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GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE

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**ANNUAL LOBBY DAY**  
2024

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# WELCOME AND THANK YOU

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Welcome to the Capitol,

On behalf of Will County Governmental League President Joseph Roudez and Legislative Chair Chris Brown, I want to welcome all of you to WCGL Lobby Day 2024. We have a packed afternoon of meetings with the leadership of all four caucuses in the General Assembly. We encourage all of you to try and meet with your individual area legislators throughout the afternoon to discuss issues important to your communities.

I want to thank all of the members of WCGL who made the trip to Springfield today. Making your voices heard is incredibly important in winning support for our issues. I hear from legislators regularly about how much it means when their mayors call and let them know their position on issues.

In addition to our municipal members, I want to thank our corporate partners and supporting members. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to put on today's event. Your support of the WCGL and our work is greatly appreciated by all of us at the WCGL.

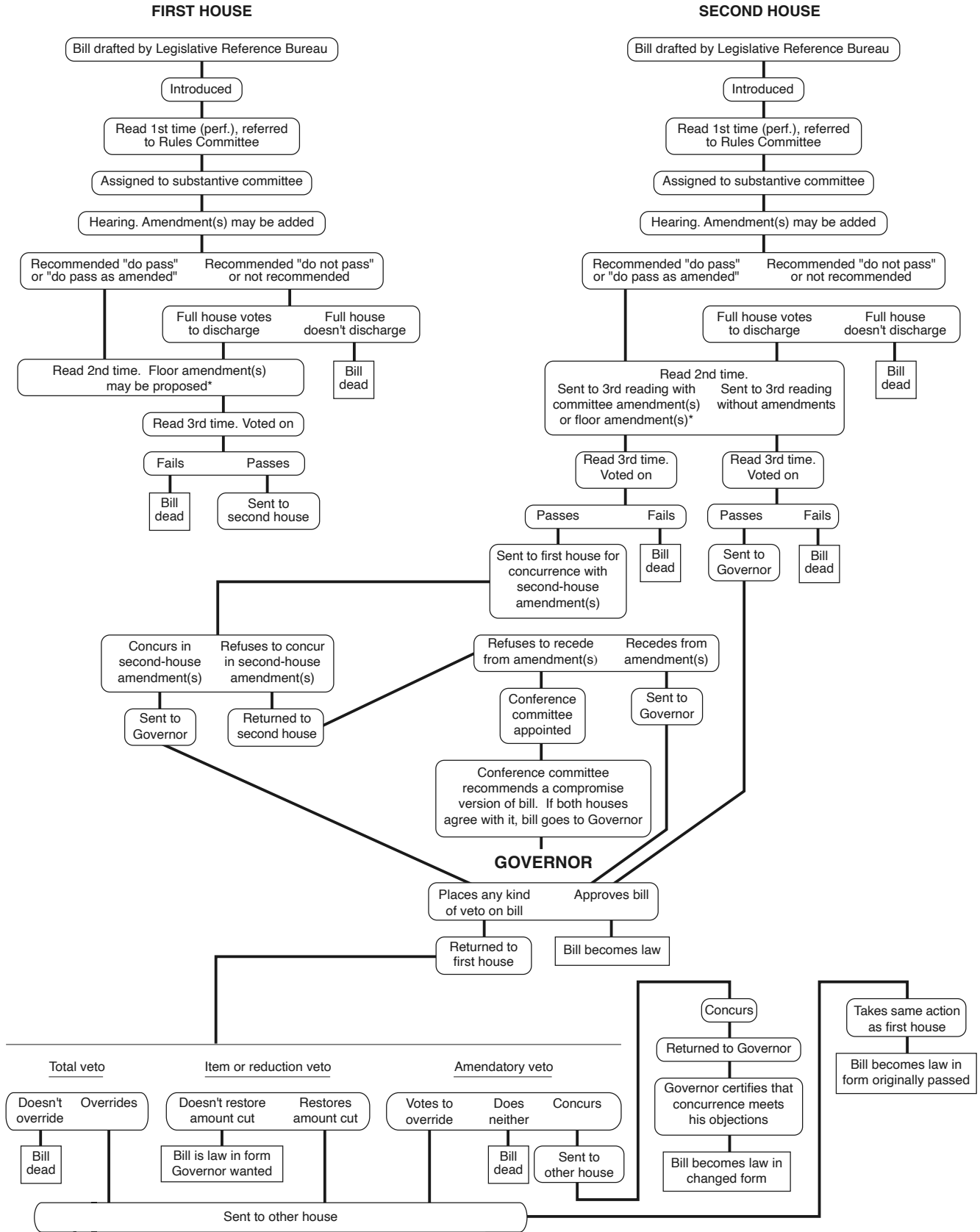
Finally, thank you to the staff at WCGL for all of their hard work in arranging today's events and meetings. It takes a great deal of effort to coordinate all of today's meetings, events, and logistics.

Have a great 2024 Lobby Day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh O'Hara", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hugh O'Hara  
Executive Director

# How A Bill Becomes Law in Illinois



\*Amendments proposed on the floor must go to the Rules Committee for approval before being considered.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**    **LUNCHEON & LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**  
**STATEHOUSE INN - GOVERNOR'S BALLROOM**  
**REGISTRATION - 11:00 AM / LUNCHEON - 12:00 PM**

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**1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**    **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES AND LOBBYING**  
**STATE CAPITOL & STRATTON BUILDING**  
*(PHOTO I.D. REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDINGS)*  
  
*(PLEASE SEE MEETING SCHEDULE)*

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**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**    **LOBBY DAY RECEPTION**  
**THE ALAMO**  
**115 N. 5th STREET, SPRINGFIELD**

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**9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.**    **HOSPITALITY SUITE**  
**STATEHOUSE INN - SUITE 719**

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# LOBBY DAY MEETINGS

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## **Senate President Harmon - 10:45am**

County Executive Bertino-Tarrant  
Mayor Alexander-Basta, Bolingbrook  
Mayor Spesia, Coal City  
Mayor Kernc, Diamond  
Mayor Brown, Morris  
Mayor March, Peotone  
Mayor DeBold, Shorewood  
Mayor Roudez, University Park  
Matt Fritz, Coal City  
Beth Beatty, Joliet  
Ben Benson, Lockport  
Nick Palmer, Manhattan

## **Speaker Welch - 1:30pm**

County Executive Bertino-Tarrant  
Mayor Schumacher, Channahon  
Mayor Ogle, Frankfort  
Mayor D'Arcy, Joliet  
Mayor Streit, Lockport  
Mayor Roudez, University Park  
Mayor Dietz, Wilmington  
County Board Member, Joe VanDuyne  
Trustee Bradley, Coal City  
Lucas Rickleman, Bolingbrook  
Aaron Klima, Shorewood  
Kim Fladhammer, Will County

## **House Minority Leader McCombie - 2:00pm**

Mayor Kernc, Diamond  
Mayor Ogle, Frankfort  
Mayor Egofske, Lemont  
Mayor Brown, Morris  
Mayor DeBold, Shorewood  
Mayor Dietz, Wilmington  
County Board Chair Ogalla  
County Board Member Balich  
County Board Member Traynere  
Trustee Mincey, Coal City  
George Schafer, Lemont  
Ben Benson, Lockport  
Nick Palmer, Manhattan

## **Senate Minority Leader Curran - 2:30pm**

Mayor Alexander-Basta, Bolingbrook  
Mayor Schumacher, Channahon  
Mayor Spesia, Coal City  
Mayor D'Arcy, Joliet  
Mayor Streit, Lockport  
Mayor Roudez, University Park  
County Board Chair Ogalla  
County Board Member Deane-Schlottman  
Trustee Sheehan, Lockport  
Tom Durkin, Channahon  
Mike Mahoney, Will County  
Aimee Ingalls, Peotone  
Jeannine Smith, Wilmington

Meeting Locations: For all leadership meetings, please gather near the stairs on the 3rd floor.

