

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Bill Information

HB993 PTELL-FREEZE *(DELUCA A)*

OPPOSE
Tax Freeze

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for the 2023 and 2024 levy year, the term "taxing district" means all taxing districts in the State, including home rule units, but does not include a taxing district with a population of less than 25,000, unless that taxing district was subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law on the effective date of the amendatory Act or was made subject to the Law by referendum. Provides that, for the 2023 and 2024 levy year, the extension limitation is 0% or the rate of increase approved by the voters. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/17/2023 - Motion Filed - Table Bill/Resolution Pursuant to Rule 60(b), Rep. Anthony DeLuca
1/12/2023 - Referred to Rules Committee
1/12/2023 - FIRST READING

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HB1006 PAID FAMILY LEAVE ACT *(FLOWERS M)*

WATCH
Currently states private
employers, not public.

Creates the Paid Family Leave Act. Requires private employers with 50 or more employees to provide 6 weeks of paid leave to an employee who takes leave: (1) because of the birth of a child of the employee and in order to care for the child; (2) to care for a newly adopted child under 18 years of age or a newly placed foster child under 18 years of age or a newly adopted or newly placed foster child older than 18 years of age if the child is incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability; or (3) to care for a family member with a serious health condition. Provides that paid family leave shall be provided irrespective of the employer's leave policies; and shall be provided to an employee who has been employed by the employer for at least one year. Permits employees to voluntarily waive paid family leave. Provides that the Department of Labor may adopt any rules necessary to implement the Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/12/2023 - Referred to Rules Committee
1/12/2023 - FIRST READING
12/19/2022 - Prefiled with Clerk by Mary E. Flowers

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HB1066 OPEN MEETINGS-CHILDCARE (DIDECH D)

SUPPORT
Impacts operations

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of, among other circumstances, childcare obligations.

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2023 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Janet Yang Rohr
1/12/2023 - Referred to Rules Committee
1/12/2023 - FIRST READING

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WATCH
Does not state
how it is paid for.

HB1102 FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT (FLOWERS M)

Creates the Family Leave Insurance Act. Requires the Department of Employment Security to establish and administer a family leave insurance program. Provides family leave insurance benefits to eligible employees who take unpaid family leave to care for a newborn child, a newly adopted or newly placed foster child, or a family member with a serious health condition. Authorizes family leave of up to 12 weeks during any 24-month period. Authorizes compensation for leave in the amount of 85% of the employee's average weekly wage subject to a maximum of \$881 per week. Contains provisions concerning disqualification from benefits; premium payments; the amount and duration of benefits; the recovery of erroneous payments; hearings; defaulted premium payments; elective coverage; employment protection; coordination of family leave; defined terms; and other matters. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the State Benefits Fund. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/12/2023 - Referred to Rules Committee
1/12/2023 - FIRST READING
1/4/2023 - Prefiled with Clerk by Mary E. Flowers

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SUPPORT
Cleans up bills that will
amend current language.
Supported by IACP.

HB1228 FREEDOM FROM DRONE SURVEIL (JONES T)

Amends the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act. Defines "emotionally disturbed person" and "special event". Deletes "data" from the definition of "information". Provides that "information" does not mean information gathered under circumstances in which the drone is used over publicly owned property or private property with permission for the purpose of training peace officers, public relations, or conducting infrastructure inspections, or for other similar non-law enforcement purposes. Permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency if the law enforcement agency is assisting an emotionally disturbed person and is not also undertaking a criminal investigation. Permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency at a special event to prepare for or monitor crowd size, density, and movement; assess public safety staffing; or monitor the safety of the participants. Provides that, if the special event is occurring on private property, use of a drone shall be authorized by the owners or organizers prior to flight. Provides that a law enforcement agency may use a drone to respond to Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatched calls for service, when the primary purpose for the response is to locate or assist victims, or both, identify offenders, or guide emergency response. Provides that information gathered by a drone is subject to the disclosure and exception to disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Makes other changes. Amends the Freedom of Information Act to exempt from disclosure information that is prohibited from disclosure under the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/18/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

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HB1263 PROP TX-DISCLOSURE OF RATES (KEICHER J)

OPPOSE
Unfunded mandate to
publish something already
done by the State.

