

Legislative Report

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Bill Information

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

5/25/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/25/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Tabled Pursuant to Rule 5-4(a)

5/25/2021 - Third Reading - Passed; 054-001-001

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Medium

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NOTES

Line of Duty Health Benefit

HB2784 MENTAL HEALTH-EMERGENCY *(CASSIDY K)*

Senate Committee 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. 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 PSAPs, emergency services dispatched through 9-1-1 PSAPs, and the mobile mental and behavioral health service established by the Division of Mental Health must coordinate their services so that the State goals listed in this Section are achieved. Appropriate mobile response service for mental and behavioral health emergencies shall be available regardless of whether the initial contact was with 9-8-8, 9-1-1 or directly with an emergency service dispatched through 9-1-1. Provides that the Division of Mental Health shall establish a Statewide Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations for aspects of coordinating 9-1-1 and the 9-8-8 mobile mental health response system most appropriately addressed on a State level. Provides that the Division of Mental Health shall establish Regional Advisory Committees in each EMS Region to advise on regional issues related to emergency response systems for mental and behavioral health. Provides that the exemptions from civil liability in the Emergency Telephone Systems Act apply to any act or omission in the development, design, installation, operation, maintenance, performance, or provision of service directed by the Act. Provides that the Act applies to persons of all ages, both children and adults. This 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. 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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 - Make technical and stylistic changes in the bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1. Adds additional responsibilities for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point telecommunicators and emergency service providers. Places the applicability and home rule preemption provisions in a separate Section of the bill.

RECENT STATUS

5/30/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/30/2021 - House Concur

5/30/2021 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 House Concur 115-000-000

POSITION

Amend

PRIORITY

High

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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

5/29/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/29/2021 - Third Reading - Passed; 059-000-000

5/29/2021 - House Bills on Third Reading Agreed House Bill List

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

5/27/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/27/2021 - Third Reading - Passed; 057-000-000

5/27/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

PRIORITY

None

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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.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Provides that Task Force recommendations could be accomplished by revising (rather than revamping) agencies' and organizations' employee assistance programs. Provides that specialized training for first responders could be accomplished by not underestimating the crucial importance of mindfulness-based stress reduction techniques and moderate and vigorous intensity activities (rather than meditation). Provides that training components could include recommending comprehensive and evidence-based training (rather than sophisticated trainings) on the importance of preventative measures on the topics of sleep, nutrition, mindfulness, and physical movement (rather than movement). Corrects typographical errors. Makes other changes.

RECENT STATUS

6/1/2021 - Passed Both Houses

6/1/2021 - House Concurrs

6/1/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 House Concurrs 115-000-000

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.

House Floor Amendment No. 5 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes: Further amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that "non-emergency medical services" means the provision of, and all actions necessary before and after the provision of, Basic Life Support (BLS) Services, Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services, and critical care transport (rather than means medical care, clinical observation, or medical monitoring rendered) to specified patients using a vehicle regulated by the Act and personnel licensed under the Act (rather than only using a vehicle regulated under the Act). Removes language providing that an Emergency Medical Responder provides emergency medical response services prior to the arrival of an ambulance or specialized medical services vehicle. Requires the Department of Public Health to create standards and requirements with respect to alternative vehicle staffing models for private, nonpublic local government employers (rather than vehicle staffing models) that include an Emergency Medical Responder who drives an ambulance with a licensed EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, or PHRN, as appropriate, in the patient compartment providing care to the patient pursuant to the approval of the EMS System Program Plan developed and approved by the EMS Medical Director for an EMS System. Provides that the Department shall monitor the implementation and performance of alternative staffing models and may issue a notice of termination of an alternative staffing model only upon evidence that an EMS System Program Plan is not being adhered to. Provides that an EMS System Program Plan for a Basic Life Support transport utilizing an EMR and an EMT shall include specified requirements. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

5/30/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/30/2021 - Senate Concur

5/30/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 5 Senate Concur 058-000-000

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

High

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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

5/26/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/26/2021 - Third Reading - Consent Calendar - Passed 112-000-000

5/26/2021 - Third Reading - Consent Calendar - Passed 111-000-000

POSITION

Support

PRIORITY

High

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

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.