For Senator Ventura meeting please gather outside Room 119 on the 1st floor.

Please arrive 10 minutes before meeting time

## **Senator Ventura, Dist 43 - 4:00pm**

Mayor D'Arcy, Joliet  
Mayor Streit, Lockport  
Mayor DeBold, Shorewood  
Beth Beatty, Joliet  
Ben Benson, Lockport  
Aaron Klima, Shorewood



# WCGL LEGISLATORS

## SENATE LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT -	SEN. DON HARMON	309G CAPITOL BLDG
MAJORITY LEADER -	SEN. KIM LIGHTFORD	309H CAPITOL BLDG
MINORITY LEADER -	SEN. JOHN CURRAN	108 CAPITOL BLDG

## HOUSE LEADERSHIP

SPEAKER -	REP. EMANUEL "CHRIS" WELCH	300 CAPITOL BLDG
MAJORITY LEADER -	REP. ROBYN GABEL	300 CAPITOL BLDG
MINORITY LEADER -	REP. TONY McCOMBIE	316 CAPITOL BLDG

## ILLINOIS SENATE

SEN. EMIL JONES III .....	(DIST 14) -	311 C CAPITOL BLDG
SEN. NAPOLEON HARRIS.....	(DIST 15) -	413 CAPITOL BLDG
SEN. ELGIE SIMS, JR. ....	(DIST 17) -	218 CAPITOL BLDG
SEN. MICHAEL HASTINGS .....	(DIST 19) -	311 B CAPITOL BLDG
SEN. LAURA ELLMAN .....	(DIST 21) -	STRATTON BLDG, SEC C, OFFICE D
SEN. SUE REZIN .....	(DIST 38) -	STRATTON BLDG, SEC B, OFFICE G
SEN. DON HARMON .....	(DIST 39) -	309 G CAPITOL BLDG ( <i>LEADERSHIP</i> )
SEN. PATRICK JOYCE.....	(DIST 40) -	STRATTON BLDG, SEC C, OFFICE L
SEN. JOHN CURRAN .....	(DIST 41) -	108 CAPITOL BLDG ( <i>LEADERSHIP</i> )
SEN. LINDA HOLMES.....	(DIST 42) -	309 I CAPITOL BLDG
SEN. RACHEL VENTURA.....	(DIST 43) -	119 B CAPITOL BLDG
SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN.....	(DIST 49) -	STRATTON BLDG, SEC F, OFFICE G
SEN. TOM BENNETT.....	(DIST 53) -	STRATTON BLDG, SEC A, OFFICE D

## ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REP. THADDEUS JONES.....	(DIST 29) -	241-E STRATTON BLDG
REP. NICK SMITH.....	(DIST 34) -	288-S STRATTON BLDG
REP. TIM OZINGA .....	(DIST 37) -	200-8N STRATTON BLDG
REP. DEBBIE MEYERS-MARTIN .....	(DIST 38) -	237-E STRATTON BLDG
REP. JANET YANG ROHR.....	(DIST 41) -	284-S STRATTON BLDG
REP. JED DAVIS.....	(DIST 75) -	222-N STRATTON BLDG
REP. JACKIE HAAS.....	(DIST 79) -	201-N STRATTON BLDG
REP. ANTHONY DELUCA.....	(DIST 80) -	263-S STRATTON BLDG
REP. ANNA STAVA-MURRAY .....	(DIST 81) -	200-3S STRATTON BLDG
REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT .....	(DIST 84) -	200-7S STRATTON BLDG
REP. DOGMARA "DEE" AVELAR.....	(DIST 85) -	265-S STRATTON BLDG
REP. LARRY WALSH, JR. ....	(DIST 86) -	200-9S STRATTON BLDG
REP. HARRY BENTON.....	(DIST 97) -	282-S STRATTON BLDG
REP. NATALIE MANLEY .....	(DIST 98) -	300 CAPITOL BLDG
REP. JASON BUNTING .....	(DIST 106) -	214-N STRATTON BLDG

## **Protect Local Revenues**

Preserve the State Collected Grocery Tax - Increase Local Government Distributive Fund - Eliminate Sweeps of PPRT - Eliminate Fees Associated with Collecting Local Revenues - Support Municipal Immunity from Liability from Cyberattacks

## **Support Stable Financially Responsible Pension Funds**

Oppose Additional Pension Enhancements to Tier 2 - Protect Against the Elimination of Tier 2 Pensions - Achieve Public Safety Pension Ramp Parity with Other Pension Funds

## **Protect Local Land Use Control**

Leave Planning and Zoning Decisions with Local Governments - Provide Clarity on Siting of Renewable Energy Projects, Particularly Large Scale Solar Projects - Support Efforts to Enhance Non-Home Authorities

## **Enhanced Infrastructure Funding**

Support for New Capital Spending on Roads and Bridges - Additional Funding for IDOT to Improve Project Review Times - Solving the Fiscal Cliff Facing Our Area Transit Network - Support Spending on Our Area Waterways - Oppose Structural and Financial Changes to the Regional Planning Act - Allow for More Innovative Pilot Programs like Managed Lanes on I-55 - Finalize a Decision on the South Suburban Airport

## **Protect Our Regions Water Supply**

Support Reasonable Timelines for Lead Service Line Replacement - Provide Financial Support to Municipalities to Replace Lead Service Lines - Increase Funding to the Over Subscribed State Revolving Loan Fund - Reevaluate Eligibility Requirements for Disadvantaged Communities

## **Support FOIA and OMA Reform**

Align Posting Requirements with Current Technologies - Eliminate Print Requirements in Favor of Digital Posting Requirements - Allow Local Governments to Continue to Use Remote Participation for Meetings - Address the Issue of Police Body Cam Footage Requests by For-Profit Entertainment Groups

## **Oppose Unfunded Mandates**

Remove Municipal Governments from Paid Leave for All Act - Oppose All Legislation that Increases Costs to Local Governments - End the Shifting of Property Tax Burdens by Opposing Additional Exemptions and Credits - Oppose Limits on Home-Rule Communities



# 2024 Transportation Priorities

The WCGL calls on the State of Illinois to support a robust multi-modal transportation program that brings clarity to the project selection process. The WCGL supports an end to the historic 55/45 split in state transportation funds and a move toward a needs and performance based project selection process. The WCGL encourages the State to avoid making cuts to local infrastructure improvement programs, as those projects are often the catalyst for local economic development.

