

Bill Watch List
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HB 141

Short Description: DHS-CHILD CARE-CO-PAYMENTS

House Sponsors

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, Rita Mayfield, Nicholas K. Smith, Lakesia Collins, Debbie Meyers-Martin, Will Guzzardi, Joe Sosnowski, Margaret Croke, Camille Y. Lilly, Dave Vella, Kambium Buckner, William Davis, Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Sonya M. Harper, Anne Stava-Murray, Barbara Hernandez, Theresa Mah, Mary E. Flowers, Cyril Nichols, Daniel Didech, Maura Hirschauer and Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2021, a family eligible for child care services whose income is at or below 185% of the most recent United States Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines for the applicable family size shall pay a \$1 monthly fee as a co-payment for child care services. Deletes a provision that: (i) requires the Department of Human Services to establish, by rule, a co-payment scale that provides for cost sharing by families that receive child care services, including parents whose only income is from assistance under this Code; and (ii) that require co-payments to be based on family income and family size and other factors as appropriate. Removes a provision that authorizes the Department to raise parent co-payments. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 3393

Short Description: DCFS-ANCRA-AJ'S LAW

House Sponsors

Rep. Tom Weber

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that any report received by the Department of Children and Family Services alleging the abuse or neglect of a child by any person (rather than a person who is not the child's parent, a member of the child's immediate family, a person responsible for the child's welfare, an individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent) shall immediately be shared with (rather than referred to) the appropriate local law enforcement agency. Provides that, upon receipt of the shared report, the local law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, conduct a criminal investigation or other action based on the information contained within the report. Provides that the Department shall be the sole agency responsible for receiving and investigating reports of child abuse or neglect made under the Act, except where investigations by other agencies may be required with respect to reports alleging the abuse or neglect of a child by any person (rather than except where investigations by other agencies may be required with respect to reports alleging the abuse or neglect of a child by a person who is not the child's parent, a member of the child's immediate family, a person responsible for the child's welfare, an individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent).

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 3988

Short Description: MISSING&MURDERED CHICAGO WOMEN

House Sponsors

Rep. Kambium Buckner-Lakesia Collins-Jehan Gordon-Booth-LaToya Greenwood-La Shawn K. Ford, Kelly M. Cassidy, Delia C. Ramirez, Tony McCombie, Maura Hirschauer, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Emanuel Chris Welch, Ann M. Williams, Aaron M. Ortiz, Carol Ammons, Nicholas K. Smith, Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Camille Y. Lilly, Debbie Meyers-Martin, Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar, Jawaharial Williams and Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Patricia Van Pelt-Celina Villanueva-Robert Peters, Mike Simmons, Napoleon Harris, III, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Adriane Johnson, Kimberly A. Lightford, Laura Fine, Antonio Muñoz and Sara Feigenholtz)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women Act. Creates the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women. Provides for the composition of the Task Force and its appointment and meetings. Provides that the Task Force must examine and report on the following: (1) the systemic causes behind violence that Chicago women and girls experience, including patterns and underlying factors that explain why disproportionately high levels of violence occur against Chicago women and girls, including underlying historical, social, economic, institutional, and cultural factors that may contribute to the violence; (2) appropriate methods for tracking and collecting data on violence against Chicago women and girls, including data on missing and murdered Chicago women and girls; (3) policies and institutions such as policing, child welfare, medical examiner practices, and other governmental practices that impact violence against Chicago women and girls and the investigation and prosecution of crimes of gender-related violence against Chicago residents; (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence against Chicago women and girls; and (5) measures to help victims, victims' families, and victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that occurs against Chicago women and girls. Provides that the Task Force shall report annually to the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task Force.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's designee, in consultation with the Director of the Illinois State Police and Chicago Police Superintendent, shall appoint the non-legislative members to the Task Force. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (rather than the Illinois State Police) shall provide meeting space and assistance as necessary for the Task Force to conduct its work. Provides that the chair of the Task Force may call electronic meetings of the Task Force. Provides that a member of the Task Force participating electronically shall be deemed present for purposes of establishing a quorum and voting.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Changes from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2024 the date by which the Task Force must initially report its work to the Governor and General Assembly.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 4242

