

Illinois Updates – March 25, 2022

PRB Appointments Under Scrutiny

The Illinois Senate this week acted on multiple appointments to the state's Prisoner Review Board. The Board is appointed by the Governor and is responsible for deciding conditions of release and petitions for parole from inmates under the Illinois Department of Corrections. The Governor and Senate Democratic leadership have been at loggerheads over the PRB appointments, and the Senate's failure to act on the appointments by the statutory deadline has forced Governor Pritzker to pull and re-submit multiple nominations.

Some of the appointments are controversial, creating concern on the part of senators who do not wish to have a recorded vote on the nominations. The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments took up several appointments on Tuesday, resulting in the full Senate's vote against the appointment of Jeff Mears, a former Department of Corrections officer. All Republican senators opposed the appointment as well as one Democrat Senator, Patrick Joyce. In an unusual move, 18 Democrat senators opted not to vote on the nomination, resulting in its failure. Pritzker also pulled the appointment of Max Cerda, a former inmate sentenced for murder who now works to help offenders transition out of the prison system.

GA Moves Unemployment Funding Bill

The General Assembly approved legislation this week to direct \$2.7 billion in federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to fill the deficit in the state's unemployment trust fund. States are required to act on using the funds for unemployment by April 1, 2022 under federal law. Republican lawmakers opposed the legislation on the grounds that all \$3.5 billion remaining ARPA money should go to the trust fund and that failure to pay off the entire deficit will result in higher unemployment taxes for businesses. In addition to the payment to the UI trust fund, the legislation directs \$300 million in non-ARPA money toward the state's pension obligations and to pay off debt in the College Illinois fund. Governor JB Pritzker signed the legislation today.

Democrat Poll Raises Concerns

A poll commissioned by the House Democratic Leadership and shared with caucus members last week raised concerns regarding their performance in the upcoming November general election. The poll, produced by Tulcin Research, showed Governor JB Pritzker trailing Republican gubernatorial candidates Richard Irvin and Darren Bailey in the Chicago suburbs. The same poll posed a generic question regarding legislative candidates that showed Democrats likewise trailing Republicans by 12 percentage points. The results shared with Democratic lawmakers did not specify legislative districts or where in the suburbs the poll was conducted. While the beneficiaries of the information were told not to discuss the poll outside of the caucus, information regarding the survey was reported by multiple media outlets.

Dates to Remember

- March 25, 2022 — Committee Deadline – Senate and House Bills in Opposite Chamber
- April 1, 2022 — Third Reading Deadline - Senate and House Bills in Opposite Chamber
- April 8, 2022 – Scheduled Adjournment



IAFPD - March 25, 2022

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
IL 102nd HB 1542	Rita Mayfield	<p>SAFETY-TECH</p> <p>Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.Statutes affected: Introduced: 415 ILCS 5/1</p> <p>Floor Amendment #1</p>	House • Mar 22, 2022: House Floor Amendment No. 1 Rules Refers to Energy & Environment Committee	Introduced
IL 102nd HB 4461	Lawrence Walsh, Jr. Andrew S. Chesney Michael Kelly	<p>FIRE DIST-DISCONNECT PAYMENTS</p> <p>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</p> <p>IAFPD Initiative - Support</p>	Senate • Mar 23, 2022: Assigned to Local Government	Engrossed
IL 102nd HB 4604	Marcus C. Evans, Jr. Suzy Glowiak Hilton Laura M. Murphy	<p>OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY-VARIOUS</p> <p>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.</p>	Senate • Mar 23, 2022: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 24, 2022	Engrossed
IL 102nd HB 4818	LaToya Greenwood Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. Christopher Belt	<p>PFAS-INCINERATION BAN</p> <p>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.</p>	Senate • Mar 25, 2022: Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Assignments	Engrossed
IL 102nd HB 4924	Jay Hoffman Robert F. Martwick	<p>PENCD-DNST FIRE-TREASURER BOND</p> <p>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.</p>	Senate • Mar 23, 2022: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 24, 2022	Engrossed
IL 102nd HB 4931	Mark Luft Daniel Swanson Tony McCombie	<p>EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHERS</p> <p>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.</p>	Senate • Mar 08, 2022: Referred to Assignments	Engrossed

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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	House • Mar 10, 2022: Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael Kelly	Introduced
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 18, 2022: Added as Alternate Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Christopher Belt	Engrossed
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.	House • Feb 15, 2022: To Clean Energy Subcommittee	Introduced
IL 102nd HB 5502	Kathleen Willis Bill Cunningham Jason Plummer	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 25, 2022: Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Assignments	Engrossed
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	Introduced
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 23, 2022: Added Alternate Co-Sponsor Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer	Engrossed
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 • Mar 25, 2022: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee	Engrossed

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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 25, 2022: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee	Engrossed
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 24, 2022: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate	Engrossed
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 23, 2022: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate	Engrossed
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.	House • Mar 23, 2022: Added Alternate Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Daniel Didech	Engrossed

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