



ADDENDUM

**Virtual Meeting of the Connect Transit Board of Trustees
March 23, 2021 - 4:30 P.M.
351 Wylie Drive - Training Room
Normal, Illinois 61761**

- E. Consent Agenda
 - 4. Cardinal Infrastructure Federal Report
 - 5. Cornerstone – Illinois Weekly Update

Federal Update for Connect Transit
Prepared by Cardinal Infrastructure
Prepared March 17, 2021

Congressional COVID Relief

Congress passed and the President has signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law, the latest in COVID-19 relief. The legislation provides \$30.5 billion in supplemental funding to public transit. This funding is to remain available until September 30, 2024. The funding is available for operating expenses including payroll, to cover lost revenue, and the purchase of personal protective equipment, at 100% federal share. This funding is "not subject to any prior restriction on the total amount of funds available for implementation or execution of programs authorized under sections 5307, 5310, or 5311." The breakdown of the \$30.5 billion is as follows:

- \$26.09 billion for grants to recipients and subrecipients under the section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula up to a cumulative total of 132% of an urbanized area's 2018 operating costs.
- An additional \$2.2 billion for recipients that need additional assistance to maintain operations to be allocated by the Secretary based on need.
- \$1.675 billion for certain New Starts and Core Capacity Capital Investment Grant (CIG) projects.
- \$250 million for certain Small Starts CIG projects that have received an allocation or are in project development.
- \$50 million for 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & People with Disabilities program.
- \$317 million for 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas.

Appropriation Earmarks

House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman DeLauro announced the Committee's process for "community project funding" (aka earmarks). The Committee reforms include:

- For-profit entities are prohibited from directly receiving funding.
- Community Project Funding is limited to 1% of discretionary spending.
- Each Member may request up to 10 community projects.
- Evidence of community support must be provided in the request.
- Requests must be posted online.
- Members must not have a financial interest in the project.

The Senate has yet to release its earmark process, but it could mirror the House reforms.

Reauthorization Earmarks

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman DeFazio announced his intention to include earmarks in the FAST Act reauthorization bill. The Committee released an initial outline of the process Members should consider in reviewing and selecting projects that might qualify for project funding. The Committee will provide additional details (including a database where Members can enter their formal requests) in the coming weeks.

The Committee requests recommendations and related surface transportation policy priorities be submitted via letter to the Committee no later than April 14, 2021. The Committee asks for feedback to focus on "direct modifications or additions to the programs and policies set forth in H.R. 2" (which was last year's House passed INVEST bill).

The Committee correspondence asks that the following information on specific project requests be provided:

- Documentation that the project is on the State, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program (STIP); and on the metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP), if applicable
- Sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project beyond the amount requested
- Letter(s) of support from the State department of transportation, or local government, transit agency, or other non-Federal sponsor
- A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project
- Project phase (e.g. Planning, Final Design, Construction)
- NEPA category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement)
- Status of environmental review
- Whether the project has received Federal funding previously, and if so, the source and amount
- Certification that the Member, their spouse, and other immediate family members do not have a financial interest in the project

Low-No Grant Funding

FTA announced the availability of \$180 million in competitive grant funds for the Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grant Program. Applications are due by April 12, 2021. There are significant differences in this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) compared to the one issued under the previous Administration.

The FY 2021 NOFO encourages projects to include environmental justice goals, workforce development activities, and additional climate benefits. As secondary review criteria, the FTA Administrator will consider Departmental objectives, including applications that:

- Provide other air quality benefits as part of the application review;
- Advance the Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis;
- Prioritize benefits to environmental justice communities; and
- Include "workforce development activities that improve the technical expertise of America's transit workers."

The NOFO no longer includes preferences for projects located in an Opportunity Zone, or projects that include a higher local financial commitment. Furthermore, while last year's notice made no mention of autonomous vehicles, the FY 2021 NOFO discusses applications that include "autonomous vehicles or other innovative motor vehicle technology."

Senate Appropriations

The Democratic Majority of the Senate Appropriations Committee released updated information on the makeup of its subcommittees. For the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Senator Schatz (D-HI) will serve as its new Chairman. Senator Schatz as Chairman of the Subcommittee is expected to focus on and direct funding to strong investments in a zero-emission future. The Senator is one of the strongest advocates for addressing the climate crisis, serving as chair of the Senate Democrats' Special Committee on the Climate Crisis. He is also a member of the Senate Commerce Committee and Senate Banking Committee (which has jurisdiction over the transit program).

TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: March 23, 2021

Summary

Our team at Cornerstone Government Affairs has compiled an update for the Connect Transit Board of Directors to highlight current legislative affairs within the state. We will be available throughout session to continue keeping Connect Transit up to date as legislation is amended or heard in committees and to assist with other matters as they arise.

Bill Tracking

HB 6

Committee Hearing:

Sales, Amusement, & Other Taxes Subcommittee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:03PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Short Description: TAX COMPLIANCE FUND-TRANSFER

House Sponsors

Rep. Anthony DeLuca

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 1.5% to 1%. Effective July 1, 2021.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2021	House	To Sales, Amusement, & Other Taxes Subcommittee

HB 131

Committee Hearing:

Labor & Commerce Committee Hearing Mar 24 2021 12:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 1
Springfield, IL

Short Description: UNEMPLOY INS LABOR DISPUTE

House Sponsors

Rep. Michael Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that a claimant is not disqualified from obtaining benefits during a period of unemployment caused by a labor dispute if the labor dispute is caused by the failure or refusal of the employer to comply with an agreement or contract between the employer and the claimant, including a collective bargaining agreement with a union representing the claimant, or a State or federal law pertaining to hours, wages, or other conditions of work. Provides that a claimant shall not be provided benefits for a period of the first 30 days following the commencement of unemployment caused by a labor dispute, including a strike or other concerted activities of employees at the claimant's workplace, whether or not authorized or sanctioned by a union representing the claimant, but not including a dispute during which benefits are otherwise available. Provides that the 30-day waiting period shall not apply if the employer hires a permanent replacement worker for the claimant's position. Provides that if the employer does not permit the claimant to return to his or her prior position upon conclusion of the dispute, the claimant shall be entitled to recover any benefits lost as a result of the 30-day waiting period before receiving benefits. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2021	House	To Wage Policy & Study Subcommittee

HB 239

Committee Hearing:

Sales, Amusement, & Other Taxes Subcommittee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:03PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Short Description: GOMB-FINANCIAL ASSIST ALERTS

House Sponsors

Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall provide for alerts by email to be provided to the public upon the posting of new funding opportunities on the Catalog of State Financial Assistance as maintained on the website of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Provides that persons seeking to be alerted to the

posting of new funding opportunities may do so by providing an email address to which such information may be sent. Provides that the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall also make available electronically a monthly digest of funding opportunities utilizing the information required to be made available in the Catalog of State Financial Assistance for funding opportunities. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2021	House	To Sales, Amusement, & Other Taxes Subcommittee

HB 253

Short Description: IDOT-ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

House Sponsors

Rep. Kambium Buckner, Aaron M. Ortiz, Thaddeus Jones, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Jonathan Carroll, Kelly M. Cassidy, Debbie Meyers-Martin and Mark L. Walker

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and implement a transportation performance program for all transportation facilities under its jurisdiction. Provides that the Department shall develop a risk-based, statewide highway system asset management plan to preserve and improve the conditions of highway and bridge assets and enhance the performance of the system while minimizing life-cycle cost. Provides that the asset management plan shall include, at a minimum, strategies leading to a program of projects that would make progress toward achievement of targets for asset condition and performance of the State highway system. Provides that the asset management plan shall be made publicly available on the Department's website. Provides that the Department shall develop a needs-based asset management plan for State-supported public transportation assets, including vehicles, facilities, equipment, and other infrastructure. Limits the plan to certain transit services. Provides that the Department shall develop a performance-based project selection process to prioritize taxpayer investment in transportation assets that go above and beyond maintaining the existing system in a state of good repair and to evaluate projects that add capacity. Adds various requirements regarding the new asset management plan and performance-based programming. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2021	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

HB 398

Short Description: COMPLETE STREETS ACT

House Sponsors

Rep. Martin J. Moylan-Carol Ammons-Debbie Meyers-Martin

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Complete Streets Act. Requires the Department of Transportation to use federal or State funds allocated for transportation projects to improve safety, access, and mobility for users of the various modes of transportation. Creates the Complete Streets Advisory Board. Provides that the Governor shall appoint members representing various agencies, organizations, or interest groups to the Advisory Board. Provides that the Advisory Board, in coordination with a representative or representatives of the Department, shall prepare a report on the status of the implementation of the Complete Streets Initiative. Provides that the Advisory Board shall submit its initial report and recommendations to the Governor, the Department, and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2023, and annually on January 1 of each subsequent year. Defines the terms "Advisory Board", "Department", "multimodal", "multimodal planning or multimodal transportation planning", and "user or users". Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2021	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

