

Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB3702 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM *(WILLIS K)*

Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Extends the repeal of the Act from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2023. Makes various changes to definitions. Provides that within 18 months of the awarding of a contract under the Public Utilities Act to establish a statewide next generation 9-1-1 network (rather than by December 31, 2021), every 9-1-1 system in Illinois shall provide next generation 9-1-1 service. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

5/7/2021 - House Bills on Third Reading

5/6/2021 - Approved for Consideration Rules Committee; 004-000-000

5/6/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Referred to Rules Committee

COMMENTS

Neutral as drafted

POSITION

Neutral

PRIORITY

Active

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NOTES

HA#1 - provides that the information registered by an emergency telephone system with the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator shall include the identification of the System Manager. Provides that an Emergency Telephone System Board has the power to designate a 9-1-1 System Manager, whose duties and responsibilities shall be set forth by the in writing. Defines 'System Manager'. Changes references from 'county 9-1-1 system' or '9-1-1 system' to 'county or 9-1-1 Authority'. Provides that the installation of or connection to a telephone company's network of any automatic alarm, automatic alerting device, or mechanical dialer that causes the number 9-1-1 to be dialed in order to directly access emergency services and does not provide for 2-way communication is prohibited in a 9-1-1 system. Provides that training for public safety telecommunicators must be completed within one year of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator establishing the required guidelines, rules, and standards. Provides that upon completing of training, all public safety telecommunicators must complete specified continuing education training regarding the delivery of 9-1-1 services and professionalism bi-annually.

HB2379 SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY-REPEAL *(WALSH L)*

Amends the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Provides that the Act is repealed on December 31, 2026 (currently, June 1, 2021). Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1 - Provides for repeal of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act on December 31, 2023 (rather than December 31, 2026).

RECENT STATUS

4/27/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments
4/27/2021 - FIRST READING
4/27/2021 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Emil Jones, III

 **PRIORITY**

High

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 **NOTES**

Synopsis

HB2380 UTILITIES REPEAL EXTENSION *(WALSH L)*

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Extends the repeal dates of the Telecommunications Article and the Cable and Video Competition Article from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026. Provides that any cable service or video service authorization issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission will expire on December 31, 2029 (rather than December 31, 2024). Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Further amends the Public Utilities Act. In a provision concerning abandonment of service, provides for the procedure through which a Small Electing Provider may choose to cease offering or providing a telecommunications service. Defines "Small Electing Provider" as an incumbent local exchange carrier that is an electing provider, and that, together with all of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliates offering telecommunications services within the State of Illinois, has fewer than 40,000 subscriber access lines as of January 1, 2020.

House Floor Amendment No. 2 - Extends the repeal dates of the Telecommunications Article and the Cable and Video Competition Article to December 31, 2024 (rather than December 31, 2026). Provides that any cable service or video service authorization issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission will expire on December 31, 2027 (rather than December 31, 2029).

House Floor Amendment No. 3 - Further amends the Public Utilities Act. In provisions of the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law concerning customer service and privacy protection, provides that notice of proposed termination shall be provided in electronic format or mailed (rather than mailed), postage prepaid, to the customer to whom service is billed. Provides that notice of proposed termination shall not be delivered or mailed (rather than mailed) until the 24th day after the date of the bill for services.

 **RECENT STATUS**

5/4/2021 - Assigned to Senate Energy and Public Utilities
4/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments
4/23/2021 - FIRST READING

 **POSITION**

Monitor

 **PRIORITY**

High

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HB2784 MENTAL HEALTH-EMERGENCY *(CASSIDY K)*

House Floor Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Community Emergency Services and Support Act. Provides that each 9-1-1 call center and provider of emergency services dispatched through a 9-1-1 system must coordinate with the mobile mental and behavioral health services established by the Division of Mental Health of the Department of Human Services so that the following State goals and State prohibitions are met whenever a person interacts with one of these entities for the purpose seeking emergency mental and behavioral health care or when one of these entities recognizes the appropriateness of providing mobile mental or behavioral health care to an individual with whom they have engaged. Provides that

the Division of Mental Health is also directed to provide guidance regarding whether and how these entities should coordinate with mobile mental and behavioral health services when responding to individuals who appear to be in a mental or behavioral health emergency while engaged in conduct alleged to constitute a non-violent misdemeanor. Provides that 9-1-1 call centers, emergency services dispatched through 9-1-1 call centers, and the mobile mental and behavioral health service established by the Division of Mental Health must coordinate their services so that certain specified State prohibitions are avoided. Provides that the Division of Mental Health shall establish regional advisory committees in each EMS Region to advise on emergency response systems for mental and behavioral health. Provides that the Act applies to persons of all ages, both children and adults. Provides that the Act does not limit an individual's right to control his or her own medical care. No provision of this Act shall be interpreted in such a way as to limit an individual's right to choose his or her preferred course of care or to reject care. Provides that no provision of this Act shall be interpreted to promote or provide justification for the use of restraints when providing mental or behavioral health care. Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act to make conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