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that each taxing district shall publish specified information concerning the district's property tax rate and extension. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/19/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jeff Keicher

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HB1271 LOCAL CLOSED-DOOR TAX INCREASE (CABELLO J)

OPPOSE
Tax freeze

Creates the Prohibition of Closed-Door Tax Increases Act. Provides that a unit of local government may not increase a levied tax without authorization by referendum of the electors of the unit of local government. Provides that a referendum to increase a levied tax must include a sunset clause on which the tax increase authorized by the referendum measure shall expire. Provides that, if an increase in a levied tax is intended to generate a cash flow to service a debt, the increase must sunset no later than the date that the debt is scheduled to be paid off, and, if an increase in a levied tax is intended to generate a cash flow that will be spent for purposes other than debt service, the increase must sunset no later than 10 years after the date on which the tax increase begins. Provides that, to the extent this Act conflicts with any other provision of law, this Act controls. Provides that nothing in the Act infringes upon the right of a unit of local government to impose or increase non-tax fines or fees. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall adopt rules to enforce the Act. Limits concurrent exercise of home rule taxing powers.

RECENT STATUS

1/19/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. John M. Cabello

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HB1354 PROP TX-TAX DISTRICT SURPLUS (UGASTE D)**OPPOSE**

Direct impact on operations

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that no taxing district may hold more than 150% of the previous levy year's property tax collections in cash or cash-equivalent assets. Provides that excess amounts shall be refunded to taxpayers. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/23/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Dan Ugaste

[HB1354 Bill Page](#)**HB1355 BOND AUTH-NO ROLLOVER** (UGASTE D)**WATCH**

The bill as written is extremely vague.

Amends the Bond Authorization Act. Provides that the authority of a public corporation to levy taxes in connection with the payment of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness ceases upon the maturity date of the bond or other evidence of indebtedness or upon the discharge of the debt, whichever comes first. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/23/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Dan Ugaste

[HB1355 Bill Page](#) →**HB1360 PROP TX-AGGREGATE EXTENSION** (MCLAUGHLIN M)**OPPOSE**

Negative impact on long term strategy.

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that the limiting rate shall be calculated using the highest aggregate extension from any year in which the taxing district was subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (currently, the last 3 preceding levy years). Provides that an aggregate extension established for a levy year in which the taxing district was authorized to temporarily increase its limiting rate or its extension limitation may not be used.

RECENT STATUS

1/23/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Martin McLaughlin

[HB1360 Bill Page](#) →**HB1408 OPEN MTGS-AUDIO AND VIDEO MTGS** (YANG ROHR J)**WATCH**

Would affect operations.

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Modifies the conditions by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. Provides that a meeting may be held without the physical presence of a quorum of the members if, among other requirements, the chief elected or appointed official of the public body determines that an in-person meeting would pose a risk to the health or safety of members of the public body or the public and that conducting a meeting by an audio or video conference is in the best interests of the public body or the public and public notice of that meeting states the reason or reasons for such determination. Provides that such a determination by the chief elected or appointed official of the public body shall be required for any subsidiary body of the public body to conduct an open or closed meeting by audio or video conference. Specifies further requirements concerning notice and public comment. Makes conforming and other changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/25/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

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HB1427 PROP TX-TAXPAYER EMPOWERMENT (SOSNOWSKI J)

OPPOSE
Would restrict resources.

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides for a non-binding, advisory referendum on the question of whether a taxing district should reduce its aggregate extension by up to 10% from its aggregate extension for the previous taxable year. Provides that the referendum shall be initiated by a petition signed by a number of registered voters of the taxing district that is equal to or greater than 1% but less than 5% of the total number of votes cast in the taxing district in the preceding general election. Provides for a binding referendum on the question of whether a taxing district shall reduce its aggregate extension by up to 10% from its aggregate extension for the previous taxable year. Provides that the referendum shall be initiated by a petition signed by a number of registered voters of a taxing district that is equal to or greater than 5% of the total number of votes cast in the taxing district in the preceding general election. Preempts the power of home rule units to tax. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/25/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Joe C. Sosnowski

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HB1458 USE/OCC-MOTOR FUEL-LOCAL GOV (MCCOMBIE T)

WATCH
The impacts are uncertain.

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

RECENT STATUS

1/26/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Tony M. McCombie

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HB1529 EPA-AIR QUALITY FUND (HARPER S)

SUPPORT
Potential funding source

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Creates the Air Quality Enforcement and Mitigation Fund. Makes a conforming change to the State Finance Act. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency shall expend 30% of moneys from the Fund for staffing and other functions of the Agency that benefit environmental protection communities and are related to one or more specified purposes. Directs the Agency to establish an Air Quality Community Impact Grant Program to provide grants to nonprofit entities, local health departments, local environmental departments, and school districts to carry out the purposes of the Act. Requires 70% of moneys from the Fund to be expended for grants under the Program for specified purposes in communities affected by violations of the Act. Requires the Agency to adopt rules to implement the Program. Provides that the Agency, in collaboration with environmental interest groups, shall develop a process to identify environmental protection communities. Requires the Agency to post on its website and make publicly available an annual report on the purposes for which grants were awarded under the Program. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2023 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

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SB47 GOV IMMUNITY-DATA BREACHES *(HOLMES L)*

SUPPORT
Provides additional protection to the District.