HB 412

Short Description: GATA-APPLICABILITY

House Sponsors

Rep. Jay Hoffman-Tony McCombie-Tim Butler-Jonathan Carroll, Stephanie A. Kifowit and Dave Vella

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the requirements established under the Act do not apply to State shared revenues distributed by formula to units of local government from the Local Government Distributive Fund, the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, or the Transportation Renewal Fund. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2021	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

HB 588

Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 19 2021 2:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 2 Springfield, IL

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 23 2021 10:00AM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 2
Springfield, IL

Short Description: HUMAN RTS-TRAFFICKING-NOTICE

House Sponsors

Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit, Deb Conroy and Tony McCombie

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act. Provides that certain businesses and establishments shall post the notice required by the Act in all restrooms open to the public.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2021	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Criminal Committee

HB 787

Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 23 2021 10:00AM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 2
Springfield, IL

Short Description: CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT

House Sponsors

Rep. Patrick Windhorst-Tony McCombie and Michael T. Marron

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Eliminates provision that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2021	House	To Firearms and Firearm Safety Subcommittee

HB 1723

Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3
Springfield, IL

Property Tax Subcommittee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:02PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield,

IL

Short Description: PROPERTY TAX-VENDOR REPORT

House Sponsors

Rep. William Davis

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that any taxing district that has an aggregate property tax levy of more than \$5,000,000 for the applicable levy year shall make a good faith effort to collect and electronically publish data from all vendors and subcontractors doing business with the taxing district as to whether the vendor or subcontractor is a minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned business or whether the vendor or subcontractor is a small business. Preempts the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2021	House	To Property Tax Subcommittee

HB 1759

Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 23 2021 10:00AM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 2
Springfield, IL

Short Description: CRIM CD-CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTRE

House Sponsors

Rep. Jay Hoffman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person also commits criminal damage to property when he or she intentionally damages, destroys, or tampers with equipment in a critical infrastructure facility without authorization from the critical infrastructure facility. Provides that a violation is: (1) a Class 4 felony when the damage to property does not exceed \$500; (2) a Class 3 felony when the damage to property exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$10,000; and (3) a Class 2 felony when the damage to property exceeds \$10,000. Provides that a person may be liable in any civil action for money damages to the owner of the critical infrastructure facility for any damage resulting from a violation. Provides that it is an affirmative defense to a violation that the owner of the property or land damaged consented to the damage. Provides that a person may also be liable to the owner for court costs and reasonable attorney's fees resulting from a violation. Changes the name of the offense of criminal trespass to a nuclear facility to criminal trespass to a critical infrastructure facility. Includes as an element of the offense that the person must have the intent to damage, destroy, or tamper with equipment of the facility. Provides that a person may also be liable in a civil action for money damages

to the owner of the critical infrastructure facility for any damage to personal or real property of the facility resulting from the trespass. Provides that a person may also be liable to the owner for court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. Defines "critical infrastructure facility" and "with the intent to damage, destroy, or tamper with equipment of the facility".

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/9/2021	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Criminal Committee

HB 1790

Committee Hearing:

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 24 2021 12:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 2 Springfield, IL

Short Description: STATE CONTRACTS-INSURRECTION

House Sponsors

Rep. Kambium Buckner-Curtis J. Tarver, II-Jonathan Carroll-Kelly M. Cassidy-Bob Morgan, Maurice A. West, II, Delia C. Ramirez, Robert Rita, Will Guzzardi, Terra Costa Howard, Mary E. Flowers, Michael J. Zalewski, Margaret Croke, Daniel Didech, Eva Dina Delgado, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Deb Conroy, Joyce Mason, Lindsey LaPointe, Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Anna Moeller and Greg Harris

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that no State agency subject to the provisions of the Code shall enter into a contract with a business, person, or other entity that has been found to have committed insurrection or advocated the overthrow of the federal or State government. Requires units of local government to adopt an ordinance or resolution that regulates contracts between those units of local government and businesses, persons, or other entities that have been found to have committed insurrection or advocated the overthrow of the federal or State government. Provides that a business, person, or entity is found to have committed insurrection or advocated the overthrow of the federal or State government if such business, person, or entity is found guilty under specified provisions.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/9/2021	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