## **I-55 Stevenson Expressway**

- U.S. 30 to Illinois 126 (Joliet/Plainfield): Resurfacing and bridge repairs
- Improvements to I-59/ Diverging diamond Interchange with Illinois 59
- I-55/IL 59 to US 52: Interchange improvements/ Addition of auxiliary lanes
- Olympic Boulevard (from E Frontage Road to Houbolt Road) - Joliet: Extension of the existing roadway
- Seil Road (from Raven Road to IL 59) - Shorewood: Intersection improvements/ Inclusion of roundabouts
- Add Lanes South of I-80 to County Line
- New Interchanges at Lockport/Airport Road and IL 126

## **I-80**

- Bridge Replacements throughout Rt 30 to Brisbane Rd Corridor
- Route 30 to Brisbane Road: Add lanes
- At Route 53: Interchange construction

## **US 52**

- At I-55 & At Northeast/Southeast FR Road: Bridge repair and traffic signal replacement
- River Road to Houbolt Road (Joliet/Shorewood): Reconstruction and widening
  - For the portion of US 52 from River Road to Illinois Route 59: Add lanes

## **IL 53**

- North River Road to Patterson Road (Joliet, Elwood) : Intersection Improvements and widening
- IL 53 to Wilmington-Peotone Road: Bridge Improvements
- Arsenal Road to U.S. 52 (Channahon, Shorewood, Romeoville and Joliet) : Intersection Improvements/Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements

## **IL 394**

- Calumet Expressway, At Burville Road: Intersection Improvement
- U.S. 30 to IL : Adding Lanes
- Crete Monee Road Extension: Extending the existing roadway East to IL 394

## **Route 6**

- I-55 to Houbolt Road: Add Lanes
- Ridge Road from McEvelly Road to Route 6: Add lanes to existing roadways

## **Bridge Projects**

- I-80 (Rowell Ave to Gougar Rd): Bridge replacement/ widening
  - River Road to Houbolt Road: New Bridge
- Farrell Road (over Spring Creek): Bridge Replacement
- US Route 6 to Cook County Line Bridge Improvements
- Bridge rehabilitation for moveable bridges in downtown Joliet over Des Plaines river
- Lockport Renwick Rd / 9th Street Bridge Improvements
- Additional New Des Plaines River Crossing between Joliet and Lockport

## **Other Projects**

- 143rd Street - Lemont to Bell Road: Corridor improvements
- Gougar Road - Laraway road: Corridor improvement
- Illiana Expressway / Additional East-West connectivity across Will County
- South Suburban Airport - Provide area residents with an answer on what will be happening at the site, and end decades of uncertainty



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**RESOLUTION 24-01**

**A Resolution Regarding CMAP’s Report Entitled  
PLAN OF ACTION FOR REGIONAL TRANSIT (PART)**

**WHEREAS**, the Will County Governmental League (WCGL) represents thirty-three units of local government in Will and Grundy Counties dedicated to promoting and fostering intergovernmental understanding and collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, transit agencies in Northeastern Illinois are facing an estimated \$730 million operating budget shortfall beginning in 2026 due to changes in travel behavior following the COVID-19 pandemic and expiration of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) emergency assistance funds; and

**WHEREAS**, through Public Act 102-1028 in 2022, the Illinois General Assembly tasked the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) with identifying options regarding funding and governance for the Chicago region’s transit system; and

**WHEREAS**, CMAP considered the findings of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) strategic plan, Transit is the Answer, and CMAP’s Mobility Recovery project; conducted multiple discussions at various levels from riders to system administrators and boards; and developed an in-depth analysis of three question areas: the system we want, how to pay for it, and how to implement it; and

**WHEREAS**, CMAP completed its’ analysis and final report in the last half of October 2023 and will submit the report to the General Assembly for review and consideration during the 2024 Legislative Session;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the WCGL supports all efforts to strengthen the region’s transit system and understands that transit is crucial to addressing the region’s goals of improving mobility, increasing economic development and competitiveness, combating climate change, and building a more equitable region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that WCGL supports a combination of new revenue options in the form of: System Generated Revenues, Baseline Actions and Durable Sources, as well as Transformational Investment and Meaningful Change, all outlined in the PART report. The WCGL does so recognizing new revenue options as necessary to maintaining the region’s transit system and making visionary, targeted improvements and investments for the future. However, the WCGL strongly voices the position that any new revenue generated from residents of Will County be largely directed to service improvements in areas of Will County currently unserved or underserved by transit; and

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| Beecher    | Bolingbrook | Braidwood   | Channahon        | Coal City      | Crest Hill | Diamond  | Elwood     | Frankfort |
| Homer Glen | Joliet      | Lemont      | Lockport         | Manhattan      | Minooka    | Mokena   | Monee      | Morris    |
| Naperville | New Lenox   | Orland Park | Oswego           | Peotone        | Plainfield | Rockdale | Romeoville |           |
|            | Shorewood   | Symerton    | University Park  | Wilmington     | Woodridge  |          |            |           |
|            |             |             | County of Grundy | County of Will |            |          |            |           |



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that WCGL strongly opposes the integration of the RTA board and associated service boards (CTA, METRA and PACE) into one single regional transit agency governance unit. Instead, the Council strongly supports keeping the current transit governance structure with the unique service boards and strengthening of the RTA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the WCGL also strongly opposes any changes made to regional board appointments that would dilute the voices of suburban residents who today feel underrepresented in regional transit decision-making. Instead, the WCGL strongly supports increased local government representation from collar counties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that regardless of the governance structure, funding allocation policy remain largely consistent with current policy; and that a super majority vote be required to pass any budget or funding for any City or suburban program or project; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Governor JB Pritzker, Members of the Illinois General Assembly, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to make them aware of the commitments of the Will County Governmental League regarding regional transit.

**APPROVED** this 15th day of February, 2024 in Plainfield, Illinois.

Mayor Joseph Roudez, Village of University Park  
President, Will County Governmental League

Beecher Bolingbrook Braidwood Channahon Coal City Crest Hill Diamond Elwood Frankfort  
Homer Glen Joliet Lemont Lockport Manhattan Minooka Mokena Monee Morris  
Naperville New Lenox Orland Park Oswego Peotone Plainfield Rockdale Romeoville  
Shorewood Symerton University Park Wilmington Woodridge  
County of Grundy County of Will

## WCGL Member Communities

Beecher Bolingbrook Braidwood Channahon Coal City Crest Hill Diamond  
Elwood Frankfort Homer Glen Joliet Lemont Lockport Manhattan  
Minooka Mokena Monee Morris Naperville New Lenox Orland Park  
Oswego Peotone Plainfield Rockdale Romeoville Shorewood Symerton  
University Park Wilmington Woodridge County of Grundy County of Will

## 2023 - 2025 Officers and Directors

### President

Mayor Joseph Roudez, III  
Village of University Park

### Vice President

Mayor John Noak  
Village of Romeoville

### Secretary / Treasurer

Mayor Peter March  
Village of Peotone

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### Director

Mayor Terry Kernc  
Village of Diamond

### Director

Mayor Steven Streit  
City of Lockport

### Director

Mayor Chris Brown  
City of Morris

### Director

County Executive  
Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant  
Will County

### Director

Kurt Carroll, Administrator  
Village of New Lenox

### Director

Tom Durkin, Administrator  
Village of Channahon

## WCGL Staff

**Hugh O'Hara, Executive Director**

**Cherie Belom, Administration & Member Outreach**

**Jada Porter, Planning Liaison**

The Will County Governmental League is a not-for-profit association comprised of 31 municipalities and the Counties of Grundy and Will. The League's purpose is to provide an avenue for members to cooperate on all matters of public concern. The League provides a medium for legislative, intergovernmental, and transportation issues that impact over 984,000 residents.