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

RECENT STATUS

1/20/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments
1/20/2023 - FIRST READING
1/20/2023 - Prefiled with Secretary by Sen. Linda Holmes

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SB85 BEVERAGE CONTAINER REFUND *(MURPHY L)*

SUPPORT
Good for the environment, reduces waste.

Creates the State Beverage Container Recycling Refunds Act. Establishes the Distributor and Importer Responsibility Organization to implement a beverage container recycling redemption refund program to issue redemption refunds to consumers for beverage containers. Provides avenues for redeeming refunds under the Act. Contains labeling requirements. Sets forth performance targets for the Organization. Contains reporting requirements. Requires the Organization to establish an Operations Advisory Committee and an Equity and Access Advisory Committee. Contains provisions concerning reimbursement, enforcement, and administration and other provisions.

RECENT STATUS

1/26/2023 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Adriane Johnson
1/24/2023 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Laura Fine
1/20/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB100 EPA-DISPOSABLE FOOD CONTAINERS (FINE L)

SUPPORT
Good for the environment

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Defines terms. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, a retail establishment may not sell or distribute in this State a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam. Exempts specified entities from the prohibition until one year after the amendatory Act's effective date. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2023 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Mike Simmons
1/26/2023 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Adriane Johnson
1/24/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB103 OPEN MTGS-AUDIO AND VIDEO MTGS (CASTRO C)

WATCH
We ran our remote meetings in similar fashion during the pandemic.

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Modifies the conditions by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. Provides that a meeting may be held without the physical presence of a quorum of the members if, among other requirements, the chief elected or appointed official of the public body determines that an in-person meeting would pose a risk to the health or safety of members of the public body or the public and that conducting a meeting by an audio or video conference is in the best interests of the public body or the public and public notice of that meeting states the reason or reasons for such determination. Provides that such a determination by the chief elected or appointed official of the public body shall be required for any subsidiary body of the public body to conduct an open or closed meeting by audio or video conference. Specifies further requirements concerning notice and public comment. Makes conforming and other changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/24/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments
1/24/2023 - FIRST READING
1/24/2023 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Cristina Castro

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SB133 PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BONDS (HOLMES L)

OPPOSE
Could reduce investment income for the District.

Amends the Public Construction Bond Act. Provides that a local governmental unit may not withhold retainage of more than 5% from any payment to a contractor who furnishes the bond or bond substitute required by the Act and that the contractor and its subcontractors may not withhold retainage of more than 5% from their subcontractors. Defines "local governmental unit". Effective Immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/24/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments
1/24/2023 - FIRST READING
1/24/2023 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Linda Holmes

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SB146 FOIA-PRELIMINARY DRAFT-STUDY *(MARTWICK R)*

OPPOSE
Many of our projects last more than 12 months, which means many documents remain in draft form that long.

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts from disclosure any studies, drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record is not exempt if the record has remained in draft form for more than a 12-month period and public dollars were spent by a unit of local government to conduct such a study.

RECENT STATUS

- 1/25/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments
- 1/25/2023 - FIRST READING
- 1/25/2023 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Robert F. Martwick

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SB157 PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BONDS *(VILLIVALAM R)*

OPPOSE
Could expose the District to unplanned expenses.

Amends the Public Construction Bond Act. Provides that public construction bonds are required only for those public work construction contracts that are valued over \$5,000,000. Authorizes any official, board, commission, agent of the State, or any political subdivision of the State to create a self-insured risk pool for contracts of \$5,000,000 or less. Defines "self insured risk pool".

CURRENT STATUS

- 2/8/2023 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Robert Peters

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OPPOSE
Tax Freeze

SB196 PTELL-AGGREGATE EXTENSION (MCCONCHIE D)

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district shall reduce its aggregate extension base for the purpose of lowering its limiting rate for future years upon referendum approval initiated by the submission of a petition by the voters of the district. Provides that the extension limitation shall be: (a) the lesser of 5% or the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the 10 years immediately preceding the levy year for which the extension limitation is being calculated; or (b) the rate of increase approved by the voters. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

1/31/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB203 PESTICIDES-PENALTIES (VILLA K)

OPPOSE
Could negatively impact restoration activities.