HB 1858

Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:01PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Short Description: INC TX-COMMUTER COSTS

House Sponsors

Rep. Dagmara Avelar

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for employers that provide reimbursement to employees for costs associated with commuting to and from a worksite in the State. Provides that the credit shall be equal to 50% of those costs, but not to exceed \$100 per employee per month. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2021	House	To Income Tax Subcommittee

HB 1878

Committee Hearing:

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 24 2021 12:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 2 Springfield, IL

Procurement Subcommittee Hearing Mar 24 2021 12:01PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 2 Springfield, IL

Short Description: INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN BUILD

House Sponsors

Rep. Ryan Spain

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act. Contains a statement of legislative policy. Defines terms. Adds provisions governing: authorization of project delivery methods; preconditions to commencement of procurement; procurement; evaluation and selection of proposals; project records; confidentiality; public disclosure; design-build contracts; construction manager/general contractor contracts; funding and financing; minority, disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses; acquisition of property; federal requirements; powers of the Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and rulemaking. Makes corresponding changes in the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois; Illinois Finance Authority Act; the Illinois Procurement Code; the Public Construction Bond Act; the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act; the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act; the Toll Highway Act; the Eminent Domain Act; and the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the provisions of the Act are severable. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2021	House	To Procurement Subcommittee

HB 2918

Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 23 2021 3:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Short Description: COVID-19 IMMUNITY ACT

House Sponsors

Rep. Adam Niemerg

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the COVID-19 Immunity Act. Provides that an individual, business, or unit of local government shall not be liable in a civil action claiming an injury from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 if the act or omission alleged to violate a duty of care of the individual, business, or unit of local government was in compliance or consistent with federal or State regulations, a presidential or gubernatorial executive order, or guidance applicable at the time of the alleged exposure. Provides that immunity does not apply to willful misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/9/2021	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

HB 3026

Short Description: SURVEILLANCE ADMIN LAW

House Sponsors

Rep. Keith R. Wheeler

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Surveillance Administrative Law Act. Prohibits the placement of electronic monitoring devices without explicit statutory action by the State of Illinois setting forth the need for the placement of an electronic monitoring device. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Provides that any discretionary power exercised by an agency under the Act shall be exercised in conformity with the Surveillance Administrative Law Act. Defines terms. Provides legislative intent. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2021	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

HB 3108

Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 25 2021 2:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3
Springfield, IL

Short Description: REVENUE-TAXATION OF CANNABIS

House Sponsors

Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction in an amount equal to the deductions and credits that were disallowed under Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year. Amends the Civic Center Code, the Flood Prevention District Act, the Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, the Local Mass Transit District Act, and the Water Commission Act of 1985 to provide that those special districts may not levy a tax upon the cultivation and processing of adult use cannabis. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2021	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

HB 3213

Committee Hearing:

Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges Committee Hearing Mar 22 2021 12:00PM www.ilga.gov
Virtual Room 2 Springfield, IL

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-NONMARKET ECONOMY

House Sponsors

Rep. Martin J. Moylan

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that no procurement contract for the construction, alteration, operation, repair, maintenance, or improvement of any mass transit facility, or equipment thereof, in excess of \$1,000,000 shall be awarded to or executed with any vendor that receives support from a nonmarket economy country, as defined under specified federal law. Provides that nothing in the provisions is intended to contravene any existing treaties, laws, trade agreements, or regulations of the United States or subsequent trade agreements entered into between any foreign countries and the State

or the United States.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2021	House	Assigned to Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges Committee

HB 3775

Committee Hearing:

Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges Committee Hearing Mar 22 2021 12:00PM www.ilga.gov
Virtual Room 2 Springfield, IL

Short Description: FREE RIDES-ELECTION DAY

House Sponsors

Rep. Aaron M. Ortiz and Kambium Buckner

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, the Local Mass Transit District Act, and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that the various transportation authorities shall provide free transportation during general election days, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the respective authorities.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2021	House	Assigned to Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges Committee

SB 90

Short Description: TAX COMPLIANCE FUND-TRANSFER

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Jil Tracy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 1.5% to 1%. Effective July 1, 2021.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2021	Senate	Assigned to Revenue

