpose and returned to use for an exempt purpose.

## **FUNDS PRIORITY FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

**Public Act 101-333, Senate Bill 1460**

The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program, which allows Illinois' teachers to participate in the National Board Certified Teachers program, is amended to create a new class of incentives under the National Board Certified Teachers program for rural and remote school districts and teachers, if adequate funds are available. If funded, this legislation will provide extra incentives to rural and remote schools and teachers to participate in the program.

## **OVERSIGHT AND REGULATIONS ON PREPAY FUNERAL SERVICES**

**Public Act 101-552, Senate Bill 1464**

When funds are on deposit or held in trust in relation to a prepayment funeral contract, those funds are presumed abandoned 40 years after the contract was executed, unless the apparent owner has indicated an interest in the property more than 40 years after the contract was executed. If so, funds are then considered abandoned three years after the last indication of interest by the apparent owner.

## **LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES MAY BE SUED FOR FAILING TO ALLOW RECORD INSPECTIONS**

**Public Act 101-553, Senate Bill 1495**

If a limited liability corporation (LLC) fails to permit the inspection of records as required under the Limited Liability Company Act, the person making the request or demand may now file legal action to compel the company to permit the inspection and may, within reason, recover legal fees and copying costs.

## **INCREASED MAXIMUM FINES FOR COMMITTING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN WORK ZONES**

**Public Act 101-172, Senate Bill 1496**

Drivers who fail to obey any official traffic-control device shall be fined no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000. Penalties for violation of the requirement to use caution in approaching or entering a highway construction or maintenance area or zone increase from a maximum fine of \$10,000 to a maximum fine of \$25,000.

## **DENSE BREAST TISSUE ACT**

**Public Act 101-555, Senate Bill 1506**

Facilities that provide mammography services in Illinois must inform women with dense breast tissue who get a mammogram that they have such tissue and provide information regarding its impact on cancer detection.

## **LEGAL RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF 'REVENGE PORN'**

**Public Act 101-556, Senate Bill 1507**

When private sexual images are distributed without the depicted individual's permission, the depicted individual may now sue the distributor for damages if the depicted person suffers harm from intentional dissemination of private sexual images without the depicted individual's consent. Victims of 'revenge porn' may now sue for damages and use a pseudonym or the court may exclude or redact the plaintiff's name and other identifying characteristics from all pleadings and documents filed.

## **STIPENDS AND TUITION SUPPORT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN DCFS CARE**

**Public Act 101-558, Senate Bill 1525**

Students who are the court-ordered legal responsibility of DCFS and who have earned their high school diploma or GED who wish to join an apprenticeship program are now eligible for tuition assistance, fee waivers and a stipend while working in a DCEO-recognized apprenticeship. Youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, and youth formerly under care who have been adopted or who have been placed in private guardianship shall receive a tuition and fee waiver to assist them in attending and completing their post-secondary education at any community college, university, or college maintained by the state of Illinois.

## **DEFENDANTS IN LAWSUITS MUST BE MADE AWARE OF ITEMS AND COSTS BEING SOUGHT**

**Public Act 101-403, Senate Bill 1526**

Except in personal injury lawsuits, every count in every complaint and counterclaim must now request specific remedies the party believes it should receive from the court. In a personal injury action, a party may not claim an amount of money unless necessary to comply with the circuit court rules about where a case is assigned.

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS AND DELAYS CAUSED BY DISTRIBUTORS**

**Public Act 101-113, Senate Bill 1529**

To help out the renewable energy providers who have been unable to connect to the electric power transmission system due to forces that were out of their control, this new law states if a project for the delivery of a renewable energy credit from wind, solar, or brownfield site has delays in the establishment of an operating interconnection with the applicable transmission or distribution system as a result of the actions or inactions of the transmission or distribution provider, or other causes for force majeure as outlined in the procurement contract, the delivery shall begin not later than June 1, 2022, rather than 2021.

## **VIDEO GAMING FEES INCREASED IN ROCKFORD**

**Public Act 101-337, Senate Bill 1558**

The city of Rockford may now impose any fee for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$250 per year. Prior fees were capped at \$25 per year.

## **INFANT DEATH INVESTIGATIONS**

**Public Act 101-338, Senate Bill 1568**

To better protect infants from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, a death investigation for an infant is required to note any hazards observed at the scene of a sudden and unexpected death. These factors, such as the conditions of the infant's sleep environment, shall be noted on the infant's death certificate when available. Better collection of information about these hazards could be used to prevent future infant deaths.