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that for any person applying a pesticide that results in exposure to the pesticide by a human, the penalty shall be \$2,500. Provides that an additional penalty of \$1,000 shall be assessed for each individual human exposed to the pesticide. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2023 - Assigned to Senate Agriculture

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SB215 PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD (VILLIVALAM R)

WATCH
Design-build is new to the Downstate FP Act. Watch to see how others use it.

Amends the Design-Build Procurement Act. Provides that "design-build" includes the progressive design-build delivery method. Defines progressive design-build delivery method.

CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2023 - Assigned to Senate Executive

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SB291 SECURE JOBS ACT (VILLANUEVA C)

OPPOSE
Removes "at-will" and limits the rights of an employer.

Creates the Secure Jobs Act. Establishes a framework for employee discipline and discharge. Prohibits the unjust discharge of an employee. Contains provisions concerning factors to be considered when determining whether an employee has been discharged for just cause and the conditions that allow for a discharge based on bona fide economic reasons. Requires employers to use progressive discipline measures. Limits the use of electronic monitoring. Provides for severance pay. Directs the Department of Labor to adopt rules and administer the Act. Provides statutory remedies for wrongfully discharged employees and authorizes the recovery of damages. Creates the Wrongful Discharge Enforcement Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Effective January 1, 2024.

CURRENT STATUS

2/2/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB325 FOIA-RECORDS OF ATTORNEY GEN *(CUNNINGHAM B)*

WATCH
This is a rewording of some language that is already in the Act.

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Deletes language providing that, to the extent that records or documents produced by a public body contain information that is claimed to be exempt from disclosure, the Public Access Counselor shall not further disclose that information. Provides instead that records or documents obtained by the Public Access Counselor from a public body for the purpose of addressing a request for review may not be disclosed to the public, including the requester, by the Public Access Counselor. Provides that such records, while in the possession of the Public Access Counselor, are exempt under the Act from disclosure by the Public Access Counselor.

CURRENT STATUS

2/15/2023 - Senate Executive

Time & Location: 3:00 PM, Capitol Building Room 212/ILGA.gov

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SB1231 AGR-SOIL & PLANT ADDITIVES *(ANDERSON N)*

WATCH
Has the potential to negatively impact restoration activities.

Amends the Soil Amendment Act. Provides that the Act may be cited as the Soil, Plant, and Additive Act. Changes references in the Act from soil amendment to additive or amendment. Defines "active ingredient", "additive", "amendment", "inert ingredient", and "plant amendment". Makes other changes.

CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2023 - Assigned to Senate Agriculture

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SB1234 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM (VILLIVALAM R)

OPPOSE

Would apply to all employees with no service eligibility requirements.

Creates the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Act. Requires the Department of Employment Security to establish and administer a Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program that provides family and medical leave insurance benefits to eligible employees. Sets forth eligibility requirements for benefits under the Act. Contains provisions concerning disqualification from benefits; premium payments; the amount and duration of benefits; the recovery of erroneous payments; hearings; defaulted premium payments; elective coverage; employment protection; coordination of family and medical leave; defined terms; and other matters.

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Account Fund. Provides phase-in periods for the collection of money and making of claims for benefits under the Act. Effective January 1, 2024.

CURRENT STATUS

2/8/2023 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Mary Edly-Allen

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SUPPORT
Good government

SB1241 ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS (ROSE C)

Creates the Energy Performance Contracting Act. Requires each governmental unit to implement cost-effective conservation improvements and maintain efficient operation of its facilities in order to reduce operating costs and minimize energy consumption and related environmental impacts. Provides that any governmental unit may enter into an energy performance contract with a qualified energy service provider to produce utility savings or operating and maintenance cost savings. Designates the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center as the lead agency for the development and promotion of a program of performance contracts in governmental units under the Act, and provides requirements and duties for that agency. Provides for the selection process of qualified energy service providers. Provides for audits, payments, and term requirements for energy performance contracts entered into under the Act. Provides for the monitoring and reporting of energy consumption and cost savings under an energy performance contract. Provides for the use of savings from performance contracts. Provides that the provisions of the Act shall prevail and control over conflicting provisions of law, and that any conflicting provisions of any statute enacted prior to the Act are hereby repealed. Defines terms. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/2/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB1252 CONSERVATION-OPEN SPACE FUND (JOHNSON A)

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, moneys in the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund may not be appropriated, assigned, or transferred to another State fund. Effective immediately.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2023 - Assigned to Senate Appropriations

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SUPPORT

Protects an important funding source.

