

Illinois Updates – March 11, 2022

Madigan Indicted

Former House Speaker Michael J. Madigan was indicted on federal racketeering and bribery charges Wednesday along with his long-time consigliere Mike McClain. The charges were the latest in an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Attorney of utility Commonwealth Edison, but the 22-count indictment went beyond the ComEd bribery scheme to include charges that Madigan provided political favors in exchange for business for his law firm.

The investigation of Madigan first became public in July 2020, when the U.S. Attorney's Office announced it had reached an agreement with ComEd, the largest utility in Illinois, to end an ongoing federal investigation of the company. The federal government's investigation centered on the utility's use of hiring, contracts and other practices intended to gain favor with the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in exchange for favorable consideration of legislation to benefit the company valued at \$150 million. ComEd was charged with one count of bribery under a deferred prosecution agreement that included a fine of \$200 million and a pledge to cooperate with the investigation.

In addition to charges related to ComEd, the indictment detailed a scheme to help a former Chicago Alderman be appointed to a state board or commission in exchange for directing potential clients to his property tax practice, and a similar plan to pass land transfer legislation in exchange for legal work related to the development. The former Speaker has denied the charges through his attorney.

Pritzker Ends Mask Mandate

Governor JB Pritzker ended the state's mandate for masks in school this Monday, the same day that he had previously set for the mandate to end in places of business and other locations. Prior to the announcement, the Illinois Supreme Court said they would not overturn the circuit and appellate court rulings against the school mask mandate, effectively ending the Governor's authority to require face coverings.

In a related development, House Speaker Chris Welch apparently negotiated a détente with House Republicans over the continued mask requirement, ending several days of protests and remote voting by members who oppose the House face-covering rule. Welch is allowing fifty percent capacity in the House Gallery and allowing pages and reporters access to the House floor. The Speaker asked his Republican colleagues for additional time to refine House Covid-19 protocols in light of decreasing positivity and hospitalization rates. The Senate was not in session this week and has not indicated if their procedures will change going forward.

Ezike to Step Down

Dr. Ngozi Ezike announced this week that she would resign her position as Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health effective March 14, 2022. Ezike was the face of the state's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, speaking alongside Governor JB Pritzker at sometimes daily press conferences providing residents with information regarding the outbreak and state mitigations. Ezike said she is stepping down to spend more time with her family. Deputy Director Amaal Tokars will serve as the interim director until Pritzker names a replacement.

Dates to Remember

- March 4, 2022 – House Third Reading Deadline
- March 25, 2022 – Senate Bills in the House – Committee Deadline
- April 1, 2022 – Senate Bills in the House – Third Reading Deadline
- April 8, 2022 – Scheduled Adjournment