4/27/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

4/27/2021 - FIRST READING

4/27/2021 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Robert Peters

POSITION

Amend

PRIORITY

High

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NOTES

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HB3911 FIRST RESPONDERS TASK FORCE *(HURLEY F)*

Amends the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act. Provides that the First Responders Suicide Prevention Task Force shall make specified recommendations to specified entities.

RECENT STATUS

4/27/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

4/27/2021 - FIRST READING

4/27/2021 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Bill Cunningham

POSITION

Support

PRIORITY

High

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SB693 EMS SYSTEMS-TRANSPORT *(BUSH M)*

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that when a patient has been determined by EMS personnel to (1) have no immediate life-threatening injuries or illness, (2) not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, (3) have no immediate or obvious need for transport to an emergency department, and (4) have an immediate need for transport to an EMS System-approved mental health facility, the EMS personnel may contact Online Medical Control or his or her EMS Medical Director or Emergency Communication Registered Nurse to request bypass or diversion of the closest emergency department and request transport to the closest or appropriate EMS System-approved mental health facility.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill with the

following change. Provides that EMS personnel may transport a patient to an EMS System-approved urgent care or immediate care facility that meets the proper criteria and is approved by Online Medical Control or his or her EMS Medical Director or Emergency Communications Registered Nurse.

RECENT STATUS

5/12/2021 - House Health Care Licenses

Time & Location: 9:30 AM, Virtual Room 1 - ILGA.gov

5/4/2021 - Assigned to House Health Care Licenses

4/23/2021 - Referred to House Rules

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

High

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NOTES

When a patient has been determined by EMS personnel to have no injuries or illnesses, not be under the influence, have no immediate need for transportation to an ER, and have an immediate need for transport to a mental health facility; they may request bypass or diversion from the closest ER and transport directly to the appropriate mental health facility.

SB1575 FIRST RESPONDER MNTL HLTH DATA *(MARTWICK R)*

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall create and maintain an online database and resource page on its website. Provides that the database and resource page shall contain mental health resources specifically geared toward first responders with the goal of connecting those persons with mental health resources related to crisis services, wellness, trauma information, nutrition, stress reduction, anxiety, depression, violence prevention, suicide prevention, and substance use and of encouraging information sharing among families of first responders, first responder organizations, first responder professional organizations, and first responders. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

5/12/2021 - House Human Services

Time & Location: 8:30 AM, Virtual Room 3 - ILGA.gov

5/4/2021 - Assigned to House Human Services

4/23/2021 - Referred to House Rules

POSITION

Support

PRIORITY

High

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NOTES

Creates a first responder mental health database and resource page to aid first responders with mental health resources.

SB2530 WIRELESS SERVICE-CALL LOCATION *(CURRAN J)*

Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that upon request of a law enforcement agency or a public safety answering point on behalf of a law enforcement agency, a wireless service provider shall provide call location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user to the requesting law enforcement agency or public safety answering point. Provides that a law enforcement agency or public safety answering point may not request information under this provision unless for the purposes of responding to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves

the risk of death or serious physical harm. Provides that a wireless service provider may establish protocols by which the carrier voluntarily discloses call location information. Provides that a claim for relief may not be brought in a court against a wireless service provider or any other person for providing call location information if acting in good faith. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall obtain contact information from all wireless service providers authorized to do business in the State to facilitate a request from a law enforcement agency or a public safety answering point on behalf of a law enforcement agency for call location information. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall disseminate the contact information to each public safety answering point in the State.

RECENT STATUS

5/11/2021 - House Public Utilities

Time & Location: 3:00 PM, Virtual Room 2 - ILGA.gov

5/4/2021 - Assigned to House Public Utilities

4/27/2021 - Referred to House Rules

COMMENTS

Ask to add VOIP

POSITION

Amend

PRIORITY

High

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NOTES

Upon the request of a law enforcement agency or a PSAP on behalf of a law-enforcement agency, a wireless service provider shall provide call location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user to the law enforcement agency and/or the PSAP. This information can only be requested for the purposes of responding to an emergency that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm. A claim may not be brought in any court against the wireless service provider or any other person who acted in good faith under the section. The Illinois State police Charlottetown contact information for all wireless service providers and disseminate that information to each PSAP in the state.