SB1327 CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS (FOWLER D)

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm into any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government does not apply to any rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation or to buildings located in rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation. Eliminates provision that a licensee 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. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district. Effective immediately.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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WATCH

As written it does not affect forest preserves.

SB1331 CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS (FOWLER D)

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Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm into any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government does not apply to any rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation or to buildings located in rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation. Eliminates a provision that a licensee 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. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SUPPORT

Cleans up bills that will amend current language. Supported by IACP.

SB1455 FREEDOM FROM DRONE SURVEIL (MURPHY)

Amends the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act. Defines "emotionally disturbed person" and "special event". Deletes "data" from the definition of "information". Provides that "information" does not apply to circumstances in which the drone is used over publicly owned property or private property with permission when the purpose is training peace officers, public relations, conducting infrastructure inspections, or other similar non-law enforcement purposes. Permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency if the law enforcement agency is assisting an emotionally disturbed person, and is not also undertaking a criminal investigation. Permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency at a special event to prepare for or monitor crowd size, density, and movement; assess public safety staffing; or to monitor the safety of the participants. If the special event is occurring on private property, use of a drone for this exception shall be authorized by the owners or organizers prior to flight. Provides that a law enforcement agency may use a drone to respond to Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatched calls for service, when the primary purpose for the response is to locate or assist victims, or both, identify offenders, and to guide emergency response. Provides that information gathered by a drone is subject to the disclosure and exception to disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Makes other changes. Amends the Freedom of Information Act to make conforming changes.

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2023 - Assigned to Senate Executive

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SB1537 OMA-REMOTE MEETINGS (BELT C)

WATCH
May affect operations.

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Allows meetings to be held by audio or video conference if the head of the public body determines that an in-person meeting or a meeting is not in the best interests of the public body or its members. Makes conforming changes. Modifies the requirements for meetings held by audio or video conference. Allows news outlets to receive notice of all special, emergency, rescheduled, or reconvened meetings by email. Removes provisions concerning meetings held on a legal holiday and certain quorum requirements.

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2023 - Assigned to Senate Executive

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OPPOSE
IMRF opposed similar legislation.

SB1582 PEN CD-TRANSFER-ART 3 TO IMRF (TURNER D)

Amends the Downstate Police and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, an active IMRF member may apply for transfer of credits and creditable service under the Downstate Police Article to IMRF. Provides that the credits and creditable service shall be transferred upon payment by the police pension fund of an amount equal to the amounts accumulated to the credit of the applicant for the service to be transferred, including interest; an amount representing employer contributions; and any interest paid by the applicant to reinstate such service. Provides that a person applying to transfer service under the provisions may reinstate credits and creditable service terminated upon receipt of a refund by paying to the police pension fund the amount of the refund plus interest. Provides that if the board of trustees of IMRF determines that the amount transferred is less than the true cost to IMRF of allowing that creditable service to be established, then in order to establish that creditable service, the member must pay to IMRF an additional contribution equal to the difference. Makes conforming and other changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/8/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB1614 BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PATH FUNDING (HARRISS E)

WATCH
It doesn't appear to impact the District.

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 (instead of 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

2/9/2023 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. John F. Curran

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SB1619 OPEN MTG DURING EMERGENCY (MORRISON J)**WATCH**

Would impact operations.

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, so long as the following additional requirements are met: (1) the public body makes available a dedicated meeting space where those individuals who do not have access to the Internet may participate in the meeting; (2) the public body ensures that a means of remote participation other than audio-only communication is made available to those individuals who are interested in participating in the meeting; (3) the public body ensures that all cameras used for remote participation are operating properly; and (4) the public body maintains a written record of those individuals who participated in the meeting and a description of whether those individuals participated in person or by remote means. Makes technical and other changes.

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2023 - Assigned to Senate Executive

[SB1619 Bill Page](#) →**SB1660 PREVAIL WAGE-WAIVER-\$20,000** (CHESNEY A)**WATCH**

It is unclear if it would impact the District.

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the Act does not apply to wages paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed by or on behalf of public body for work performed on a public works project with a total cost of \$20,000 or less if the public body notifies the Department of Labor of each project for which the waiver is used within 60 days before commencing the project. Provides that the Department shall make available a form with which public bodies may make this notification. Provides that the Department shall submit an annual report detailing the number of projects for which the waiver was used in the preceding year, the total number of employees engaged in those projects, the total cost of those projects without using prevailing wage standards, the total cost of those projects using prevailing wage standards, and any other information the Department deems appropriate. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/8/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

[SB1660 Bill Page](#) →**SB1710 VEH CD-BICYCLE TRAIL SIGNAGE** (SIMMONS M)**WATCH**

May add some cost burden.