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Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action
IL 102nd HB 4461	Lawrence Walsh, Jr. Andrew S. Chesney Michael Kelly	FIRE DIST-DISCONNECT PAYMENTS Amends the Fire Protection District Act. In provisions relating to amounts a municipality must pay to a fire protection district after disconnection of district territory, provides that a municipality that does not timely make the payment required and which refuses to make such payment within 30 days following a written demand by the fire protection district entitled to the payment or which causes a fire protection district to incur an expense in order to collect the amount to which it is entitled shall, in addition to the amount due, be responsible to reimburse the fire protection district for all costs incurred by the fire protection district in collecting the amount due, including, but not limited to, reasonable legal fees and court costs. Statutes affected: Introduced: 70 ILCS 705/20 IAFPD Initiative - Support	Senate • Mar 08, 2022: Referred to Assignments
IL 102nd HB 4604	Marcus C. Evans, Jr. Suzy Glowiak Hilton	OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY-VARIOUS Amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Provides that citations and notice of violations may be sent to an employer by email to an email address previously designated by the employer for purposes of receiving notice. Provides that a public employer that intentionally violates specified provisions may be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation (rather than \$10,000). Provides that a person may not discharge or in any way discriminate against an employee because the employee has discussed health or safety concerns with a co-worker or authorized employee representative. Provides that in discrimination actions the Department of Labor shall be represented by the Attorney General. Makes changes in provisions concerning occupational safety and health standards; employers' records; informal review; and hearings. Oppose	Senate • Mar 04, 2022: Referred to Assignments
IL 102nd HB 4818	LaToya Greenwood Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. Christopher Belt	PFAS-INCINERATION BAN Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that the disposal by incineration of any perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance, including, but not limited to, aqueous film forming foam, is prohibited. Provides the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency with rulemaking authority. Provides that if a rule or regulation is published by the USEPA regarding all or part of the subjects of these provisions, the rule or regulation shall be controlling over these provisions. Effective immediately.	Senate • Mar 10, 2022: Added as Alternate Co-Sponsor Sen. Melinda Bush
IL 102nd HB 4924	Jay Hoffman	PENCD-DNST FIRE-TREASURER BOND Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Removes language requiring the treasurer of the board to execute a bond to the municipality conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of the office and other conditions. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.	Senate • Mar 07, 2022: Placed on Calendar Order of First Reading March 8, 2022
IL 102nd HB 4931	Mark Luft Daniel Swanson Tony McCombie	EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHERS Amends the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator, in consultation with the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board, shall revise any guidelines, rules, and standards governing the employment, training, certification, or testing necessary to classify public safety telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers as "first responders" and comparable in the State's occupational classification of emergency services personnel and public safety personnel. Amends various laws to include emergency medical dispatchers and public safety telecommunicators in references to first responders.	Senate • Mar 08, 2022: Referred to Assignments
IL 102nd HB 5002	Dave Vella Michael Kelly	\$DHS-DAY CARE-FIRST RESPONDERS Appropriates \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Human Services to provide grants to day care facilities for subsidized child care services for the children of first responders. Effective July 1, 2022. Support Bill up for consideration • House Appropriations-Human Services Committee Mar 17, 2022 08:00am Virtual Room 3 www.ilga.gov Springfield, IL	House • Mar 10, 2022: Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael Kelly