HB2568 PSEBA HLTH PLAN BARGAINED *(MAYFIELD R)*

Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that a health insurance plan, as defined, is limited to the insurance plan options codified in the employee collective bargaining agreement or bargained upon with an authorized agent and subject to the grievance process.

RECENT STATUS

5/4/2021 - Assigned to Senate Labor

4/20/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

4/20/2021 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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NOTES

Line of Duty Health Benefit

HB2860 FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE EQUIPMENT *(SWANSON D)*

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that vehicles of deputy fire chiefs and assistant fire chiefs may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet. Provides that deputy fire chiefs and assistant fire chiefs are eligible for fire chief license plates. Provides that any fire chief, deputy fire chief, or assistant fire chief operating warning devices upon a vehicle not owned by a municipality or fire protection district shall display fire chief license plates. Provides that, with the exception of permanently issued license plates, upon the resignation, termination, or reassignment to a rank other than fire chief, deputy fire chief, or assistant fire chief, a person issued fire chief license plates shall immediately surrender the license plate to the Secretary of State. Provides that the Secretary of State shall have the ability to recover the license plates.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

4/23/2021 - FIRST READING

4/23/2021 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Neil Anderson

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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HB3031 TACTICAL PARAMEDIC SUPPORT *(WHEELER K)*

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board and the Department of Public Health shall jointly develop and establish a program of certification of tactical paramedics for the purposes of aiding special law enforcement teams involved in, but not limited to, search and rescues, civil disturbances, bomb threat responses, tactical or special operations team deployments, hostage negotiations, HazMat responses, executive and dignitary protection, and counterterrorism, as assigned and directed by a law enforcement agency recognized by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Includes program requirements. Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that chiefs of police and sheriffs may employ tactical paramedics and provide tactical paramedic support to first responders. Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act making conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

4/28/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

4/28/2021 - FIRST READING

4/28/2021 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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NOTES

Creates a 'tactical paramedic' that will be trained and certified to assist law enforcement in certain situations.

HB3167 STATEWDE PTSD MENTL HLTH COORD *(RITA R)*

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Creates under the authority of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board the Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator, appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of 4 years. Provides that the Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator shall receive a salary as provided by law and is eligible for re-appointment. Provides that the Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator shall be responsible for implementing a program of mental health support and education for law enforcement officers. Establishes qualifications for the Coordinator. Provides that the

Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator shall report to the Board on the development and implementation of programs and training for law enforcement officers and shall advise the Board and receive advice from the Board on direction and training needs for law enforcement agencies that vary in size, location, and demographics.

RECENT STATUS

4/28/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

4/28/2021 - FIRST READING

4/28/2021 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Thomas Cullerton

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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HB3571 EMS SERVICES-EXPIRED LICENSE *(WELTER D)*

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that an Illinois licensed EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or PHRN whose license has expired may, within 6 months after license expiration, apply for relicensure, show compliance with all relicensure requirements, and submit the required relicensure fees, including a late fee, and, after that 6-month period, may apply for reinstatement.

RECENT STATUS

4/28/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

4/28/2021 - FIRST READING

4/28/2021 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Sue Rezin

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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NOTES

Allows an EMT whose license has expired to apply for relicensure within six months by showing compliance with all pre-licensure requirements and submitting the proper relicensing fees.

SB347 MIND STRONG ACT *(PETERS R)*

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Mind Strong Act. Requires the Department of Public Health, or a third party contractor with experience in successful public education and awareness campaigns selected by the Department of Public Health, to develop and lead a 2-year educational campaign within each of Illinois' 11 health regions on the availability of adult mobile crisis response services within each region and how to access such services. Requires the Department to develop and implement this public awareness and educational campaign in collaboration with community stakeholders, including certain organizations, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the Department of Human Services. Requires the public awareness campaign to begin no later than January 1, 2022 and to take into account crisis services, if any. Sets forth certain requirements for the public awareness campaign, including that it be culturally competent and that any written materials be written in plain, easy-to-understand language and available in multiple languages that are representative of the communities in a particular health region. Lists the types of stakeholders that shall be included as partner-stakeholders in the development of the campaign. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish, subject to appropriation, a grant program for the purposes of providing adult mobile crisis response services to any adult age 18 or older experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis regardless of insurance status. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop and

implement training and protocols for individuals answering crisis calls to the Crisis and Referral Entry Services (CARES) line. Contains provisions concerning the use of data to strengthen CARES line responses and adult mobile crisis response services, and other matters. Requires the Departments of Public Health, Human Services, and Healthcare and Family Services to adopt rules to implement the Act. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