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Department of Transportation along with local authorities or any responsible entity of a publicly owned bicycle trail in the State shall erect permanent signage alerting pedestrians or cyclists of vehicle crossings at least 250 feet before the crossing. In the event of an emergency or safety hazard, requires the Department, local authority, or responsible entity to erect temporary signage alerting pedestrians or cyclists of damage to the trail, maintenance being performed on the trail, or other temporary hazards along the trail.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB1715 PLUMBING LICENSE-BOTTLE FILL *(HILTON S)*

WATCH

May add some cost burden.

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall adopt a rule requiring that for each drinking fountain in any construction where a drinking fountain is required under the Illinois Plumbing Code, there shall also be a bottle filling station or a combined bottle filling station and drinking fountain. Provides that the rules required to be adopted shall take effect and be implemented by July 1, 2026. Defines "bottle filling station".

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB1740 RANSOMWARE ATTACK ACT *(STADELMAN S)*

WATCH

May waste time waiting for Governor to approve.

Creates the Ransomware Attack Act. Provides that a governmental unit (the State, a unit of local government, or any other subdivision of the State) may not use any public funds to pay any person or entity to recover its computer system after a ransomware attack unless the Governor first makes a proclamation that the ransomware attack against the governmental unit is a disaster under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and, in the proclamation, authorizes the governmental unit to make a payment to recover its computer system following the ransomware attack. Requires a governmental unit to report a ransomware attack to the Department of Innovation and Technology no later than 24 hours after discovering the attack, and requires the Department of Innovation and Technology to adopt rules to implement reporting requirements. Limits the current exercise of home rule powers. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB1740 Bill Page →

SB1788 FREEDOM FROM DRONE SURVEIL *(REZIN S)*

SUPPORT

Cleans up bills that will amend current language. Supported by IACP.

Amends the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act. Defines "emotionally disturbed person" and "special event". Deletes "data" from the definition of "information". Provides that the Act does not apply to the use of drones by a law enforcement agency under circumstances in which the drone is used over publicly owned property or private property with permission and the purpose is training peace officers, public relations, conducting infrastructure inspections, or other similar non-law enforcement purposes. Permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency if the law enforcement agency is assisting an emotionally disturbed person, and is not also undertaking a criminal investigation. Permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency at a special event to prepare for or monitor crowd size, density, and movement; assess public safety staffing; or to monitor the safety of the participants. Provides that if the special event is occurring on private property, the use of a drone shall be authorized by the owners or organizers prior to flight. Provides that a law enforcement agency may use a drone to respond to Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatched calls for service, when the primary purpose for the response is to locate or assist victims, or both, identify offenders, or guide emergency response. Provides that information gathered by a drone is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Amends the Freedom of Information Act to make conforming changes.

CURRENT STATUS

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SB1788 Bill Page

SB1919 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACT (CURRAN J)

WATCH
District to monitor.

Creates the Public-Private Partnerships Act. Provides that the intent of the Act, among others, is to authorize responsible public entities to develop and enter into public-private partnership agreements for qualifying projects which result in the availability of such projects to the public in a more timely and less costly fashion, thereby serving the public safety, benefit, and welfare. Creates the Infrastructure Investment Commission, including its membership and duties. Establishes the qualifications and processes related to unsolicited proposals for projects that become public-private agreements for the building, upgrading, providing of services, operating, ownership or financing of facilities. Sets forth the procedures and standards for the formation of public-private agreements between public and private entities, including the powers of the entities and the provisions of the agreements. Establishes development and operation standards for projects. Includes provisions related to the taxation and financial arrangements related to public-private partnerships. Sets forth additional provisions related to: the acquisition of property; law enforcement; and additional powers of responsible public entities with respect to qualifying projects. Makes conforming changes in the Freedom of Information Act and the Public Funds Investment Act.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

[SB1919 Bill Page](#) →

SB1921 ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES (VENTURA R)

OPPOSE
Unfunded mandate.