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IL 102nd HB 5171	Steven Reick Kathleen Willis Keith R. Wheeler	PEN CD-FIRE INVESTMENT BOARD Amends the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes who is from a fire protection district shall be elected if the candidate or candidates who are mayors, presidents, chief executive officers, chief financial officers, or other officers, executives, or department heads of municipalities or fire protection districts receiving the highest number of votes would result in there being no trustee who is from a fire protection district. Effective immediately. Statutes affected: Introduced: 40 ILCS 5/22 IAFPD Initiative - Support	Senate • Mar 04, 2022: Referred to Assignments
IL 102nd HB 5276	Jonathan Carroll	CITIZENS EMPOWERMENT ACT Creates the Citizens Empowerment Act. Provides that electors may petition for a referendum at the next general election to dissolve a unit or units of local government. Sets forth the requirements for the petition, together with the form and requirements for the ballot referendum. Provides for the transfer of all real and personal property and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving unit or units of local government to the receiving unit or units of local government. Amends the Election Code to provide exceptions for the Citizens Empowerment Act. Effective immediately. Oppose	House • Feb 15, 2022: To Clean Energy Subcommittee
IL 102nd HB 5502	Kathleen Willis Bill Cunningham	9-1-1 TELEPHONE SYSTEM-VARIOUS Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Provides that adds several definitions and modifies a definition. Modifies provisions relating to private residential switch services to indicate that such services and MLTS 9-1-1 services installed, managed, or operated before February 16, 2020 shall ensure that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network such that calls to 9-1-1 route to the appropriate 9-1-1 jurisdiction and makes other changes. Adds provisions relating to private business switch or MLTS 9-1-1 service installed, managed, or operated after June 30, 2000 (or within 18 months after enhanced 9-1-1 or NG9-1-1 service becomes available) requiring such systems to assure that the system is connected to the public switched network such that calls to 9-1-1 route to the appropriate 9-1-1 jurisdiction with the proper ANI and ALI, and includes other requirements relating to the square footage of a workspace. Adds provisions relating to requirements for covered MLTS and dispatchable location compliance dates for covered MLTS. Repeals provisions relating to 9-1-1 service and 9-1-1 business service. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.	Senate • Mar 08, 2022: Referred to Assignments
IL 102nd HR 676	Mark Batinick	RECOGNIZE-PLAINFIELD FIRE Recognizes the Plainfield Fire Protection District and the emergency personnel who assisted in delivering a baby girl during a winter storm. Further wishes the best for the family of the newborn. Further remembers the courage and security our fire departments bring to our communities in times of need.	House • Feb 18, 2022: Resolution Adopted
IL 102nd SB 1571	Robert F. Martwick Neil Anderson Linda Holmes	MUNI-FOREIGN FIRE INS BOARD Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the fee that must be paid to a foreign fire insurance board by a corporation, company, or association that is not incorporated under the laws of the State and which is engaged in effecting fire insurance in the municipality or fire protection district shall be 2% of the gross receipts received from fire insurance upon property situated within the municipality or district (rather than a sum not exceeding 2%). Allows a foreign fire insurance board aggrieved by a violation relating to foreign fire insurance board fees to file suit. Provides that a department foreign fire insurance board may: (i) establish, manage, and maintain an account for the holding and expenditure of all funds paid to the board; (ii) contract for the purchase of goods and services; and (iii) sue all parties necessary to enforce its rights. Limits home rule powers. Makes other changes. Effective immediately. Oppose	House • Mar 10, 2022: Added Alternate Co-Sponsor Rep. Keith R. Wheeler
IL 102nd SB 2553	Melinda Bush Julie A. Morrison Terra Costa Howard	LOCAL OFFICIAL VACANCY POSTING Creates the Local Official Vacancy Posting Act. Provides that a unit of local government shall post every elected official vacancy on its website, if it has one, and the county clerk shall also post the vacancy on its website. Provides that the posting shall remain on each website until the vacancy is filled. Limits home rule powers.	House • Feb 09, 2022: Added Alternate Co-Sponsor Rep. Denyse Wang Stoneback
IL 102nd SB 3027	Christopher Belt Doris Turner Patrick J. Joyce	INC TX-FIREFIGHTER-EMS Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit in an amount equal to \$500 for individuals who serve as volunteer emergency workers for or on behalf of a volunteer fire protection association. Effective immediately. Support	House • Mar 11, 2022: Added Alternate Co-Sponsor Rep. LaToya Greenwood
IL 102nd SB 3127	Neil Anderson Darren Bailey Robert F. Martwick	EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHERS Amends various laws to include emergency medical dispatchers in references to first responders. Statutes affected: Introduced: 5 ILCS 490/148, 20 ILCS 2310/2310, 105 ILCS 5/22, 105 ILCS 128/5, 410 ILCS 53/15, 410 ILCS 705/5, 720 ILCS 648/5, 730 ILCS 168/40, 820 ILCS 310/1	House • Mar 07, 2022: Assigned to Health Care Licenses Committee

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IL 102nd SB 3495	David Koehler Laura Ellman Kathleen Willis	LIGHTS&SIRENS-FIRE PROTECTION Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Includes in the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" a vehicle designated or authorized by a fire department or fire protection district. Includes in the definition of "fire department vehicle" a vehicle that is designated or authorized by a fire department or fire protection district. Permits the use of red or white oscillating, rotating or flashing lights on fire department or fire protection district vehicles. Permits the use of blue oscillating, rotating or flashing lights on rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire protection district and on vehicles operated by certain persons designated or authorized by a fire department or fire protection district. Permits the installation of a traffic control signal preemption device on a vehicle belonging to a fire protection district. Statutes affected: Introduced: 625 ILCS 5/1, 625 ILCS 5/12 Support	House • Mar 07, 2022: Assigned to Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee
IL 102nd SB 3789	Julie A. Morrison John Connor Jason Plummer	LOCAL GOV CONSOLIDATION-10 YRS Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Provides that, within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government that may levy any tax (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another unit of local government, municipality, or county; and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report. Provides for committee membership, meetings, and report requirements. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately. Oppose	House • Mar 10, 2022: Added Alternate Co-Sponsor Rep. Deb Conroy