5/13/2021 - House Mental Health & Addiction

Time & Location: 10:00 AM, Virtual Room 2 - ILGA.gov

5/4/2021 - Assigned to House Mental Health & Addiction

4/27/2021 - Referred to House Rules

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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NOTES

Creates the Mind Strong Act. Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and lead a two-year educational campaign within each of Illinois' 11 health regions on the availability of adult mobile crisis response services within each region. They shall collaborate with community stakeholders, HFS, and DHS. The public awareness campaign shall be culturally competent and locally tailored to ensure local buying and community understanding. All written materials must be in plain, easy to understand language and shall be available in multiple languages. Material shall be specifically tailored for different types of community stakeholders or audiences, including healthcare providers, law-enforcement, and community groups. Subject to appropriation, DHS show establish a grant program for the purposes of providing adult mobile crisis response services to any adult experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis. This program shall mirror the adult mobile crisis services covered by Illinois' Medicaid program. HFS will identify crisis response policies and practices that must be standardized across providers to ensure quality and consistency of crisis response care.

SB486 UTILITIES REPEAL EXTENSION *(CUNNINGHAM B)*

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Extends the repeal dates of the Telecommunications Article and the Cable and Video Competition Article from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026. Provides that any cable service or video service authorization issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission will expire on December 31, 2029 (rather than December 31, 2024). Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/30/2021 - Rule 2-10 Committee/3rd Reading Deadline Established As May 7, 2021

4/23/2021 - Rule 2-10 Committee/3rd Reading Deadline Established As April 30, 2021

4/23/2021 - Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As April 30, 2021

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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HB2864 EMS SYSTEMS-RURAL POPULATIONS *(SWANSON D)*

House Floor Amendment No. 2 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that, in a rural population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants, each EMS System Medical Director may create an exception to the credentialing process to allow registered nurses, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses to apply to serve as volunteers who perform the same work as EMTs. Requires that, as part of the volunteer recognition process, EMS Systems shall ensure that registered nurses, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses have an active license

issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. This system-level recognition shall require documentation and proof of the completion of at least 20 hours of prehospital care-specific coursework approved by the Department of Public Health and 8 hours of observant riding time. Provides that each EMS System Medical Director who creates an exception to the credentialing process may require additional training or documentation and may reject a volunteer applicant for just cause. Provides that each exemption period shall be no longer than one year, after which time a volunteer applicant may apply for another exemption. Provides that each EMS System Medical Director is responsible for ensuring that volunteer applicants meet EMS System requirements for credentialing and authorizing the practice in accordance with the EMS System plan for basic life support. Provides that exceptions to the credentialing process are only allowable for volunteer EMS agencies in Illinois.

RECENT STATUS

5/12/2021 - Senate Licensed Activities

Time & Location: 2:00 PM, Virtual Room 2 - ILGA.gov

5/4/2021 - Assigned to Senate Licensed Activities

4/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

PRIORITY

None

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SB2356 OPEN MEETINGS-SESSION MINUTES (CURRAN J)

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

RECENT STATUS

5/12/2021 - House State Government Administration

Time & Location: 3:00 PM, Virtual Room 3 - ILGA.gov

5/4/2021 - Assigned to House State Government Administration

4/27/2021 - Referred to House Rules

PRIORITY

None

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HB628 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (DAVIDSMEYER C)

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that a Vehicle Service Provider that serves a rural or semi-rural population of 10,000 or fewer inhabitants and exclusively uses volunteers, paid-on-call, or a combination thereof to provide patient care may apply for alternate rural staffing authorization from the Department of Public Health to authorize the ambulance, Non-Transport Vehicle, Special-Use Vehicle, or Limited Operation Vehicle to be staffed by one EMT licensed at or above the level at which the vehicle is licensed, plus one Emergency Medical Responder when 2 licensed Emergency Services personnel are not available to respond. Provides that an alternate rural staffing authorization shall not expire. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

4/22/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Stalled

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NOTES

Allows for alternative EMT staffing rules in rural areas.