Short Description: CHILD CARE-FOSTER YOUTH W/KIDS

House Sponsors

Rep. Lakesia Collins-Mary E. Flowers-Kelly M. Cassidy-Kathleen Willis-Carol Ammons, Anna Moeller, Lindsey

LaPointe, Maura Hirschauer, LaToya Greenwood, Robyn Gabel, Anne Stava-Murray, Cyril Nichols and Will Guzzardi

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Karina Villa and Mike Simmons)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Human Services to jointly develop and administer a program that provides free and accessible child care services to parenting youth in foster care. Grants the Departments rulemaking authority.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Expands eligibility under the Department of Human Services' Child Care Assistance Program to include the following categories of families: (i) foster parents or caregivers of youth in care, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs; (ii) youth in care who are parents, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs; (iii) parents who have custody of their children and their children are the subjects of pending cases under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs; (iv) families with children who have an open intact family services case with the Department of Children and Family Services (rather than families with children under the age of 5 who have an open intact family services case with the Department of Children and Family Services); and (v) families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the Department of Children and Family Services, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs. Provides that youth in care who are parents and parents whose children are the subjects of pending cases under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall receive extended child care eligibility for a specified period of time, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs. Effective July 1, 2023.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Expands eligibility under the Department of Human Services' Child Care Assistance Program to include the following categories of families: (i) youth in care who are parents, regardless of income or whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs; and (ii) families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the Department of Children and Family Services, regardless of income or whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs. Provides that beginning October 1, 2023, and every October 1 thereafter, the Department of Children and Family Services shall report to the General Assembly on the number of children who received child care via vouchers paid for by the Department of Children and Family Services during the preceding fiscal year. Requires the report to include the ages of children who received child care, the type of child care they received, and the number of months they received child care. Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Expands the definition of "eligible infants and toddlers" to include any child under the age of 3 who is the subject of a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect as defined in the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that the rates paid to day care providers by the Department of Children and Family Services shall match the rates paid to child care providers by the Department of Human Services under the child care assistance program, including base rates and any relevant rate enhancements. Effective immediately, except that certain provisions take effect on July 1, 2023.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/18/2022	House	Sent to the Governor

HB 4244

Short Description: IMMUNIZATIONS-DATA REGISTRY

House Sponsors

Rep. Bob Morgan

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Immunization Data Registry Act. Provides that health care providers, physician's designees, or pharmacist's designees shall (rather than may) provide immunization data to be entered into the immunization data registry. Provides that the written information and the immunization data exemption forms must include information that the health care provider shall (rather than may) report immunization data to the Department of Public Health to be entered into the immunization data registry. Effective January 1, 2023.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 4272

Short Description: CHILD CARE-DAY CARE CENTER

House Sponsors

Rep. Margaret Croke, Maura Hirschauer and Terra Costa Howard

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Michael E. Hastings)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that the definition of "day care center" does not include facilities operated in connection with a shopping center or service, religious services, or other similar facility, where transient children are cared for temporarily while parents or custodians of the children are occupied within 0.15 miles away from the location of the child care facility and readily available.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2022	Senate	Assigned to Health

HB 4299

Short Description: DCFS-RACIAL DISPARITIES

House Sponsors

Rep. Carol Ammons, Kambium Buckner, Nicholas K. Smith, Rita Mayfield and Maura Hirschauer

