



Senate Floor Reports

Bills that passed the Senate March 20, 2019

Disabled Police & Fire Property Tax Exemption (SB 39): Creates a homestead exemption of \$5000 from the EAV of qualified property for police officers and firefighters with duty-related injuries who meet certain criteria.

Open Meetings Training (SB 83): Allows members of a municipal public body to satisfy the Open Meetings Act by participating in training under the Act by an organization that represents municipalities.

Fox Metro Water Reclamation District Elections (SB 100): Changes the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District so that trustees will be elected during consolidated elections instead of appointed by state legislators.

Alderman Foreclosure Notice (SB 169): Provides that the failure to send a notice of foreclosure to an alderman shall result in a stay of the foreclosure until the notice has been delivered. Requires proof of delivery through a certified mail receipt or private carrier that provides proof of delivery.

U of I Student Trustee Residency (SB 172): Changes residency determination for the student trustee on the University of Illinois Board of Trustees to allow for the use of an Identification Card as evidence of the student's Illinois domicile.

In-Office Membership Care Act (SB 174): Provides an alternative to fee-for-service care financed through health insurance by allowing patients and dental care providers to establish direct agreements with one another for the delivery of medical and dental services.

Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund (SB 175): Creates the Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund. Gives authority to disburse money from this fund to municipalities to improve water infrastructure for Cook County residents to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. IEPA is to prioritize grants to municipalities that neither receive water directly from Lake Michigan, nor resell their water to other municipalities.

ROE Safe & Alternative School Grants (SB 185): Updates for FY19, the formula that provides ROE safe/alternative schools supplemental funding if the difference between their program's best 3 months of average daily attendance multiplied by \$6,119 is greater than their base funding minimum. This grant is subject to appropriation.

Firefighter Pensions (SB 194): Provides that a firefighter who previously participated in IMRF but was transferred to the municipality's pension fund as a result of the 2010 census is deemed to be a member of said pension fund on the date he or she first participated in IMRF.

Closed Meeting for Employment Discussion (SB 196): Allows public bodies to hold closed meetings if discussing employment of a specific independent contractor or a specific volunteer. If action is taken during such a closed meeting, the public body must state the reasoning for the action.

DCFS Foster Care Survey (SB 1743): Requires DCFS to conduct a foster care survey every five years to gather feedback from children who are aging out of foster care and from those who have transitioned out of the foster care system.

DOC Medicaid Eligibility Screening (SB 1744):

Requires the Department of Corrections to screen persons for Medicaid eligibility and provide application assistance prior to release from a correctional facility.

Voluntary SNAP Work Requirements (SB 1791):

Makes the SNAP Employment and Training Program Voluntary for Certain Counties where there are not sufficient program slots.

Public Utilities Act (SB 1792):

Creates the Public Utilities Act which requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to contract with an independent consultant selected through a request for proposal process to produce a report analyzing the potential costs and benefits of energy storage systems. Requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to submit a report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 31, 2019.

Local Government Audit Cleanup (SB 1806):

Makes clarifying changes to the Governmental Account Audit Act, the Counties Code, and the Illinois Municipal Code to make updates to terminology concerning auditors and generally accepted auditing standards.

Youth in Care Intergovernmental Agreement (SB 1808):

Creates an intergovernmental agreement between DCFS, DHS, HFS, ISBE, DJJ, DOC, DPH and the Illinois Urban Development Authority to provide preventative services to youth in care, young adults who are aging out of care, and young adults who have recently aged out of the custody of DCFS. Services are aimed at preventing homelessness, incarceration, unemployment and other similar outcomes.

County Prop Tax Board of Review

Requirements (SB 1871): Requires that, for counties with an appointed property tax board of review, a board member must be qualified by experience in property appraisal.

Sexual Harassment Victim Representation Act (SB 1877):

Creates the Sexual Harassment Victim Representation Act, which prohibits a union from designating the same union representative to represent both a victim of sexual harassment and the alleged perpetrator of sexual harassment in disciplinary proceedings.

Task Force on Human Services Contracting Changes (SB 1889):

Amends the Task Force on Human Services Contracting Act to require 7 members (instead of 6) to be appointed by the House and Senate Minority Leaders. Extends the reporting, dissolution and repeal dates by 1 year.

Video Conferencing for Negotiated Pleas (SB 1890):

Allows the chief judge of the circuit to, by rule, permit a personal appearance by means of two-way audio-visual communication at a negotiated plea for a defendant who at the time of the proceeding was serving a sentence of imprisonment for another offense.

Veterans Residency for Tuition (SB 1907):

Stipulates that if a person is on active military duty or receiving veterans' education benefits, they shall be considered an Illinois resident for tuition purposes.

Law Enforcement Raffle Expansion (SB 1917):

Expands the ability to hold raffles to all licensed associations that represent law enforcement officials.

ISP Fund Consolidation (SB 1918):

Abolishes the Sex Offender Investigation Fund and the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Fund. Transfers their revenue streams, balances to the Sex Offender Registration Fund, renamed the Offender Registration Fund. Eliminates grants to local law-enforcement agencies.

Grow Your Own STEM and Vocational Education Teachers Act & Grow Your Own Dual Credit Teachers Program (SB 1930): Creates Grow Your Own STEM and Vocational Education Teachers Act and provides that the State of Illinois, from GRF and subject to appropriation, will waive tuition, fees and living expenses for students who pursue a degree in STEM subjects, agree to attend an Illinois college or university, and agree to teach at least 3 years at an Illinois secondary or community college. Creates the Grow Your Own Dual Credit Teachers Program and provides that the State of Illinois, from GRF and subject to appropriation, will waive tuition and fees for licensed teachers with Master's Degrees that pursue a maximum of 18 graduate hours to teach dual credit and agree to teach at least 5 years at an Illinois high school after the completion of their graduate hours.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Decal (SB 2050): Authorizes the Department of Human Services to issue a decal for developmental disabilities awareness. The decals will have an original issuance fee of \$25; with \$10 to the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. The renewal fee shall be \$25 with \$23 to the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

Adult Education (SB 2126): Makes various changes aimed at improving adult education for those who face barriers to employment and help employers hire and retain skilled workers.