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# Legislative Report

April 8, 2024  
Prepared by: Hugh  
O'Hara

## Bill Information

### **HB1185** **PENCD-DWNST POL&FIRE-FINANCING** (REP. DAVE VELLA)

Amends the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the annual employer contribution shall include an amount sufficient to bring the total assets of the pension fund up to 90% of the total actuarial liabilities of the pension fund by the end of municipal fiscal year 2050 (instead of 2040). Makes a conforming change. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

#### **POSITION**

Support

[HB1185 Bill Page](#)



### **HB3519** **PEN CD-TIER 2-VARIOUS** (REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT)

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement formula, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55 (instead of age 60). With regard to Tier 2 members and participants under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, State Employees, and State Universities Article: changes the retirement age to age 60 with 20 years of service or age 67 with 10 years of service; changes the final average salary calculation to the total salary during the 60 months (instead of 96 months) of service within the last 120 months of service in which the total salary was the highest; rescinds an election for certain benefits for persons under the Chicago Municipal Article; provides that the automatic annual increase in retirement annuity shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted increase in the consumer-price index-u, whichever is greater (instead of whichever is less) of the originally granted retirement annuity; and makes other changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 and are applicable without regard to whether a member or participant was in active service on or after the effective date. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

4/4/2024 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

#### **POSITION**

Oppose

[HB3519 Bill Page](#)



## HB3812 INS-HEALTH BENEFITS/COST SHARE (REP. ANGELICA GUERRERO-CUELLAR)

Amends the Accident and Health Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall provide any mental health treatment coverage without imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement for any police officer, firefighter, emergency medical services personnel, or veteran. Makes conforming changes in the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Third Reading

### POSITION

Monitor

[HB3812 Bill Page](#) 

## HB4099 PEN CD-TIER 2 VARIOUS (REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT)


Amends the General Provisions, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice or a security employee of the Department of Human Services subject to the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement annuity provisions, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55, regardless of whether the attainment of age 55 occurs while the person is still in service. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". In the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles, in a provision that reduces the amount of the pension for a Tier 2 firefighter or Tier 2 police officer who retires with at least 10 years of creditable service before attaining age 55, provides that the pension of a Tier 2 firefighter or Tier 2 police officer who is retiring after attaining age 50 with 20 or more years of creditable service shall not be reduced. Makes a conforming change. Provides that each annual increase for Tier 2 firefighters shall be increased on the January 1 occurring either on or after the attainment of age 55 (instead of age 60) or the first anniversary of the pension start date, whichever is later. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

### POSITION

Oppose

[HB4099 Bill Page](#) 

## HB4135 COUNTY-SOLAR FACILITY SETBACKS (REP. ANTHONY DELUCA)


Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county may require a commercial solar energy facility to be sited 500 feet (rather than 50 feet) to the nearest point on the property line of a nonparticipating property and 500 feet (rather than 150 feet) from the nearest point on the outside wall of an occupied community building or dwelling on nonparticipating properties.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

 **POSITION**

Support

[HB4135 Bill Page](#) 

**HB4139** **PEN CD-IMRF-DISABILITY BENEFIT** (REP. BRADLEY FRITTS)


Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. With regard to disability benefits, provides that a determination of disability may be made by a licensed and practicing medical professional with the authority to diagnose the condition or conditions for which disability benefits are sought (rather than only a physician). Defines "medical professional". Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

 **POSITION**

Monitor

[HB4139 Bill Page](#) 


**HB4296** **\$RTE 66 CENTENNIAL COMMISSION** (REP. LAWRENCE WALSH, JR.)

Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Illinois Route 66 Centennial Commission Trust Fund for cost incurred by the Commission in furtherance of the Illinois Route 66 Centennial Commission Act. Effective July 1, 2024.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

4/10/2024 - House Appropriations-Public Safety

**Time & Location:** 4:00 PM, Room C-1 Stratton Building

[HB4296 Bill Page](#) 

**HB4321** **PEN CD-COVID PRESUMPTION** (REP. MICHAEL KELLY)

Amends the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Establishes a presumption that a firefighter or police officer who becomes disabled as a result of exposure to and contraction of COVID-19 was injured in the line of duty and is entitled to receive a duty disability benefit under the applicable Article of the Code. Specifies that the changes made by the amendatory Act apply retroactively to March 9, 2020, and any police officer or firefighter who has been previously denied a duty disability benefit that would otherwise be entitled to a duty disability benefit under the amendatory Act shall be entitled to a retroactive duty disability benefit. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

HB4321 Bill Page →

## HB4460 POLICE&FIRE INS-MENTAL HEALTH *(REP. MARY GILL)*

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the State Employees Group Insurance Program (for Illinois State Police officers), a county (for members of the sheriff's office), and a municipality (for members of the police department or fire department) shall provide coverage for joint mental health therapy services for the officer or firefighter and a spouse or partner of the officer or firefighter who resides with officer or firefighter. Specifies that the coverage shall be provided without imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement, except that, for Illinois State Police officers and the spouse or partner of the officer under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, only if all resources available to those individuals through the State of Illinois' Employee Assistance Program and any first responder mental health program available are first exhausted. Directs the joint mental health therapy services to be provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, a licensed clinical psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed clinical professional counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed social worker, or a licensed professional counselor. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Effective January 1, 2025.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Removes provisions requiring that the coverage shall be provided without imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement.

### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

HB4460 Bill Page →

## HB4489 BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PATH FUNDING *(REP. SUZANNE NESS)*

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility in or within one mile of an urban area (rather than in or within one mile of a municipality with a population of over 1,000 people). Allows a county (in addition to a municipality) to opt out of bicycle and pedestrian way construction by passing a resolution stating that a bicycle or pedestrian way does not fit within its development plan.