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to establish a pilot program for the purpose of addressing racial disparities in the child welfare system in at least 5 counties, which shall be selected to participate on a voluntary basis in the pilot program according to criteria developed by the Department. Provides that the selected counties shall include, at a minimum, one county in southern Illinois, one county in northern Illinois, and one county in a rural area of the State. Requires the participating counties' pilot programs to utilize a blind removal strategy when deciding whether a child should be removed from their parents' home. Provides that a participating county's pilot program may include, but shall not be limited to, a program whereby at any meeting of a Department region or field office during which the removal of a child from the child's home is

discussed, certain information is required to be redacted from the case file in preparation for the removal decision, including: (i) the name, gender, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious affiliation or beliefs, and political affiliation or beliefs of the child and the child's parents. Requires the Department to conduct at least one evaluation of the participating counties' pilot programs and their effectiveness after 3 years of implementation and to submit the information for the evaluation in a report to the General Assembly. Requires the evaluation to include monitoring the program's effect on the rate of Black, Native American, and Latinx children who were removed from their homes. Provides that implementation is subject to appropriation. Repeals the new provisions on January 1, 2026.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 4304

Short Description: FOSTER CARE INVESTIGATIVE COMM

House Sponsors

Rep. Lakesia Collins-Carol Ammons-Jehan Gordon-Booth-Marcus C. Evans, Jr.-Camille Y. Lilly, Mary E. Flowers, Amy Grant, Chris Bos, Keith P. Sommer, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Kelly M. Cassidy, Cyril Nichols, Emanuel Chris Welch and Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Laura Ellman and Mike Simmons)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Creates the Foster Care Investigative Reports Commission as an executive agency of State government to investigate all adverse reports submitted by foster parents to the Department of Children and Family Services (Department) concerning the children placed in their care. Provides that the Commission shall consist of 9 members appointed by the Governor. Contains provisions concerning the term limits of Commission members, compensation, Commission meetings, and other matters. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Commission shall hire a Director and staff to process and investigate all adverse reports referred by the Department to the Commission in order to determine whether the information and allegations set forth in each report are true or false. Requires the Commission to review the findings and recommendations of the Director for each investigated adverse report. Provides that if, after its review, the Commission determines that an adverse report is false or inaccurate, the Commission shall issue a final written report of its determination to be filed with the foster child's official records. Permits the Director, the Director's staff, and the Commission to inspect and copy any materials held by the Department that are relevant to the investigation of an adverse report. Contains provisions concerning the confidentiality of Department records, Commission reporting requirements, and Commission rules.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following additions: Further amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to ensure that an exit interview is conducted with every child age 5 and over who leaves a foster home, unless clinically contraindicated. Provides that the interview shall be conducted by a caseworker, mental health provider, or clinician from the Department's Division of Clinical Practice. Requires the interview to be conducted within 5 days of the child's removal from the home. Requires the interviewer to comply with the provisions of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act if the child discloses abuse or neglect. Requires the interviewer to immediately inform the licensing agency if the child discloses any information that would constitute a potential licensing violation. Contains provisions on (i) documentation of the interview; (ii) determinations on whether the interview is clinically contraindicated; (iii) information and subject areas that are required to be addressed during the interview; (iv) the development of interview procedures and an interview form by the Department no later than January 1, 2023; and (v) quarterly postings on the Department's website that summarize the exit interviews. Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Expands the definition of "quality of care concerns applicant" to include a foster care license applicant or any person living in the applicant's household who has requested a youth in care's removal from the home on 5 or more occasions. In provisions concerning applications for a foster family home license, requires the Department to review information regarding all child exit interviews regarding the home.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Removes provisions creating the Foster Care Investigative Reports Commission.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/31/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 4306