HB2944 MIND STRONG ACT *(HERNANDEZ B)*

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Mind Strong Act. Requires the Department of Public Health, or a third party contractor with experience in successful public education and awareness campaigns selected by the Department of Public Health, to develop and lead a 2-year educational campaign within each of Illinois' 11 health regions on the availability of adult mobile crisis response services within each region and how to access such services. Requires the Department to develop and implement this public awareness and educational campaign in collaboration with community stakeholders, including certain organizations, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the Department of Human Services. Requires the public awareness campaign to begin no later than January 1, 2022 and to take into account crisis services, if any. Sets forth certain requirements for the public awareness campaign, including that it be culturally competent and that any written materials be written in plain, easy-to-understand language and available in multiple languages that are representative of the communities in a particular health region. Lists the types of stakeholders that shall be included as partner-stakeholders in the development of the campaign. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish, subject to appropriation, a grant program for the purposes of providing adult mobile crisis response services to any adult age 18 or older experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis regardless of insurance status. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop and implement training and protocols for individuals answering crisis calls to the Crisis and Referral Entry Services (CARES) line. Contains provisions concerning the use of data to strengthen CARES line responses and adult mobile crisis response services, and other matters. Requires the Departments of Public Health, Human Services, and Healthcare and Family Services to adopt rules to implement the Act. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

4/22/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Stalled

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NOTES

Creates the Mind Strong Act. Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and lead a two-year educational campaign within each of Illinois' 11 health regions on the availability of adult mobile crisis response services within each region. They shall collaborate with community stakeholders, HFS, and DHS. The public awareness campaign shall be culturally competent and locally tailored to ensure local buying and community understanding. All written materials must be in plain, easy to understand language and shall be available in multiple languages. Material shall be specifically tailored for different types of community stakeholders or audiences, including healthcare providers, law-enforcement, and community groups. Subject to appropriation, DHS show establish a grant program for the purposes of providing adult mobile crisis response services to any adult experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis. This program shall mirror the adult mobile crisis services covered by Illinois' Medicaid program. HFS will identify crisis response policies and practices that must be standardized across providers to ensure quality and consistency of crisis response care.

HB3126 2-1-1 SERVICES-COOK COUNTY (FLOWERS M)

Amends the 2-1-1 Service Act. Requires the lead entity contracted by the Department of Human Services to administer the 2-1-1 services system to designate and approve a public or nonprofit agency or other organization to provide 2-1-1 services within the geographical area of Cook County. Requires the lead entity to provide grants to the approved 2-1-1 service provider to: (1) design, develop, and implement 2-1-1 services for the Cook County service area; (ii) provide and evaluate on an ongoing basis 2-1-1 service delivery to the Cook County service area; and (iii) enable the provision of 2-1-1 services to the Cook County service area on a 24-hours per day, 7 days per week basis.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Rule 19(c) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

POSITION

Undetermined

PRIORITY

Stalled

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HB3198 SUICIDE TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS (CONROY D)

Creates the Suicide Treatment Improvements Act. Provides that specified persons and entities shall require suicide prevention counselors on the person or entity's staff to perform specified suicide prevention services. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall require each suicide hotline and crisis hotline in the State to identify callers who are or may be suicidal. Provides for penalties for noncompliance with an order of the Department. Provides that services provided under the Act shall be covered by each group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the Act's effective date. Provides that each county and municipal law enforcement officer shall annually complete at least 2 hours of in-service training on the appropriate response to emergencies that involve a person who is or may be suicidal. Requires the governing body of each county to appoint a suicide prevention response coordinator to perform specified actions. Provides that suicide prevention counselors dispatched to an emergency scene shall have specified duties. Provides that PSAP call-takers shall evaluate and determine whether a request for emergency services involves a person who is or may be suicidal. Requires specified agencies to adopt rules to implement specified provisions of the Act. Contains other provisions. Amends the Department of State Police Law. Requires the Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator to develop comprehensive guidelines and adopt rules and standards for the handling of suicide or suicide calls by Public Safety Answering Point telecommunicators. Contains suicide training requirements for PSAP telecommunicators. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

4/22/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

POSITION

Undetermined

PRIORITY

Stalled

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NOTES

Creates the Suicide Treatment Improvements Act. Provides that services provided under the Act must be covered by each insurance policy written after the effective date. Provides that each county and municipal law enforcement officer shall annually complete at least two hours of in-service training on the appropriate response to emergencies which involve a person who may be suicidal.

Requires each county to appoint a suicide prevention response coordinator. Provides that each PSAP call-taker shall evaluate and determine whether a request for emergency services involves a person who is or may be suicidal. Requires the Office of the Statewide 911 administrator to develop comprehensive guidelines and adopt rules and standards for the handling of suicide calls by the PSAPs. Requires PSAP telecommunicators to complete suicide training requirements.