## **STRENGTHENING LOCAL CONTROL OVER ADULT BUSINESSES**

**Public Act 101-405, Senate Bill 1580**

Brought forward on behalf of the DuPage County State's Attorney, this new law broadens the scope of adult businesses that may be subject to county ordinance and provides for judicial review of licensing decisions. The law also allows DuPage County to use a code adjudication program for prosecuting ordinance violations and brings laws in line with a recent Supreme Court decision.

## **COOK COUNTY WARRANTS WILL EXPIRE AFTER 5 YEARS IF NOT RENEWED**

**Public Act 101-406, Senate Bill 1583**

An arrest warrant issued for an offender who violated condition of his or her probation, conditional discharge, or supervision where there is danger of his or her fleeing the jurisdiction or causing serious harm to others or when the offender fails to answer a summons or notice from the clerk of the court or sheriff for certain underlying convictions shall remain active for a period not to exceed 10 years from the date the warrant was issued unless a motion to extend the warrant is filed by the State's Attorney. This law only applies to warrants in Cook County.

## **CORRECTING NON-FACTUAL INFORMATION ON FOR-PROFIT WEBSITES SELLING ACCESS TO CRIMINAL RECORDS**

**Public Act 101-431, Senate Bill 1599**

It is now illegal for individuals or entities to profit from publishing a person's criminal record information if that person or entity fails to correct an error in the individual's criminal record information under specified circumstances. The person harmed by the release of this false information may be granted damages of \$100 per day, plus attorney's fees, for the publisher's failure to correct the criminal record information after a formal request has been made and a fee has been charged.

## **TEACHING ILLINOIS HISTORY**

**Public Act 101-341, Senate Bill 1601**

Public schools must now include instruction on the history of Illinois beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Existing law currently requires Illinois history to be taught in fourth-grade classrooms. This new law adds Illinois history to the required history of the United States course.

## **PRE-TRIAL DETENTION MONETARY CREDIT**

**Public Act 101-408, Senate Bill 1609**

The monetary amount of credit a person earns while in pre-trial detention is increased by this law by providing that any person incarcerated on a bailable offense who does not supply bail and against whom a fine is levied on conviction shall be allowed a credit of \$30 (rather than \$5) for each day incarcerated. The Cook County Public Defender stated that the credit for incarceration has been \$5 since the early 1960s and it should be adjusted to conform with inflation.

## **INFORMING DEFENDANTS OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF A GUILTY PLEA**

**Public Act 101-409, Senate Bill 1610**

If a court fails to advise a defendant that they may be deported, be excluded from admission to the United States, or denied of naturalization after their conviction, the court upon the defendant's motion, is required to vacate the judgment and permit the defendant to withdraw the plea. This new law was enacted to improve judicial compliance with the current law that requires judicial notification of the immigration consequences of guilty pleas.

## **DATA BREACH NOTICE TO INCLUDE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**Public Act 101-343, Senate Bill 1624**

In the event of a data breach of more than 500 Illinois residents in a single event, this new law requires a data collector to notify the Attorney General, in addition to the individuals. It allows the Attorney General to publish the name of the data collector that suffered a breach, the types of personal information compromised in the breach, and the date range of the breach.

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICTS**

**Public Act 101-344, Senate Bill 1651**

This new law expands the authority of a forest preserve district to grant licenses, easements and rights-of-way for renewable energy projects. An initiative of the DuPage Forest Preserve District, it is meant to permit the district to pursue green energy partnerships. The District may fit maintenance facilities with solar panels to make them self-efficient. This new law will afford all downstate Forest Preserve Districts the same opportunity.

## **MAKING SCHOOLS SAFER AND MORE SECURE**

**Public Act 101-413, Senate Bill 1658**

Subject to appropriation or private donations, ISBE is authorized to award grants to school districts to support school safety and security. Grant funds may be used for school security improvements, including professional development, safety-related upgrades to school buildings, equipment, including metal detectors and x-ray machines, and facilities including school-based health centers.

## **EDUCATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS**

**Public Act 101-347, Senate Bill 1694**

High schools may include in their curriculum a unit of instruction on workplace preparation that covers legal protections in the workplace, including but not limited to topics such as protection against sexual harassment and racial and other forms of discrimination. Local school boards may determine the minimum amount of instruction time.

## **STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

**Public Act 101-587, Senate Bill 1702**

An advanced practice psychiatric nurse will have the same authority as other healthcare workers to restrain, seclude, certify for admission and examine patients admitted for psychological reasons. The law allows the use of videoconferencing for the required examination to make it easier to prevent inappropriate discharges and illegal detentions, especially when considering the shortage of psychiatrists in Illinois.

## **CLOSING A LOOPHOLE IN FOIA**

**Public Act 101-434, Senate Bill 1712**

The Freedom of Information Act is amended to exempt from disclosure a public body's credit card numbers, debit card numbers, bank account numbers, Federal Employer Identification Number, security code numbers, passwords, and similar account information.