SB 99

Short Description: DHFS-MANAGED CARE EXEMPTIONS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Ram Villivalam and Sara Feigenholtz

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Exempts transportation services, including those transportation services provided by ground ambulance service providers, medicar providers, service car providers, and taxi service providers, from the State's managed care medical assistance program. Provides that these services shall continue to be paid under the State's traditional fee-for-service program.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/16/2021	Senate	To Subcommittee on Managed Care Organizations (MCO's)

SB 117

Committee Hearing:

State Government Hearing Mar 24 2021 2:00PM www.ilga.gov Virtual Room 3 Springfield, IL

Short Description: TREASURER-INFRASTRUCTURE DEV

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Steve Stadelman and Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Infrastructure Development Act. Provides that the State Treasurer shall segregate a portion of the Treasurer's State investment portfolio in the Infrastructure Development Account, an account that shall be maintained separately and apart from other moneys invested by the State Treasurer. Allows the State Treasurer to make investments concerning the Infrastructure Development Account. Provides for Infrastructure Development Account-Recipient Funds created by Illinois infrastructure development firms in which the State Treasurer places money. Provides further requirements concerning Infrastructure Development Account-Recipient Funds. Provides for the adoption rules. Provides that the Infrastructure Development Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury, which may receive a portion of earnings from the Infrastructure Development Account and may be used by the State Treasurer to pay expenses related to the Act. Defines terms. Amends the State Finance Act to provide for the Infrastructure Development Fund. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2021	Senate	Postponed - State Government

SB 640

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-NONMARKET ECONOMY

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Laura M. Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that no procurement contract for the construction, alteration, operation, repair, maintenance, or improvement of any mass transit facility, or equipment thereof, in excess of \$1,000,000 shall be awarded to or executed with any vendor that receives support from a nonmarket economy country, as defined under specified federal law. Provides that nothing in the provisions is intended to contravene any existing treaties, laws, trade agreements, or regulations of the United States or subsequent trade agreements entered into between any foreign countries and the State or the United States.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/9/2021	Senate	Assigned to Commerce

SB 1756

Short Description: CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Neil Anderson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Eliminates provision that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2021	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 1942

Short Description: CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Eliminates provision that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2021	Senate	Referred to Assignments

General Legislative Updates

New Laws: Governor Pritzker signed the healthcare transformation bill, [SB1510](#). The new law aims to foster partnerships – to be funded by a pool – to establish/improve health care delivery systems that will both bolster health care equity and improve access to the Medicaid and uninsured populations in their communities.

In addition to the hospital transformation provisions, the new law: provides COVID-related extensions for nursing homes; makes technical corrections for the hospital assessment; enacts a fix to the FQHC formula; and reinstates supplemental funding rate for DCFS children held beyond medical necessity. Governor Pritzker called the legislation a “giant leap forward” in the mission to reduce inequities across Illinois. See the news release [here](#).

COVID-19 Update: Acknowledging “it’s time to begin to cautiously move toward normalcy,” Governor Pritzker announced a “bridge phase” between Phase 4 and 5 of the Restore Illinois reopening plan. The bridge phase is designed to serve as a transition period with higher capacity limits and increased business operations, without “prematurely embracing a reckless reopening.” Illinois will still follow CDC guidelines and require the use of face masks during the bridge phase.

The bridge to Phase 5 allows for higher capacity limits at places like museums, zoos and spectator events as well as increased business operations.

To advance into the Bridge Phase, the entire state must reach a number of markers, including attainment of: a 70% first-dose vaccination rate for residents 65 and over; a 20% or lower ICU bed availability rate; and a hold steady rate on COVID-19 (and COVID-like) hospital admissions, mortality rates, and case rates over a 28-day monitoring period.

To advance to Phase 5, the state must reach a 50% vaccination rate for residents age 16 and over and -- over an additional 28-day period -- meet the same metrics and rates required to enter the transition phase.

To prevent a large increase in new COVID-19 cases, Illinois will revert back to an earlier phase if, over the course of 10 days, the state experiences an increasing trend in COVID-19/ COVID-like illness hospital admissions; a decrease in ICU bed availability; an increase in the mortality rate; and an increasing case rate.