HB3410 LOCAL GOVT TRANSPARENCY (MORRISON T)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a unit of local government or school district with an operating budget of \$1,000,000 or more shall maintain an Internet website and post to its website for the current calendar or fiscal year specified information. Provides that the information required to be posted must be easily accessible from the unit of local government's or school district's website home page and searchable. Provides penalties for noncompliance. Provides that no home rule unit may adopt posting requirements that are less restrictive than those provided in the Act. Provides that all local records required to be posted shall remain posted on the entity's website, or subsequent websites, for 10 years. Exempts the School District of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides an exemption from inspection and copying of any record or information that a unit of local government or school district maintains an electronic copy of on its Internet website in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal shall have the capability to compile and update its database with information received from all school districts and units of local government. Authorizes the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal to provide direct access to information compiled under specified provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Provides an exempt mandate provision. Provides a severability clause. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 2 Rule 19(c) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

PRIORITY

Stalled

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HB3977 BEHAVIOR HEALTH-1ST RESPONDER (LAPOINTE L)

Creates the First Responders Behavioral Healthcare Bill of Rights Act. Provides that first responders have certain specified statutory rights in seeking behavioral health services and treatment. Provides that the rights guaranteed to first responders in these provisions are judicially enforceable. Provides that an aggrieved employee may, under the Civil Practice Law, bring an action for damages, attorney's fee, or injunctive relief against an employer for violating these rights. Defines various terms.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Provides that the right of full access to behavioral health services and treatment that are responsive to the needs of the individual are available to the profession of emergency medical technician (EMT). Deletes provision that the right of first responders includes the right to have behavioral health services and treatment in a manner that reduces stigma to those services and treatment.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

4/23/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

4/22/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

POSITION

Amend

PRIORITY

Stalled

NOTES

Applies to law enforcement, fireman and EMTs.

SB41 SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES ACT (HILTON S)

Amends the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Provides that a wireless provider may be required to provide the following additional information when seeking a permit to collocate small wireless facilities: (i) a written affidavit signed by a radio frequency engineer with specified certifications; (ii) a written report that analyzes acoustic levels for the small wireless facility and all associated equipment; (iii) information showing the small wireless facility has received any required review by the FCC under the National Environmental Policy Act; and (iv) a certified copy of the original easement documents and other supporting documentation demonstrating that the applicant has the right to install, mount, maintain, and remove a small wireless facility and associated equipment in specified circumstances. Provides that an authority may propose that the small wireless facility be collocated on an existing utility pole or existing wireless support structure within 200 feet (rather than 100 feet) of the proposed collocation. In provisions prohibiting an authority from requiring an application, approval, or permit or requiring any fees or other charges from a communications service provider authorized to occupy the rights-of-way for the replacement of wireless facilities with wireless facilities that are substantially similar, clarifies when changes are not "substantially similar". Provides that an authority may adopt reasonable rules requiring providers to place above-ground small wireless facilities and associated equipment and to replace larger, more visually intrusive small wireless facilities with smaller, less visually intrusive facilities. Adds provisions concerning radio frequency compliance. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
4/15/2021 - To Subcommittee on Future Cellular Development
4/7/2021 - Assigned to Senate Energy and Public Utilities

COMMENTS

Bill does not affect our language concerning interference with a public safety agencies communications.

POSITION

Undetermined

PRIORITY

Stalled

NOTES

DD

SB96 GOV IMMUNITY-DATA BREACHES (HOLMES L)

Amends the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Provides that a public entity or a public employee is not liable for injury caused by any unauthorized access to government records, data, or electronic information systems by any person or entity.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
3/3/2021 - To Judiciary- Privacy
3/3/2021 - To Judiciary- Property Law

POSITION

Support

PRIORITY

Stalled

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Synopsis

SB222 SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES (CASTRO C)

Amends the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Provides that an authority may require a wireless provider to include documentation and certification that the small wireless facility and location meets all FCC standards and regulations at the wireless provider's sole cost and expense. Provides that an authority may require (currently, propose) that the small wireless facility be collocated on an existing utility pole or existing wireless support structure within 200 (currently, 100) feet of the proposed collocation, which the applicant shall accept if it has the right to use the alternate structure on reasonable terms and conditions and the alternate location and structure does not impose technical limits or additional significant costs (currently, additional material costs as determined by the applicant). Provides that an authority may require a wireless provider to comply with generally applicable standards, including acoustic regulations. Repeals a Section that repeals the Act on June 1, 2021. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality may require that a small wireless facility be collocated on any existing utility pole within its public rights-of-way and the entity owning the utility pole shall provide access for that purpose. Provides that any fee charged for the use of a utility pole under the Section shall be at the lowest rate charged by the entity owning the utility pole and shall not exceed the entity's actual costs. Effective immediately, except for certain provisions.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