## **MAKING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENTS MORE ACCESSIBLE**

**Public Act 101-349, Senate Bill 1715**

This new law is aimed at allowing patients to receive access to prescription drugs that they have previously received at a treatment center which is now closed, but be administered by a pharmacist. It provides that the "practice of pharmacy" includes the administration of injections of long-term antipsychotic medications pursuant to a valid prescription by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, upon completion of appropriate training conducted by an Accreditation Council of Pharmaceutical Education.

## **CREATES A DEMENTIA COORDINATOR AT IDPH**

**Public Act 101-588, Senate Bill 1726**

The full-time position of Dementia Coordinator is created within DPH. The coordinator is responsible for activities associated with and relevant to the successful implementation of the Alzheimer's Disease State Plan.

## **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Public Act-101-350, Senate Bill 1731**

This legislation provides an alternative route for school personnel to receive training on mental health awareness outside of in-service training by allowing school districts to utilize the Illinois Mental Health First Aid training program administered by certified instructors.

## **ADDRESSING DEFICIENCIES WITHIN DCFS**

**Public Act 101-166, Senate Bill 1743**

Children in the state's foster care system will be given an opportunity to have their voices heard about issues within the system that affect them under this measure. This law requires DCFS to develop, process and administer a standardized survey to gather feedback from youth who are currently aging out or who have recently aged out of the foster care system. The goal is to help DCFS and supporting agencies identify deficiencies in the system by learning about them from the people directly affected by them, leading to changes in policy to help address these issues.

## **MEDICAID ENROLLMENT SCREENING FOR INMATES UPON RELEASE**

**Public Act 101-351, Senate Bill 1744**

DOC must assist eligible persons in completing the Medicaid eligibility application process to ensure persons receive benefits as soon as possible after they are released from incarceration. If the released person's residence is temporary (such as a halfway house), the eligible person must notify DHS of the new address when they transition to permanent housing.

## **HARSHER PENALTIES FOR FLEEING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT**

**Public Act 101-417, Senate Bill 1750**

This measure adds an aggravating factor to sentencing considerations for those who cause an accident by being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or distracted by an electronic communication device and then flee the scene.

## **EXPANDING CHILD ABUSE TRAINING AND MANDATED REPORTER REQUIREMENTS**

**Public Act 101-564, Senate Bill 1778**

This new law requires training for all mandated child abuse reporters. It adds clergy members to the list of mandated reporters and requires all mandated reporters to report the same type of abuse.

## **PROHIBITION ON REFUSING REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS DUE TO ARREST RECORDS**

**Public Act 101-565, Senate Bill 1780**

This law makes it a civil rights violation for a person engaging in a real estate transaction to refuse the transaction because of an arrest record.

## **INCLUDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE SCHOOL CODE**

**Public Act 101-630, Senate Bill 1798**

Each school district must create, maintain, and implement an age-appropriate policy on sexual harassment that must be posted on the school district's website and included in the district's student code of conduct handbook.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**Public Act 101-419, Senate Bill 1806**

This law amends the Governmental Account Audit Act, the Counties Code, and the Illinois Municipal Code to add clarifying language with respect to accounting and auditing requirements, standards, principles, reporting and financial statements.

## **RESPONDING TO ISSUES WITH ASPHALT PLANT IN MCKINLEY PARK**

**Public Act 101-422, Senate Bill 1847**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) must provide notice to the local state legislators when a permit is required to construct a new facility, and post the information on its website, searchable by ZIP code. A permit is required to construct any facility capable of causing or contributing to air and water pollution or designed to prevent air and water pollution.

## **SCOTT'S LAW PROTECTIONS**

**Public Act 101-173, Senate Bill 1862**

This law is in response to recent violations of Scott's/Move Over Law and is an effort to better inform motorists of the law, including several increases in fines and penalties for breaking the law.



## **STREAMLINING THE LICENSING PROCESS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

**Public Act 101-568, Senate Bill 1888**

This law addresses the critical shortage of licensed social workers in Illinois by closing the gap between when an individual receives their master's degree and when they can sit for the licensing exam. Under the new law, students can sit for the licensing examination during the final semester of their master's program and move into the workforce faster once their degree is completed.

## **HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Public Act 101-358, Senate Bill 1894**

Children and stepchildren of a police officer or firefighter who has died in the line of duty can now be issued special license plates, expanding the existing law that only offered that ability to the surviving spouse and parents of a fallen police officer or firefighter.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE UPDATES**

**Public Act 101-423, Senate Bill 1899**

This act revises and extends the lifespan of Illinois' unemployment insurance tax and unemployment insurance law.