There has been an update to current Phase 4 mitigations and the capacity limits of the bridge to Phase 5. That is, capacity limits have been redefined and expanded -- they will not count individuals with proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event or outing. The mitigation plan also includes adjustments to current Phase 4 mitigations, made in coordination with business leaders and health experts.

More information is [here](#).

On Thursday, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported 2,325 new cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, including 34 additional deaths. As of Wednesday night, 1,120 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 252 patients were in the ICU and 100 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. The preliminary 7-day statewide positivity rate is 2.4%, while the test positivity rate is 2.7%.

Vaccine Update: Beginning April 12th, Illinois (outside of Chicago) will expand vaccine eligibility for individuals age 16 and over. The Governor also said he will make other classes of individuals eligible for vaccinations prior to April 12th.

Chicago receives its own separate vaccine allotment and sets its own eligibility criteria. On March 29th, Chicago will move to Phase 1C of its vaccination plan, expanding eligibility to people with certain underlying health conditions and other essential workers.

The Illinois Department of Public Health launched the Vaccine Appointment Call Center -- 833-621-1284 -- to assist people without access to, or are uncomfortable using, online services to get an appointment for their COVID shot. Currently, the call center is open seven days a week from 6 am to midnight, with about 500 agents answering calls (with the ability to expand during peak periods). Agents are English and Spanish speaking, and there is the availability for translation into other languages.

A total of 5,172,415 doses of vaccine have been delivered to providers in Illinois, including Chicago. Another 414,900 doses total have been allocated to the federal government's Pharmacy Partnership Program for long-term care facilities. A total of 4,375,171 vaccines have been administered in Illinois as of Wednesday at midnight, including 359,041 for long-term care facilities. Illinois averages administering 99,210 doses/day.

Tax Filing Extension: Governor Pritzker announced an extension to the state's individual income tax filing and payment deadline, from April 15 to May 17. The Illinois Department of Revenue will continue to process tax refunds for those filing ahead of the deadline.

The filing extension does not apply to estimated tax payments; those remain due on April 15, 2021. Formulas to be used for estimated tax payments have been identified. Such filers can use either 100% of estimated or 90% of actual liability for 2021 -- or 100% of actual liabilities for 2019 or 2020.

ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois Senate was in session Tuesday, March 16th and Wednesday, March 17th. The Illinois House was in session for one day only on March 18th. In addition to the floor action this week, both chambers continue to conduct hearings remotely at this time.

The Illinois Senate released protocols for individuals entering areas under its control. At this time, the Capitol will remain closed to the general public. Individuals wishing to have access must have an appointment and undergo COVID testing, including those wishing to testify in person at legislative hearings. Requests to provide in-person oral testimony must be submitted 24 hours in advance. Even though some members and witnesses may be physically present in the committee rooms, the Senate will continue to hold hearings virtually. Read the new protocols [here](#).

The Illinois House will return to the use of a “consent calendar,” a practice that has not been utilized for several years. The consent calendar allows final action on multiple non-controversial bills on a single roll call. Legislation not eligible for the consent calendar include: revenue or appropriations bills; bills requiring more than 60 votes to pass; and legislation requiring the adoption of floor amendments. The consent calendar will expedite final passage of agreed legislation.

An amendment was expected to [SB 217](#) (Hoffman), a bill to decouple from certain federal tax laws, with the possibility of a floor vote on Thursday. The final vote was postponed, however, after the federal government announced the tax filing deadline will be extended until May 15th -- which allows legislators more time to consider the controversial legislation prior to tax filing deadlines.

The Illinois House approved along partisan lines -- by a vote of 72-41 -- [HB 158](#) (Lilly) , which represents the Black Caucus’ healthcare pillar. HB 158 heads to the Senate for consideration. Capitol News has [more](#) on the legislation.

The Illinois House also approved -- by a vote of 70-41 -- [HB 1871](#) (Stuart) which makes permanent some of the pandemic related election law changes enacted specifically for the 2020 election cycle. The bill allows the continued use of drop boxes and curbside voting; ensures that all ballots mailed within appropriate guidelines are counted even if they are mailed without postage; and allows the use of federal HAVA funds for the purchase of drop boxes. HB 1871 heads to the Senate for consideration.

The Illinois House approved [HB 2877](#) (Ramirez) -- by a vote of 73-38-- which creates the COVID-19 Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program Act. The bill makes several changes including: the sealing of a court file in a residential eviction action; emergency sealing of a court file in a residential eviction action during the COVID-19 emergency and economic recovery period; and a temporary COVID-19 stay of certain foreclosure proceedings and filing. HB 2877 now moves to the Senate.