4/15/2021 - To Subcommittee on Future Cellular Development

4/7/2021 - Assigned to Senate Energy and Public Utilities

PRIORITY

Stalled

[SB222 Bill Page](#)**SB503 USE/OCC-MOTOR FUEL-LOCAL GOV (DEWITTE D)**

Amends the State Finance Act, the Motor Fuel Tax Law, the Emergency Telephone System Act, the Illinois Gambling Act, and the Video Gaming Act. Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

3/3/2021 - To Appropriations- Revenue and Finance

3/3/2021 - Assigned to Senate Appropriations

POSITION

Support

PRIORITY

Stalled

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SB526 FOIA-MURDER INVESTIGATIONS *(FINE L)*

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that records of any investigation by a law enforcement agency into a crime described in the Homicide Article of the Criminal Code of 2012, if the act occurred less than 80 years before the date of the request, are exempt from disclosure. Provides an exception to the protection from disclosure if the act was alleged to have been committed by a law enforcement officer.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

3/3/2021 - Assigned to Senate Executive

2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

PRIORITY

Stalled

[SB526 Bill Page](#) →

SB1541 EMS SYSTEMS-MENTAL HEALTH *(MUNOZ A)*

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Allows limited EMS System participation by alternative health care facilities for mental health care if specified requirements are met. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules implementing the provisions, including the types of licensed alternative health care facilities that may participate in an EMS System and the limitations of participation. Provides that the EMS System providers and alternative health care facilities shall agree to comply with all Department administrative rules implementing the provisions. Provides that EMS System providers who transport patients under the provisions shall be reimbursed by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services under specified provisions of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/23/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

4/23/2021 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

4/22/2021 - Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 23, 2021

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Stalled

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NOTES

Allows limited EMS system participation by alternative healthcare facilities for mental health. Requires the health facilities to agree to comply with all IDPH administrative rules implementing the provisions. Allows for reimbursement by HFS.

SB1731 SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY-REPEAL *(JONES, III E)*

Amends the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Provides that the Act is repealed on December 31, 2026 (currently, June 1,

2021). Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
4/15/2021 - To Subcommittee on Future Cellular Development
4/7/2021 - Assigned to Senate Energy and Public Utilities

PRIORITY

Stalled

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SB1828 OPEN MEETINGS-PUBLIC BODY *(LOUGHRAN CAPPEL M)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Removes the exemption for the State Senate as a public body under the Act. Makes conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
3/24/2021 - To Executive- Government Operations
3/23/2021 - Assigned to Senate Executive

PRIORITY

Stalled

[SB1828 Bill Page](#) 

SB2117 MENTAL HEALTH-EMERGENCY *(PETERS R)*

Creates the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act. Provides that the Act applies to every unit of local government that provides or coordinates ambulance or similar emergency medical response or transportation services for individuals with emergency medical needs. A home rule unit may not respond to or provide services for a mental or behavioral health emergency, or create a transportation plan or other regulation, relating to the provision of mental or behavioral health services in a manner inconsistent with this Act. Provides that one plan shall describe how the EMS Region will provide mobile emergency mental and behavioral health services to individuals who do not present as a threat to the responders, and are not involved in criminal activity at the time of the response. Provides that the plan shall conform to the requirements of the Act and, recognizing the variety of systems, services, and needs across the State, provide the specific requirements and guidance appropriate for that region. Provides that the plan shall be identified as the region's community emergency services and supports plan. Provides that the second plan shall describe the manner and extent to which responders operating under the region's Community Emergency Services and Supports Plan coordinate with law enforcement when responding to individuals who appear to be in a mental or behavioral health emergency while engaged in conduct alleged to constitute a non-violent misdemeanor. Provides that the plan shall be identified as the region's Non-Violent Misdemeanor Coordination Plan. Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
3/24/2021 - Postponed - Behavioral and Mental Health
3/23/2021 - Senate Behavioral and Mental Health

 **POSITION**
Monitor

 **PRIORITY**
Stalled

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SB2246 OPEN MEETINGS-REMOTE MEETINGS *(KOEHLER D)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Modifies the requirements by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. Makes conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

4/16/2021 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

3/23/2021 - Assigned to Senate Executive

2/26/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

 **PRIORITY**
Stalled

SB2246 Bill Page →

Week in Review

Citing higher revenue projections and in the face of bipartisan pushback, Gov. J.B. Pritzker agrees to school funding increase

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker backtracked Thursday on one of the most controversial components of his budget proposal, saying improved revenue projections will allow the state to meet the goal in its education funding formula and increase school funding by \$350 million over the current year.