House Floor Amendment No. 1 - Provides that when a public body is dissolved, disbanded, eliminated, or consolidated by executive action, legislative action, or referendum, and its functions and responsibilities are assumed by a unit of local government, the unit of local government which assumes the functions of the prior public body shall review the closed session minutes of that public body.

RECENT STATUS

5/30/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/30/2021 - Senate Concurrs

5/30/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Senate Concurrs 059-000-000

PRIORITY

None

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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

5/26/2021 - Passed Both Houses

5/26/2021 - Third Reading - Consent Calendar - Passed 112-000-000

5/26/2021 - Third Reading - Consent Calendar - Passed 111-000-000

COMMENTS

Ask to add VOIP

POSITION

Amend

PRIORITY

High

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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.

Week in Review

Pritzker raps General Assembly's new ethics rules

Gov. J.B. Pritzker was all smiles after the General Assembly adjourned its spring session earlier this week, praising its passage of his \$42 billion fiscal 2022 operating budget and other actions. But in an exclusive interview today, the governor made it clear he was not happy with lawmakers' performance in one key area: ethics.

Crain's Chicago Business

Pritzker says he will announce his political plans 'shortly'

Virtually no one in politics has any doubts Pritzker will seek a second term – only wondering when he will make it official – but the governor portrayed himself as still mulling it over. "I have not [decided to run], I'm talking to my family about that, and I promise you there will be some decision about that shortly," Pritzker told the Chicago Sun-Times.

Chicago Sun-Times

Welch predicts House passage of bill creating 21-member elected school board in Chicago

"I like the bill because it's a move towards a fully-elected school board," House Speaker Chris Welch told the Sun-Times. "I'm a product of an elected school board and believe that elections work."

Chicago Sun-Times

Illinois recreational weed sales keep setting records, topping \$116 million in May

Recreational marijuana sales in Illinois set another record in May with more than \$116 million of weed sold, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation reported Wednesday.

Chicago Tribune

State's new ethics rules under fire from unlikely source

City Council's ethics chief says a reform package approved by state lawmakers is considerably weaker than Chicago's current rules for local officials.

Crain's Chicago Business

Elected CPS board 'supposed to be about democracy,' but that's 'not what happened' in Springfield, Lightfoot says

Switching to an elected school board is perhaps "the most consequential change in governance" ever for Chicago Public Schools, Lightfoot said. "It can't be about the politics. It's got to be about the people" — meaning, the students and their parents.

Chicago Sun-Times

Here's what's in the big state energy bill still awaiting action

Exelon and the Pritzker administration played a game of legislative chicken throughout the weekend, but sources say they've agreed to new subsidies totaling more than \$600 million over five years to keep three nukes open.

Crain's Chicago Business

Madigan's inner circle challenges bribery indictment, points to 'fatal' gaps

Lawyers for the four close to Michael Madigan say their indictment fails to allege a necessary "quid pro quo." Instead, they argue it "loosely strings together an assortment of events over a ten-year period of time."

Chicago Sun-Times

Here are the winners and losers as a wild Springfield session ends

Pritzker gets a \$650 million corporate tax loophole closed, the data center industry delays a bill it fought and the governor's \$42 billion budget is teed up for final passage, as lawmakers sprint to the end of the spring session.

Crain's Chicago Business

Legislators pass fiscal plan in overtime session

SPRINGFIELD — State lawmakers approved a \$42.2 billion spending plan for the next fiscal year, sending it to Gov. J.B. Pritzker early Tuesday.

Chicago Sun-Times

FOID card fingerprinting bill passes — but stalls — as grammar school play time measure advances

SPRINGFIELD — State lawmakers took a step toward reshaping Illinois' Firearm Owner's Identification card system and could soon require public schools to give elementary school students 30 minutes of unstructured play time under bills that passed the General Assembly Saturday, days before they're set to adjourn.