### 📌 CURRENT STATUS

4/10/2024 - House Appropriations-Public Safety

**Time & Location:** 4:00 PM, Room C-1 Stratton Building

### 📍 POSITION

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## HB4508 PENCD-SURS&DNST POLICE-VARIOUS *(REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT)*

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police Article, but only with respect to a person who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, is entitled under those Articles or through a participating system under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act to begin receiving a retirement annuity or survivor's annuity and who elects to proceed under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act. In the State

Universities Article, provides that a Tier 2 member who has at least 20 years of service in the System as a police officer is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application on or after the attainment of age 55 (instead of age 60) if a specified rule is applicable to the participant. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Removes provisions amending the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

### POSITION

Oppose

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## **HB4568** PROP TX-PTELL NEW RATE *(REP. MATT HANSON)*

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a levy authorized for contributions to a Firefighters' Pension Fund for a municipality with a population of 500,00 or less is not considered a new rate. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

### POSITION

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## **HB4808** EPA-WATER-REGIONALIZATION *(REP. LAWRENCE WALSH, JR.)*

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires rules adopted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for purposes of administering the Water Revolving Fund to encourage regionalization and proactive compliance. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

### POSITION

Support

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## **HB4873** PEN CD-VARIOUS *(REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT)*

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes changes to Tier 2 benefits for members or participants under the 5 State-funded retirement systems and the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, including changes to automatic annual increases, age and service requirements for retirement, and limits on the amount of salary for annuity purposes. Establishes an accelerated pension benefit payment option for

the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Code. Establishes a deferred retirement option plan for certain members who are otherwise eligible to retire under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, or Chicago Teachers Article of the Code under which a participant may continue in active service for up to 5 years while having his or her retirement pension paid into a special account. Requires the State Treasurer to administer the deferred retirement option plan for the State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Chicago Teachers Articles. Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Provides that each fiscal year after certain State pension funding bonds and income tax proceed bonds are retired, the Comptroller shall order and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Unfunded Liability Reduction Fund each fiscal year, which shall be used for making additional contributions to the 5 State-funded retirement systems. Restricts participation in the General Assembly Retirement System and Judges Retirement System to persons who become participants before January 13, 2027. Provides for participation in the State Employees Retirement System by judges and members of the General Assembly. Authorizes the transfer of service credit from those Systems to the State Employees Retirement System. Authorizes investigators for the Department of the Lottery and Tier 2 security employees of the Department of Corrections and security employees of the Department of Human Services to establish eligible creditable service under the alternative annuity provisions of the State Employees Article. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2025.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. In provisions establishing a deferred retirement option plan for members under the State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Chicago Teachers Articles, provides that the applicable pension fund or retirement system (rather than the State Treasurer) shall administer and implement the deferred retirement option plan. Further amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Police, and Chicago Firefighter Articles, provides that, on and after January 1, 2026, each annual increase to a Tier 2 retirement pension shall be calculated at 3% of the originally granted pension. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

#### POSITION

Oppose

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### **HB4971** MUNI CD-DANGEROUS/UNSAFE BLDG *(REP. PATRICK WINDHORST)*

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that any owner or tenant of real property within 1200 feet in any direction of any dangerous or unsafe building located within the territory of any municipality (rather than within the territory of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more) may file with the appropriate municipal authority a request that the municipality apply to the circuit court of the county in which the building is located for an order permitting the demolition, removal of garbage, debris, and other noxious or unhealthy substances and materials from, or repair or enclosure of, the building under specified provisions of the Code.

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

#### POSITION

Support

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### **HB5083** PUBLIC BENEFITS-MENTAL HEALTH *(REP. LILIAN JIMÉNEZ)*

Amends the Public Employee Disability Act, the Line of Duty Compensation Act, and the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Includes mental health professionals within the scope of the Acts. Defines "mental health professional" as any person employed and dispatched by a unit of local government to respond to crisis calls received on public emergency service lines instead of or in conjunction with law enforcement.

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

#### POSITION

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### **HB5138** IDOT-STUDIES-LOCAL GOVERNMENTS *(REP. CHARLES MEIER)*

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that upon request by a unit of local government, the Department shall make available any study or survey completed by the Department that concerns traffic or the environmental impact on road construction projects. Allows a study or survey conducted by the Department to be substituted for a study or survey required by a unit of local government for construction projects affecting a portion of a State right-of-way.

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

#### POSITION

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### **HB5211** PEN CD-TIER 2 BENEFITS *(REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT)*

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. With respect to persons who, on or after January 1, 2011, become participants or members under the Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighter, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Articles of the Code, provides that, beginning on January 1, 2025 for all purposes under the Code (including, without limitation, the calculation of benefits and employee contributions) the annual earnings, salary, or wages (based on the plan year) of a member or participant shall not exceed the Social Security wage base for the applicable plan year. Provides that a participant or member shall be entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she: (1) has attained age 62, has at least 35 years of service credit, and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article; (2) has attained age 64, has at least 20 years of service credit, and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article; or (3) has attained age 67, has at least 10 years of service credit, and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article. Provides for a reduced annuity for persons who retire before reaching a specified age. Provides that any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on January 1 beginning with the January following the member's or participant's first annuity payment date. Provides that the annual increase shall be calculated at 3% of the originally granted retirement annuity. Provides that the changes do not apply to the extent that the changes would result in an impairment or diminishment of a pension benefit. Provides that the changes are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011. Makes conforming changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

## POSITION

Oppose

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## HB5243 UTIL-BATTERY STORAGE (REP. LAWRENCE WALSH, JR.)

Amends the Illinois Power Agency Act. Provides that in competitive procurements conducted by the Agency for utility-scale energy storage resources from owners of existing or retired fossil-fueled power plants, the Agency, in ranking the bids, shall apply a downward bid price adjustment to any project bid that is located or proposed to be located within a one mile radius of an existing substation that serves or has served as a point of interconnection for a fossil-fueled power plant and that meets one of 3 specific criterion. Provides that if the project meets 2 or more of the criterion, the Agency shall apply the bid price adjustment 2 times. Provides that the Agency shall develop a storage procurement plan that results in the electric utilities contracting for energy storage resources. Provides that, within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Agency shall develop an energy storage procurement plan. Provides that an owner of the energy storage resources must have entered into a project labor agreement for the construction of the energy storage resource and certify that not less than the prevailing wage was or will be paid to employees who are engaged in construction activities. Provides that, if the owner or owners of the energy storage resources own existing or retired fossil-fueled power plants, the owner shall commit to a job training and education program to provide the requisite skills, knowledge, and training required to operate and maintain energy storage resources and create employment opportunities for graduates of the program. Provides that the Agency shall conduct an analysis every 2 years to determine whether the contracted quantity of energy storage in energy storage capacity and energy storage duration is sufficient. Provides that the Agency shall retain an independent consultant to conduct the analysis. Sets forth requirements of the independent consultant and the analysis. Provides that the Agency is authorized to collect costs for conducting the analysis from electric utilities. The electric utilities are authorized to recover the cost of the analysis. Provides that if the Agency determines that the need for energy storage capacity or energy storage duration is greater than the energy storage resources already procured, the Agency shall establish and the Commission shall approve new energy storage resources targets to meet the identified need. Effective immediately.

## CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

## POSITION

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## HB5315 SOLAR ENERGY-VIDEO DOORBELL (REP. DANIEL DIDECH)

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code to prohibit a county or municipality from adopting any ordinance or resolution that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the installation of a solar energy system or low voltage solar powered device. A "low voltage solar powered device" means a piece of equipment designed for a particular purpose, including, but not limited to, doorbells, security systems, and illumination equipment, powered by a solar collector operating at less than 50 volts and located: (1) entirely within the lot or parcel owned by the property owner; or (2) within a common area without being permanently attached to common property. A "solar energy system" means: (1) a solar storage mechanism that uses solar energy for generating electricity or for heating or cooling gases, solids, liquids, or other materials; and (2) a supplemental conventional energy system designed or constructed to interface with a solar energy system. Provides that in any litigation arising under this Act or involving the application of this Act, the prevailing party shall be entitled to costs and reasonable attorney's fees. Exempts any building that: (1) is greater than 60 feet in height; or (2) has a shared roof and is subject to a homeowners' association, common interest community association, or condominium unit owners' association. Provides it may apply to a shared roof if (1) the solar energy system is located entirely within that portion of the shared roof owned and maintained by the property owner; and (2) if all property owners sharing the shared roof are in agreement to install a solar energy system. Amends the Homeowners' Energy Policy Statement Act to make the same changes. Amends the Public Utilities Act to provide that municipal utility systems and rural electric cooperatives must have a shared policy governing self-generation of renewable


energy. A shared policy must be developed by the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association, and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and reviewed for compliance with this Section by the Illinois Commerce Commission. The initial shared policy must be drafted and received by the Illinois Commerce Commission within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides what must be in the shared policy. Provides for civil penalties if a municipal electric utility system or electric cooperative violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Act or any order by the Illinois Commerce Commission issued under this Act. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

### POSITION

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## **HB5432** CRIME-FREE HOUSING ORDINANCES *(REP. JENNIFER GONG-GERSHOWITZ)*

Amends the Counties Code and Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a county or municipality may not adopt, enforce, or implement an ordinance, resolution, policy, program, or other regulation affecting a tenancy that (1) imposes or threatens to impose a penalty against a resident, property owner, tenant, landlord, or other person solely as a consequence of contact with a law enforcement agency, (2) requires a property owner or landlord to do, or imposes a penalty on a property owner or landlord for the failure to do, specified things, (3) defines as a nuisance, any contact by a tenant with a law enforcement agency, any request by a tenant, landlord, resident or property owner for emergency assistance, (4) requires a tenant to obtain a certificate of occupancy as a condition of tenancy, or (5) establishes, maintains, or promotes a registry of tenants for the purposes of discouraging a landlord from renting to a tenant on the registry or excluding a tenant on the registry from rental housing within the county or municipality. Defines "penalty". Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/4/2024 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Referred to Rules Committee

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## **SB594** GOVERNMENT-TECH *(SEN. DON HARMON)*

Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/5/2024 - Senate Floor Amendment - Filed No. 2 Filed with Secretary by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

### POSITION

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## **SB2646** PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYERS *(SEN. DONALD DEWITTE)*

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employer" does not include forest preserve districts organized under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act or the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, municipalities organized under the Illinois Municipal Code, townships organized under the Township Code, or counties organized under the Counties Code.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/5/2024 - Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As May 3, 2024

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## **SB2853** PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-HOME RULE *(SEN. ANN GILLESPIE)*


Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that a unit of local government, including a home rule unit, shall not exempt any employee from the scope of a paid leave ordinance unless the employee is excluded from the definition of employee in the Act. Limits home rule powers.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/5/2024 - Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As May 3, 2024

### POSITION

Oppose

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## **SB2911** PROP TX-TIF INCENTIVES *(SEN. RACHEL VENTURA)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that owners of commercial or industrial property who receive a tax incentive as a result of a tax incentivized development are not eligible to receive distributions from a tax reimbursement account. Effective immediately.


Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Property Tax Code. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill. Provides that the tax incentivized development must be established by an intergovernmental agreement to which the taxing district is a party. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

3/22/2024 - Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 9, 2024

### POSITION

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## **SB2918** MUNI CD-POLICE DISABILITY *(SEN. ROBERT MARTWICK)*

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a physical or mental disability that constitutes, in whole or in part, the basis of an application for benefits under the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code may not be used, in whole or in part, as a cause for a municipality to discharge a police officer. Provides that, upon a chief of the police department's receipt of a certification from the board of trustees under the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code that a police officer is no longer disabled and is able

to resume the duties of his or her position, the police officer shall report to the chief of the police department. Provides that the chief of the police department shall thereupon order immediate reinstatement into active service, and the municipality shall immediately return the police officer to its payroll, in the same rank or grade held at the date he or she retired for disability under the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the police officer shall then report to the chief of the police department. Provides that the chief of the police department shall thereupon order immediate reinstatement into active service, and the municipality shall immediately return the police officer to its payroll, in the same rank or grade held at the date he or she retired for disability under the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code.


Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 - Changes references from "retired for disability" to "placed on a disability pension".

### CURRENT STATUS

3/22/2024 - Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 9, 2024

### POSITION

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## **SB3173** COUNTY/MUNI-BROADBAND PROJECTS *(SEN. DONALD DEWITTE)*

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county may lease, license, or otherwise grant access to and use of infrastructure, including fiber optic cables, that the county owns or controls to public or private entities to facilitate the delivery of broadband services on the condition that the lease, license, access, or use: (1) be granted on a nondiscriminatory, nonexclusive, and competitively neutral basis; and (2) comply with all other State and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, all applicable safety codes and requirements. Provides that the provisions apply to leases, licenses, or other agreements entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

### CURRENT STATUS

3/22/2024 - Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 9, 2024

### POSITION

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## **SB3352** MUNI ZONING-HAZARDOUS MATERIAL *(SEN. LAURA ELLMAN)*

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, in exercising its zoning powers, a municipality may regulate the storage of hazardous materials that are to be transported in compliance with the Illinois Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. Provides that, if an entity, or agent of the entity, engaged in the business of transporting hazardous material has filed a petition for a variance or special use, a municipality shall require the entity or agent to disclose the types of hazardous materials to be transported into and stored in a facility and an estimate of the number of freight vehicles expected to enter and exit the site on a regular basis.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/5/2024 - Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As April 19, 2024

### POSITION

Support

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## **SB3362** ROTA-RETAILERS *(SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO)*

Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that a retailer that makes retail sales of tangible personal property to Illinois customers from a location or locations outside of Illinois is engaged in the occupation of selling at retail in Illinois for the purposes of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act under specified conditions. Provides that a retailer maintaining a place of business in this State that makes retail sales of tangible personal property to Illinois customers from a location or locations outside of Illinois is engaged in the business of selling at the Illinois location to which the tangible personal property is shipped or delivered or at which possession is taken by the purchaser. Effective January 1, 2025.

### **CURRENT STATUS**

3/22/2024 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

### **POSITION**

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## **SB3483** EPA-LOCAL GOV EV GRANT *(SEN. RACHEL VENTURA)*

Creates the Local Government Zero Emissions Transition Grant Program Act. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish and administer a Local Government Zero Emissions Transition Grant Program. Delineates the program into two Phases. Provides that Phase 1 requires an application to the Agency by a local government stating a local ordinance or nonbinding declaration has been voted on regarding transition of the local government's vehicle fleet to zero emissions by 2030. Limits Phase 1 grants to a maximum of \$50,000 with at least a 20% match from the applicant. Requires applications under Phase 2 of the program to be predicated on either completion of an evaluative study regarding readiness for electric vehicles by the local government or completion of Phase 1 of the program. Provides that Phase 2 of the program requires an application to the Agency by a local government stating defined goals and projects in the transition of the local government's vehicle fleet, including building electric vehicle infrastructure, increasing load capacity, training staff, and other defined goals and projects. Gives priority to applicants based on planned date for transition to zero emissions, the effects of climate change and carbon pollution on the local government, and the percentage of the local government's fleet converted. Defines local government units under the Act to municipalities, townships, and counties; defines other terms. Permits the adoption of rules by the Agency.