The Illinois House approved [SB 72](#) (Hoffman), as amended, which is an initiative of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. During the lame duck session, the General Assembly approved [HB 3360](#) (Hoffman/Harmon) to allow for pre-judgment interest, rather than post-judgment interest, in civil proceedings. That bill is pending on the Governor’s Desk and is facing strong opposition from the medical and business communities, among others. SB 72 incorporates the underlying language of HB 3360 with changes including -- exempting state and local government, lowering the interest rate from 9 to 6 percent, and moving the start date to the time when the suit is actually filed. SB 72 passed the House by a vote of 67-40 and now heads back to the Senate for concurrence.

The Illinois House unanimously approved legislation to allow the reopening of West Lake Hospital in Melrose Park, [SB 168](#) (Willis/Ellman). The bill heads back to the Senate for concurrence.

Legislation to create the Clean Energy Jobs Act, [HB 804](#) (Williams), passed the House Energy and Environment Committee by a vote of 18-11. The bill puts Illinois on track to 100% renewable energy by 2050. Of the over 1500 proponents, the committee heard testimony from the Sunrise Movement, Illinois Peoples Action, among others. Their testimony mainly centered on this bill's ability to hold utilities responsible and benefit environmental justice communities. From the 126 opponents, the committee heard testimony from the Illinois Energy Association, Ameren, and PJM Power Providers, among others. Their testimony focused on concerns about the impact this would have on rate payers and the overall cost associated with the bill. The sponsor noted she will continue to work on the legislation. The bill now heads to the full House.

The House Energy and Environment Committee also approved [HB 2640](#) (Davis) the Path to 100 Act. The legislation would increase the cap on energy bills from roughly 2% to 4% in order to provide funding for renewable projects to avoid the "solar cliff." Of the over 270 proponents, the committee heard testimony from StraightUp Solar, the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA), the Illinois Solar Energy Association, and the Joint Solar Parties, among others. Their testimony focused on the ability of this bill to fix the solar cliff while investing in a diverse workforce. The sponsor also noted a commitment to continue discussions surrounding the bill while primarily supporting legislation that the Governor could introduce. HB 2640 now heads to the Senate.

Following a subcommittee and full committee hearing, legislation ([SB 455](#)/Koehler) that would claw back 20% of the capitation rates from Medicaid managed care organizations was held in the Senate Health Committee.

Representative Zalewski filed an amendment to [HB 849](#) which would lift the ban on in-state wagering on collegiate sports. The underlying bill and amendment are pending before the House Executive Committee.

The Illinois Senate Redistricting Committee held its first hearing this week, which marks the beginning of the process to redraw congressional and legislative districts. Senate President Harmon said that he expects the General Assembly to complete the process before the June 30th constitutional deadline, despite the data delay by the Census Bureau.

Representative Andre Thapedi tendered his resignation from the Illinois House, effective immediately.

The Illinois House also approved a resolution along partisan lines to condemn Republican Representative Chris Miller for being involved in the January 6th rally that led to the violent insurrection at the US Capitol and promoting actions of an internationally recognized para-military hate group ([HR 132](#)/Morgan). The Legislative Ethics Commission is continuing a review of Miller's conduct.

COMING UP:

The Illinois Senate adjourned until March 23rd. The Illinois House adjourned until April 13th.

The Illinois Senate moved the committee deadline for passage of substantive legislation out of Senate committees from March 26th to **April 16th**. The move recognizes the technological related delays in

convening remote committees at the start of the spring session. The House committee deadline remains March 26th, although that deadline is likely to be extended. Speaker Welch stated this week that the chamber is on target to have all 4,000+ bills that were filed this spring assigned to a committee by March 26th.

2021 Key Session Dates:

March 26 – Deadline: Substantive House Bills out of House Committee

March 29 - April 9 - Spring Break

April 6 - Consolidated Election

April 16 - Deadline: Substantive Senate Bills out of Senate Committee

April 23 – Deadline: Third Reading Substantive Bills/both chambers

May 14 – Deadline: Substantive Bills out of Committee in opposite chamber/both chambers

May 28 – Deadline: Third Reading Substantive Bills/both chambers

May 31 – Adjournment