Chicago Sun-Times

Illinois legislators send to Gov. J.B. Pritzker a bill to move 2022 primary to June 28 and make curbside voting a permanent fixture of elections

Illinois lawmakers sent to Gov. J.B. Pritzker legislation to move next year's March 15 primary to June 28 as part of a comprehensive election measure that includes efforts to make it easier for people to permanently receive a mail-in ballot.

Chicago Tribune

For Memorial Day, remembering Col. Helen L. McCormick, who cared for soldiers from WWII to Vietnam war

In the final days of World War II, an enemy plane flew over the field hospital Helen L. McCormick was setting up in Germany.

Chicago Sun-Times

Legislators advance bills on state FOID card system, barring background checks for public meeting attendees

Those bills were among the measures passed by lawmakers ahead of the close of their legislative session, which is slated for May 31.

Chicago Sun-Times

Remap moves ahead: Democrats send new legislative maps to Pritzker's desk — over GOP objections

The House passed the maps shortly before 10 p.m. on a straight, partisan 71 to 45 vote. They passed the state Senate in the same fashion earlier in the day. "We are not going to let Republicans gridlock the process, solely for political gains," state House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch said minutes before the vote. "It's not going to happen. Not here. Period."

Alton Telegraph

Illinois House passes bipartisan ban on deceptive interrogation of minors

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois House unanimously passed a bipartisan juvenile justice reform Saturday that outlaws the use of deceptive interrogation techniques on minors.

Kankakee Daily Journal

Pot equity bill paving way for 185 new dispensaries heads to Pritzker's desk

State senators passed the bill in a 50 to 3 vote, and the governor announced he would sign the legislation, which attempts to fix Illinois' recreational cannabis law to bring in more diversity to the cannabis industry.

Chicago Sun-Times

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Chicago Sun-Times

Sex education standardization bill sent to Pritzker's desk, lead pipe removal bill moves closer

The proposed Lead Service Line Replacement Notification Act would require "water utilities statewide to replace all lead service lines and creates a low-income water assistance program to help fund financial assistance and water projects that include lead pipe replacement."

Chicago Sun-Times

Illinois Senate passes bill strengthening legal protection for immigrants

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Senate passed a bill Friday which would strengthen legal protections for immigrants and require the closure of immigrant detention centers in the state.

Kankakee Daily Journal

Illinois schools secluded and restrained children thousands of times this year despite pandemic closures

Illinois school workers physically restrained or secluded nearly 2,400 students more than 15,000 times this school year, a period when many schools were closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, new state data shows.

Chicago Tribune

Democrats unveil second legislative redistricting effort, but GOP still not satisfied, calling the maps 'dishonest'

Illinois Democrats released new redistricting maps for the General Assembly on Thursday night, an effort aimed at keeping them in the majority for the next decade while also tweaking some boundaries at the request of community groups.

Chicago Tribune

Springfield scandal heats up, puts ethics reform on front burner: 'It's the first step to helping reestablish the public's trust'

SPRINGFIELD — State lawmakers say they're close to introducing ethics legislation that they're optimistic about passing before the end of session, a move that comes a day after the indictment of another associate of former Speaker Mike Madigan.

Chicago Sun-Times

'Shot-and-a-beer' vaccine bill, hair discrimination ban among bills sent to Pritzker for his signature

Lawmakers also passed legislation allowing those with drug-related convictions to apply for assistance through a temporary program for needy families.

Chicago Sun-Times

Energy working groups in Illinois continue amid new indictment

Nearly 50 legislators identifying as the Illinois Legislative Green Caucus signed a letter Wednesday, May 26, asking leadership to make equity and utility accountability the foundation of an energy overhaul bill expected before the General Assembly adjourns Monday, May 31.

Belleville News Democrat