### **CURRENT STATUS**

4/5/2024 - Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As May 3, 2024

### **POSITION**

Monitor

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## **SB3501** OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTROL ACT *(SEN. LAURA ELLMAN)*

Creates the Responsible Outdoor Lighting Control Act. Includes legislative findings. Defines terms. Provides that all new, renovated, or retrofitted luminaires purchased with State funds after the effective date of the Act or installed after the effective date of the Act on a structure or land that is owned, supported, funded, leased, or managed by the State must follow specified outdoor lighting control


requirements. Includes various exceptions to compliance. Allows the Attorney General, a municipality, or a county to enforce the Act by filing an action for injunctive relief in a circuit court. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall make available a resource guide for the public to add lighting to homes and businesses consistent with the requirements for luminaires on a structure or land that is owned, supported, funded, leased, or managed by the State under the Act, and provides that the guide must include references to publicly accessible websites of advocacy groups approved by the State that provide education, guidance, and specifications relating to the implementation of responsible lighting principles. Provides that, if the Act conflicts with any other federal law, State law, or local ordinance controlling lighting, outdoor luminaries, signage, outdoor advertising, displays, or devices that is more stringent than the Act, then the federal law, State law, or local ordinance controls to the extent it is more stringent than the Act. Effective 60 days after becoming law.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/2/2024 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 4 Referred to Assignments

### POSITION

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## **SB3515** TIF EXTENSION RESTRICTIONS *(SEN. ANN GILLESPIE)*


Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, before the estimated dates of completion of a redevelopment project and retirement of obligations issued to finance development project costs (including refunding bonds) are extended to the 35th or 47th years, the municipality must submit to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives written support for the extension of the life of the redevelopment project area from each school district, community college district, and park district that has authority to directly levy taxes on property within the redevelopment project area. Provides that a municipality may only submit written support to extend a redevelopment project area to the 35th year within the 5 years prior to the estimated date of completion of the redevelopment project and may only submit written support to extend a redevelopment project area to the 47th year within one year prior to the estimated date of completion of the redevelopment project area. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/5/2024 - Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As April 19, 2024

### POSITION

Oppose

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## **SB3597** COUNTIES CD-BORROWING MONEY *(SEN. RACHEL VENTURA)*

Amends the Counties Code. In provisions allowing a county board to borrow money for any corporate purpose from any bank or other financial institution under specified conditions, modifies the definition of "financial institution" to include the Illinois Finance Authority.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill and makes the following changes. Amends the Township Code. In provisions allowing a township board to borrow money from any bank or financial institution under specified conditions, modifies the definition of "financial institution" to include the Illinois Finance Authority. Amends the School Code. Allows the school board of a school district to apply for and obtain a loan from the Illinois Finance Authority to build, purchase, or lease new clean energy infrastructure or perform maintenance or improvements on existing clean energy infrastructure and to have the Illinois Finance Authority issue bonds associated with that loan. Requires the loan and bonds to be approved by proposition of the voters. Includes procedures required to apply for and obtain the loan or bonds, proposition

language, and requirements of the bonds. Notwithstanding the provisions, allows the school board of a school district to, by resolution, apply for and obtain a loan from the Illinois Finance Authority to build, purchase, or lease new clean energy infrastructure or perform maintenance or improvements on existing clean energy infrastructure within the district without proposal approval if the loan is paid or provided for with funds that are not the proceeds of bonds authorized under the provisions.

### CURRENT STATUS

4/3/2024 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Assignments

### POSITION

Monitor

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## **SB3680** LOCAL CRIME-FREE HOUSING ORD *(SEN. KARINA VILLA)*

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Repeals provisions prohibiting ordinances penalizing tenants who contact the police or other emergency services. Adds provisions prohibiting a county or municipality from enacting a program, ordinance, resolution, or other regulation that: (1) penalizes landlords or tenants, guests, or others for contact with a law enforcement agency; (2) requires or encourages landlords to evict or penalize tenants or household members for contact with a law enforcement agency, a criminal conviction, or alleged unlawful conduct, including through cooperating agreements with law enforcement agencies; (3) requires or promotes the use of criminal background checks of prospective and current tenants; (4) defines nuisance behavior to include contact with a law enforcement agency; (5) requires tenants to secure certificates of occupancy as a condition of leasing rental housing or turning on utilities; (6) creates or promotes the use of a registry of individual tenants for the purpose of discouraging landlords from renting to those tenants or otherwise excluding such individuals from rental housing within the subject jurisdiction; (7) penalizes tenants, guests, or others for contact made to police or other emergency services; or (8) requires or promotes the use of a lease addendum that penalizes tenants, guests or others for any of the above-listed conditions or is contrary to or inconsistent with requirements under federal law. Provides that a program, ordinance, resolution, or other regulation that violates the provisions is void and must be repealed no later than one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Allows for legal action to enforce the provisions. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Amends the Housing Authorities Act to make similar changes for housing authorities. Effective immediately.

### CURRENT STATUS

3/22/2024 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments

### POSITION

Oppose

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## SAY NO TO UNNECESSARY PENSION ENHANCEMENTS

HB4099 (Kifowit), HB4334 (Cabello), HB 5211 (Kifowit), HB4336 (Cabello), SB3453 (Martwick)

There are multiple public safety pension enhancement bills working their way through the legislative process this year, looking for a problem to solve. While there may be safe harbor issues with some of the state's tier 2 pension plans, that plan does not exist for downstate police and fire funds. When the state passed pension consolidation, Public Act (P.A.) 101-0610, changes were made to ensure that those funds would meet the minimum safe harbor provisions. Specifically the following adjustments were made;

### *Final Average Salary*

The Act provides that the final average salary for a retired police officer or firefighter shall be the greater of (i) the average monthly salary obtained by dividing the total salary of the employee during the highest 48 consecutive months of service within the last 60 months of employment; or (ii) the average monthly salary obtained by dividing the total salary of the employee during the highest 96 consecutive months of service within the last 120 months of employment. \*

### *Pensionable Salary Cap*

The Act provides that the pensionable salary cap (set in 2011 at \$106,800) shall annually be increased by the lesser of (i) 3% of the pensionable salary cap, or (ii) the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) for the previous 12 months. This differs from previous statute, which capped the growth rate of the pensionable salary from the lesser of ½ CPI-U or 3%. The pensionable salary cap effective in 2024 is \$138,093.50. State law requires the Illinois Department of Insurance to annually calculate the maximum annual salary for annuity purposes no later than November 1 of each year and to make the results of those calculations available to the boards of trustees of retirement systems and funds established under the Illinois Pension Code. \*

Unnecessary enhancements to the downstate public safety pensions will undo years of gains made by local governments to fully fund their pensions. Leaving tier 2 pensions alone will allow municipalities to continue to provide reasonable and financially stable retirements for our employees.