Creates the Access to Public Services for Non-English Speakers Act. Provides that a State or local department or agency shall take reasonable steps to provide equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency. Includes examples of reasonable steps that shall be taken. Provides that a State or local department or agency shall adopt rules regarding the requirements within 6 months after the effective date of the Act. Provides that the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, shall provide central coordination and technical assistance to departments and agencies to help them comply with the provisions. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

[SB1921 Bill Page](#) →

SB1981**AERONAUTICS-DRONE REGULATION** *(VILLIVALAM R)***SUPPORT**

Good to have the right to regulate

Amends the Illinois Aeronautics Act. Defines "National Airspace System". Provides that State-level oversight of unmanned aircraft systems does not deprive any unit of local government of the right to or impede any unit of local government in regulating the use of the first 150 feet above ground level of any public property intended or permitted to be used for recreational or conservation purposes. Effective Immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

[SB1981 Bill Page](#) →**SB1983****FREEDOM FROM DRONE SURVEIL** *(MORRISON J)***SUPPORT**

Cleans up bills that will amend current language. Supported by IACP.

Amends the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act. Defines "special event". Deletes "data" from the definition of "information". Provides that "information" does not apply to circumstances in which the drone is used over publicly owned property or private property with prior permission of the owner of the private property when the purpose is training peace officers, public relations, conducting infrastructure inspections, or other similar non-law enforcement purposes. Permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency at a special event to prepare for or monitor crowd size, density, and movement; assess public safety staffing; or to monitor the safety of the participants. Provides that a law enforcement agency may use a drone to respond to Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatched calls for service, when the primary purpose for the response is to locate or assist victims, or both, identify offenders, and to guide emergency response. Provides that information gathered by a drone is subject to the disclosure and exception to disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Makes other changes. Amends the Freedom of Information Act to make conforming changes.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

[SB1983 Bill Page](#) →**SB1985****LAND TRANSFER-LAKE COUNTY** *(MORRISON J)***SUPPORT**

This is our bill.

Authorizes the Executive Director of the Lake County Forest Preserve District to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to certain real property located in Lake County to Fort Sheridan National Cemetery. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Dan McConchie

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SB2014 IDOT-SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (SIMMONS M)

SUPPORT
Supports comprehensive trail development.

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Transportation to develop a policy which ensures the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on roadways within the State. Establishes that improvements will be made during routine maintenance and within a distance of 1,000 feet of the maintenance work on any State road within a municipality to include high visibility signage, crosswalk improvements, curb bump outs, barrier protected bike lanes, and bus shelters.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

[SB2014 Bill Page](#) →

OPPOSE
Makes succession planning more difficult.

SB2038 EQUAL PAY-SALARY TRANSPARENCY (PACIONE-ZAYAS C)

Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that an employer or employment agency shall disclose in each public and internal posting for each job, promotion, transfer, or other employment opportunity the wage or salary, or the wage or salary range, and a general description of the benefits and other compensation to be offered for the job, promotion, transfer, or other employment opportunity. Provides that an employer shall announce, post, or otherwise make known all opportunities for promotion to all current employees on the same calendar day and prior to making a promotion decision. Provides that an employer shall provide an employee the current wage or salary range and a general description of the benefits and other compensation for the position in which the employee is employed upon hire, promotion, or transfer and at least annually thereafter and upon the employee's request. Provides that the Department of Labor may initiate its own investigations and file its own complaints in response to a violation of the Act. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2024.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2049 MECHANICAL INSULATION AUDITS (VILLIVALAM R)

OPPOSE
Unfunded mandate

Creates the Mechanical Insulation Energy Audit Act. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency shall perform a mechanical insulation energy audit of every public building within the State within 10 years after the effective date of the Act. Provides that each mechanical insulation energy audit finding shall identify remediation measures necessary to bring the subject mechanical insulation system into compliance with the latest published edition of the International Code Council's International Energy Conservation Code and to ensure the building's mechanical systems function at operating temperatures that minimize energy loss and ensure public health and safety. Provides that audit findings are to be made available to the public. Requires the Agency, by December 31, 2025 and by December 31 of each year thereafter, to deliver to the General Assembly an annual report outlining the mechanical insulation energy audits that it completed in the previous calendar year. Repeals the Act on December 31, 2034. Defines terms. Includes legislative findings.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB2049 Bill Page →

SB2087 FOIA-LIST OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS *(DEWITTE D)*

OPPOSE
Not feasible

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body shall include in its list of records available under the Act the identification and a plain-text description of each of the types or categories of information of each field of each database of the public body. Provides that the public body shall provide a sufficient description of the structures of all databases under the control of the public body to allow a requester to request the public body to perform specific database queries.

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SB2092 REVENUE-REIMBURSEMENTS *(TURNER D)*

WATCH
Could be a good thing, uncertain.