## **STATE POLICE DIVISIONS RENAMED**

**Public Act 101-378, Senate Bill 1915**

The State Police Division of Administration is renamed as the Division of Justice Services.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION RAFFLES**

**Public Act 101-360, Senate Bill 1917**

This legislation updates the licensing of fundraising raffles to allow associations that benefit law enforcement to sell raffle tickets benefiting any law enforcement association across municipal and county lines.

## **21ST CENTURY EMPLOYMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

**Public Act 101-437, Senate Bill 1919**

The Illinois Community College Board shall establish and administer a 21st Century Employment grant program to encourage partnerships between community colleges, high school districts, and businesses to increase the prevalence and availability of manufacturing training programs. The program shall be subject to appropriations.

## **DIESEL CARRIERS TRUCK EMISSION TESTING**

**Public Act 101-362, Senate Bill 1993**

This legislation corrects an unintended consequence of previous law that required double emissions testing of diesel-powered interstate carrier vehicles.

## **STUDY ON THE EXPANSION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**

**Public Act 101-364, Senate Bill 2024**

In an effort to encourage participation in apprenticeship programs to reduce unemployment, DCEO will conduct a study on the potential expansion of apprenticeship programs and produce a report with recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2020.

## **PROTECTING THE MAHOMET AQUIFER**

**Public Act 101-573, Senate Bill 2027**

Based on the recommendations of the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force, this legislation lays out guidelines for the IEPA to continue protecting the groundwater of the aquifer.

## **LICENSING OF NOTARY PUBLIC REMITTANCE AGENTS**

**Public Act 101-366, Senate Bill 2037**

To prevent notarial misconduct on notarized documents, every company, corporation, association, organization, or person that remits notary public applications to the Secretary of State will be required to meet specified standards to qualify for licensure as a notary public remittance agent.

## **ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION**

**Public Act 101-174, Senate Bill 2038**

In the Rules of the Road publication, the Secretary of State will include information advising drivers to use the zipper merge method when merging into a reduced number of lanes. In addition, the Move Over Task Force will study violations of Scott's Law and find better ways to protect law enforcement and emergency responders. At least one question will be included in the written driver's license examination concerning driver responsibilities when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle.

## **PROHIBITION ON REGULATION OF FOOD SERVICE FOR PRIVATE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES**

**Public Act 101-425, Senate Bill 2068**

The Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act is amended to prohibit a public health district from regulating the preparing and serving of food in a private residential leasehold that is prepared by or for the lessees and consumed by the lessees and their guests. DPH and local health departments are already prohibited from regulating food service for private residential leaseholds.

## **PSYCHIATRIST COVERAGE MANDATE**

**Public Act 101-574, Senate Bill 2085**

To address the statewide shortage of psychiatrists in Illinois, this bill requires insurers who provide mental health benefits to provide reimbursement for benefits that are delivered through a psychiatric collaborative care model. It adds the insurance mandate to the required health benefits under the Public Aid Code.

## **PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Public Act 101-368, Senate Bill 2087**

To help Illinois residents with developmental disabilities achieve meaningful employment, this legislation creates the Customized Employment for Individual with Disabilities Act to assist individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or similar conditions resulting in a most significant disability, who seek

employment and require assistance to achieve and maintain integrated employment at competitive wages. DHS shall develop a five-year pilot program that serves at least 25 individuals by the second year.

## **VOTING FOR PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES IN JAIL**

**Public Act 101-442, Senate Bill 2090**

Election authorities are now required to work with county jails to allow individuals in jail for pre-trial to vote by mail for counties under 3 million. Cook County is required to create temporary polling places for pre-trial detainees. It requires IDOC to provide individuals upon their release on parole, mandatory release, final discharge, or pardon, information about his or her voting rights which have been restored and provide a voter registration application.

## **CLEAN WATER WORKFORCE PIPELINE PROGRAM**

**Public Act 101-576, Senate Bill 2146**

The Clean Water Workforce Pipeline Program will provide grants and other financial assistance to prepare and support individuals for careers in water infrastructure. Specifically, grants will be awarded for counseling, preparation, skills training, and other support to increase candidates' likelihood of success in a job training program and career.

## **STREAMLINING THE STATE PROPERTY LEASE RENEWAL PROCESS**

**Public Act 101-426, Senate Bill 2153**

A state purchasing officer must publish in the Procurement Bulletin the exercise of a lease renewal, at least 30 (currently 60) calendar days prior to the exercise of the option. CMS believes this change will help to streamline the real property lease renewal process, and asserts that any renewal terms that could be reviewed during the current 60-day period were built into the initially approved lease contract, and thus does not merit the additional 30-day posting period.