\*IML Fact Sheet Consolidation of Downstate Public Safety Pension Assets, 01-18-2024

Beecher Bolingbrook Braidwood Channahon Coal City Crest Hill Diamond Elwood  
Frankfort Homer Glen Joliet Lemont Lockport Manhattan Minooka Mokena  
Monee Morris Naperville New Lenox Orland Park Oswego Peotone Plainfield Rockdale  
Romeoville Shorewood Symerton University Park Wilmington Woodridge  
County of Grundy County of Will



## TRANSIT FISCAL CLIFF AHEAD ~PROCEED WITH CAUTION~

Transit agencies in Northeastern Illinois are facing an estimated \$730 million operating budget shortfall beginning in 2026 due to changes in travel behavior following the COVID-19 pandemic and expiration of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) emergency assistance funds. In 2022, the Illinois General Assembly tasked the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) with identifying options regarding funding and governance for the Chicago region's transit system, Public Act 102-1028.

CMAP considered the findings of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) strategic plan, Transit is the Answer, and CMAP's Mobility Recovery project; conducted multiple discussions at various levels from riders to system administrators and boards; and developed an in-depth analysis of three question areas: the system we want, how to pay for it, and how to implement that vision. CMAP completed its' analysis and final report in the last half of October 2023 and submitted the report to the General Assembly for review and consideration during the 2024 Legislative Session.

WCGL supports efforts to strengthen the region's transit system and believes that transit is crucial to addressing the region's goals of improving mobility, increasing economic development and competitiveness, combating climate change, and building a more equitable region. To achieve those goals. WCGL supports a combination of new revenue options in the form of: System Generated Revenues, Baseline Actions and Durable Sources, as well as Transformational Investment and Meaningful Change, all outlined in the PART report. The WCGL does so recognizing new revenue options as necessary to maintaining the region's transit system and making visionary, targeted improvements and investments for the future.

WCGL's positions is that any new revenue generated from residents of Will County be largely directed to service improvements in areas of Will County currently unserved or underserved by transit. We oppose the integration of the RTA board and associated service boards (CTA, METRA and PACE) into one single regional transit agency governance unit. Instead, we support keeping the current transit governance structure with the unique service boards and strengthening of the RTA. Furthermore, WCGL opposes any changes made to regional board appointments that would dilute the voices of suburban residents who today feel underrepresented in regional transit decision-making. Instead, we support increased local government representation from collar counties. Finally, we urge that regardless of the governance structure, funding allocation policy remain largely consistent with current policy and that a super majority vote be required to pass any budget or funding for any City or suburban program or project.

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## Preserve the State Collected Grocery Tax

We urge the members of the General Assembly to support their municipalities by not eliminating the state collected grocery tax. Each year municipalities urge the legislature to enhance local revenues, and in the last several years the general assembly and the governor have done just that, via gaming, cannabis, and modest increases to LGDF. As much as those increases have been welcomed they don't begin to cover the costs of operating a local government today.

The Governor's goal of reducing the tax burden on residents, particularly our most vulnerable, is an admirable goal, but eliminating the grocery tax is not going to provide any meaningful relief. The savings to a resident amount to less than \$0.52 per week. That small amount of savings to a resident in no way offsets the impacts it is going to have to the communities that depend on the grocery tax. In Will and Grundy Counties there are communities looking at facing as much a \$3.5 million loss in revenue from the ending of the grocery tax. Those dollars will need to come from somewhere. Additionally, many communities use the grocery tax as an incentive to bring a grocery store to their community. Eliminating the tax will take one more economic development tool away from local governments at a time when they need all the tools available to them to attract retailers.

The dollar amounts may look less for our smaller communities but the impacts are even greater. As of our smaller communities said it best, *"I am in that sweet spot where I think I get to oversee a town with rural characteristics and suburban growth promise. I am assuming a majority of towns throughout the State rely on the staple of 'grocery tax' for its sales tax. For instance, the local grocer generates \$120,000 of the annual \$750,000 in sales tax our community receives each year. I think it is safe to say, cumulatively, there are far more smaller municipalities with frozen downtowns that only derive revenue from the essential staples that are purchased within their municipal boundaries, i.e. the Dollar General and the Casey's tax."*

We ask again, DO NOT ELIMINATE THE GROCERY TAX.

Bolingbrook - \$1,750,000	Coal City - \$80,000	Joliet - \$3,000,000	Lemont - \$500,000
Lockport - \$1,000,000	Mokena - \$850,000	Monee \$100,000	Morris - \$1,500,000
Naperville - \$3,500,000	Orland Park - \$2,500,000	Peotone - \$160,000	Romeoville - \$900,000
Shorewood - \$500,000	Wilmington - \$72,000		

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## Keep Our Neighborhoods Safe Support Crime Free Housing Initiatives

HB5314 (Ford) - HB5432 (Gong-Gershowitz) - SB3680 (Villa)

Over 160 communities in Illinois utilize crime free housing ordinances including several WCGL members. Our municipalities believe that this is an essential tool for keeping their residents safe. These bills would eliminate current programs that are working in the vast majority of communities with crime free housing ordinances. If these bills pass as written; municipalities would lose the ability penalize landlords, tenants or others for excessive nuisance calls; landlords could no longer evict or penalize tenants for a criminal conviction or unlawful conduct; background checks would no longer be allowed for prospective and current tenants.

## Give Us a Hand Support Non-Home Rule Lift Assist Regulation and Fees

HB2216 (Kelly) - SB1731 (Anderson)

Currently only home rule municipalities have the authority to impose fees on congregate care facilities for lift assist calls. These facilities are transferring their liability on to local governments by using local first responders almost like on-call staff. Allowing local governments to charge a fee for these services can serve as a deterrent to facilities calling out first responders for these non-emergency events. Additionally, they allow the local government to offset some of their costs for these calls.

## Too Close for Comfort Support Renewable Energy Siting Regulations

HB4135 (DeLuca)

This bill would allow for increased setbacks on solar and wind projects. As a result of PA 102-1123, many communities on the outskirts of the Chicagoland area have been dealing with large scale renewable energy projects wanting to locate just beyond municipal borders. These are some of the highest growth communities in the state and these developments do not fit with the character or goals of these communities. Planning for future development and infrastructure needs is a difficult task but taking large tracts of available property out of the mix for decades to come can make that task nearly impossible. HB4135 will give Counties one more tool when regulating these developments.

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## A Costly Presumption Oppose COVID Presumption

### HB4321 (Kelly)

Representative Kelly's bill creates a presumption that any first responder who has become disabled as a result of COVID-19 contracted it as a result of line of duty exposure. There is no reasonable way to determine where the individual contracted the COVID-19 infection. With no reliable way to make that determination it should not be assumed it occurred at work. This is another costly enhancement to already generous disability benefits system.

## Return of a Larger Share Support a Restoration of LGDF

### HB4455 (DeLuca)

Restoring LGDF will reduce pressure on property taxes and other revenue sources, especially in small and non-home rule communities. To make up for LGDF losses since 2011, municipalities and counties have been forced to consider tough decisions such as cutting services, laying off personnel or raising property taxes, which are already among the highest in the nation. Additional funding could be used to improve the safety and quality of life for residents throughout Illinois -- all without raising your local property taxes. The best way to ensure stability in the services residents rely on is for Illinois lawmakers to restore LGDF funding to the agreed-upon 10 percent rate.

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