Amends the Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall establish and administer a State Property Tax Relief Reimbursement Pilot Program for the purpose of reimbursing taxing districts for property tax revenue loss associated with State facilities. Sets forth the amount of the reimbursement. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB2092 Bill Page

WATCH
As written, does not affect forest preserves.

SB2109 CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS (ANDERSON N)

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm into any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government does not apply to any rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation or to buildings located in rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation. Eliminates a provision that a licensee 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. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

[SB2109 Bill Page](#) →

SB2203 REVENUE-VARIOUS (WILCOX C)

OPPOSE
Tax Freeze

Amends the State Mandates Act. Provides that any State mandate regarding any subject matter enacted on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act that necessitates additional expenditures from local government revenues shall be void and unenforceable unless the General Assembly makes necessary appropriations and reimbursements to implement that mandate. Provides that the failure of the General Assembly to make necessary appropriations and reimbursements shall relieve the local government of the obligation to implement any State mandate. Makes conforming changes. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district shall reduce its aggregate extension base for the purpose of lowering its limiting rate for future years upon referendum approval initiated by the submission of a petition by the voters of the district. Provides that the extension limitation shall be: (a) the lesser of 5% or the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the immediately preceding 10 years; or (b) the rate of increase approved by the voters. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases distributions into the Local Government Distributive Fund on and after August 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/10/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2342 HUMAN RTS-ABUSIVE CONDUCT (FEIGENHOLTZ S)

WATCH
Uncertain how it will affect the District.

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for an employer to engage in abusive conduct. Provides circumstances under which an employer is responsible for abusive conduct by nonmanagerial and nonsupervisory employees and for abusive conduct against nonemployees. Includes abusive conduct cases in provisions concerning required reporting by employers. Defines "abusive conduct" as conduct of an employer or employee in the workplace, with malice, that a reasonable person would find hostile, offensive, and unrelated to an employer's legitimate business interests. Makes conforming changes.

CURRENT STATUS

2/10/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2357 FORESTS-WETLANDS-PRAIRIES (VENTURA R)

SUPPORT
Good for the environment.

Creates the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant plan for the preservation and enhancement of forests, prairies, and wetlands in Illinois. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the comprehensive plan and subject to appropriation, shall establish and administer a Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program to restore degraded forest lands and native prairies, and to promote the growth of native vegetation that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and help to mitigate the impact of climate change. Provides that units of local government are eligible to submit a grant proposal in a format and at a time prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that grants may be used by units of local government to fund: (1) local projects restoring or expanding forests, wetlands, prairies, or other natural landscapes demonstrated to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; (2) education and marketing regarding local projects or steps community members may take to promote the growth of native vegetation that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; and (3) any other purpose approved by the Department of Natural Resources that advances the State goal that there be no overall net loss of the State's existing forest, prairie, or wetland acres or their functional value due to State-supported activities. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act and the State Finance Act to make conforming changes.

CURRENT STATUS

2/10/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2425 CONCEALED CARRY-FOREST PRESERV (VILLIVALAM R)

SUPPORT

Would make it possible to restrict concealed carry.

Introduced by FPD of Cook County

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits a forest preserve district from prohibiting persons from carrying a firearm into any botanic garden, campground, aquatic center, grounds of an aquatic center, boat launch, boating center, athletic venue, picnic grove, nature center, grounds of a nature center, pavilion, grounds of a pavilion, golf course, parking lot, driving range, adventure course, grounds of an adventure course, zipline building, grounds of a zipline, equestrian center, grounds of an equestrian center, exercise venue, grounds of an exercise venue, any Illinois nature preserve, land and water reserve, or any public or private gathering or special event conducted on property that requires the issuance of a permit. Defines "grounds".

CURRENT STATUS

2/10/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SJ21 MOURNS-HIGHLAND PARK VICTIMS (MORRISON J)

SUPPORT

Important thing to do.

Mourns the lives lost at the hands of gunfire in the City of Highland Park on July 4, 2022 and all those around the State of Illinois who have been lost to gun violence and recognizes the surviving families that live with the trauma of their losses. Remembers the lives of Katherine Goldstein, Irina McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Stephen Straus, Jacquelyn Sundheim, Nicholas Toledo-Zaragoza, and Eduardo Uvaldo. Honors the City of Highland Park and its law enforcement, first responders, and community leaders for their service to the people of Illinois. Urges leaders to continue to do everything in their power to ensure no other community experiences the trauma of gun violence.

CURRENT STATUS

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