Chicago Tribune

Police oversight agency chief resigns

Under fire for the slow pace of investigations, the head of Chicago's Civilian Office of Police Accountability announced Wednesday she is resigning after three years in that job.

Chicago Sun-Times

Illinois sees lowest number of COVID-19 cases on Tuesday since March 23

Illinois on Tuesday reported the lowest number of daily COVID-19 cases for that day of the week in more than a month and a half, a hopeful sign that the state is moving toward reopening.

The State Journal-Register

Study shows working mothers in Illinois hit hard by pandemic-related child care burdens

New research shows pandemic-related child care burdens have magnified economic inequalities for women in the workforce in Illinois.

Belleville News Democrat

CPS CEO Janice Jackson's resignation will leave district without top 3 officials

At an afternoon news conference, Jackson said as she looks back on her tenure, she is "both proud and humbled and also a little bit tired if I'm being honest."

Chicago Sun-Times

Pritzker: Intermediate 'bridge' phase to reopening could come next week: 'Common view is that Illinois has weathered the storm'

Pritzker said he couldn't provide the exact date the state could move into the stage between Phases 4 and 5 because he hadn't yet looked at the latest data on hospital admissions, but he said it looks like the state is in "decent shape" to advance to the bridge phase.

Chicago Sun-Times

A slew of ex-state lawmakers face criminal charges, but critics question whether proposed reforms are enough for Illinois' 'very vibrant culture of corruption'

Two years into a federal corruption investigation that has led to charges against more than half a dozen current and former Democratic state lawmakers and precipitated the downfall of longtime House Speaker Michael Madigan, legislators are scrambling to strengthen Illinois' government ethics laws.

Chicago Tribune

In the past 10 years, millions more ash trees have died, and the invasive buckthorn now makes up 36% of the Chicago region's trees, census shows

When Shirley Rounds Davis moved to her home on the Far South Side decades ago, she could see a maple tree through the window. Over the years, she watched it grow.

Chicago Tribune

Illinois attorney general's office was warned about weak cybersecurity before ransomware attack

A state audit released earlier this year warned that Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office had a "weaknesses in cybersecurity" that potentially left sensitive information on the agency's computer network "susceptible to cyberattacks and unauthorized disclosure."

Chicago Tribune

Breach reported by attorney general confirmed to be ransomware attack

A data breach reported by Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office nearly three weeks ago was a ransomware attack, according to a Thursday news release.

The State Journal-Register

Pritzker budget seeks to net state \$932M by eliminating 'corporate loopholes'

Gov. JB Pritzker is asking lawmakers to eliminate nine tax breaks to balance the fiscal year 2022 budget by the end of May. Lawmakers and business groups argue the tax breaks are good for the economy, especially as the state recovers from the pandemic.

The State Journal-Register

U.S. Rep. Bustos' surprise retirement throws a twist into Democratic remap plans

Democrats could still prevail in ensuring the GOP loses a congressional seat in Illinois, but it's complicated.

Crain's Chicago Business

Void FOID? State's top court asked to decide if it's time to shoot down Firearm Owner Identification cards

The Illinois attorney general's appeal of a downstate judge's ruling sets up a battle over whether the state can require residents to hold an ID card in order to own a firearm. First enacted in 1968, the state's Firearm Owner Identification Act does just that. But a southern Illinois judge said that makes residents' Second Amendment rights a "façade."

Chicago Sun-Times

How much do mass vaccine clinics cost to run? Up to \$400,000 a day

While smaller sites can cost less to run, it can be exceedingly expensive, on a per-shot basis, to vaccinate those in more rural or underserved areas of the country.

Chicago Sun-Times

State Senate President Harmon wants an elected Chicago school board – but only partly for now

SPRINGFIELD — Calling for a shift to "a new era of leadership at Chicago Public Schools," state Senate President Don Harmon vowed Friday to pass a bill creating an elected school board in Chicago this year, but preferably not the one the House sent to his chamber earlier this month setting up a fully elected board.

Chicago Sun-Times

Rep. Cheri Bustos won't run again; Democrats will find it hard to hold her seat on Trump turf

The Moline representative won re-election in 2020 by the slimmest margin of her five House runs for the northwest Illinois 17th Congressional District seat.

Chicago Sun-Times