Short Description: DCFS-YOUTH IN CARE-MENTAL HLTH

House Sponsors

Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit-Deb Conroy-Dave Severin-Michelle Mussman-Amy Grant, Sue Scherer, Martin J. Moylan, Camille Y. Lilly, Kelly M. Cassidy, Jehan Gordon-Booth, Natalie A. Manley, William Davis, Joyce Mason, Lance Yednock, Lakesia Collins and Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Ram Villivalam and Mike Simmons)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that all youth in care shall be assigned a mental health provider to manage their mental health care needs. Requires a youth's mental health provider to visit the youth and conduct a well-being assessment within 30 days after the youth is removed from his or her home and placed in the temporary custody or guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services. Provides that additional follow-up visits and well-being checks shall be scheduled and conducted until the youth is no longer under the custody or guardianship of the Department. Provides that any mental health care services provided to the youth shall be in addition to any care or services the youth receives from his or her primary care provider. Grants the Department rulemaking authority.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Creates the Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care Task Force. Requires the Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding mental health and wellness services provided to youth in care, including a program of holistic mental health services provided 30 days after the date upon which a youth is placed in foster care, in order to determine how to best meet the mental health needs of youth in care. Provides that the Task Force shall also assess the capacity of State licensed mental health professionals to provide preventive mental health care to youth in care; review the current payment rates for mental health providers serving the youth in care population; evaluate the recruitment and retention of mental health providers who are persons of color to serve the youth in care population; and perform other specified duties. Provides that the Task Force shall consist of 9 members and that members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Requires the Task Force to meet at least once each month beginning no later than July 1, 2022 and at other times as determined by the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force may hold electronic meetings and a member of the Task Force shall be deemed present for the purposes of establishing a quorum and voting. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in conjunction with the Department of Children and Family Services, shall provide the Task Force with administrative support. Requires the Task Force to prepare and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly at the end of each quarter a report that summarizes its work and makes recommendations resulting from its study. Effective immediately.

Fiscal Note, House Floor Amendment No. 1 (Dept. of Children & Family Services)

There is no material cost to this legislation.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the engrossed bill with the following changes: Provides that the Task Force shall include: (i) a member appointed by the Governor from the Office of the Governor who has a

focus on mental health issues, (rather than a member from the Office of the Governor who has a focus on mental health issues); (ii) one member who is a former youth in care, appointed by the Governor (rather than one member who is a former youth in care recommended by the Illinois Chapter of the Foster Care Alumni of America); and (iii) one representative from the managed care entity managing the YouthCare program, appointed by (rather than recommended by) the Director of Healthcare and Family Services. Requires the Task Force to submit its final report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2024. Provides that upon submission of its final report, the Task Force is dissolved.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/20/2022	House	Sent to the Governor

HB 4423

Short Description: TANF-GRANT INCREASES

House Sponsors

Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.-Emanuel Chris Welch-LaToya Greenwood-Carol Ammons-Aaron M. Ortiz, Delia C. Ramirez, Anna Moeller, Rita Mayfield, Anne Stava-Murray, Kelly M. Cassidy, Debbie Meyers-Martin, Barbara Hernandez, Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Dagmara Avelar, Michelle Mussman, Will Guzzardi, Theresa Mah, La Shawn K. Ford, Lakesia Collins, Robyn Gabel, Elizabeth Hernandez, Camille Y. Lilly, Dan Caulkins, Deb Conroy, William Davis, Michael J. Zalewski, Terra Costa Howard, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Bob Morgan, Suzanne Ness, Margaret Croke, Cyril Nichols and Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Adriane Johnson-Celina Villanueva, Mattie Hunter-Christopher Belt, Cristina Castro, Sara Feigenholtz, Karina Villa, Robert Peters-David Koehler, Doris Turner, Emil Jones, III, Ram Villivalam, Kimberly A. Lightford, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Antonio Muñoz, Patricia Van Pelt, Mike Simmons-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Steve Stadelman, Omar Aquino, Napoleon Harris, III, Laura Fine, Melinda Bush, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Rachelle Crowe, Meg Loughran Cappel, John Connor and Bill Cunningham)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In provisions concerning the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, provides that the child support collected on behalf of a family shall be passed through to the family and disregarded in determining the amount of the assistance grant provided to the family under the program (rather than the first \$100 of child support collected on behalf of a family in a month for one child and the first \$200 of child support collected on behalf of a family in a month for 2 or more children shall be passed through to the family and disregarded in determining the amount of the assistance grant provided to the family under the program). Provides that beginning October 1, 2022 (rather than October 1, 2018) the Department of Human Services shall increase TANF grant amounts in effect on September 30, 2022 (rather than September 30, 2018) to at least 50% (rather than 30%) of the most recent United States Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines for each family size. Provides that beginning October 1, 2023 (rather than October 1, 2019), and each October 1 thereafter, the maximum benefit levels shall be annually adjusted to remain equal to at least 50% (rather than 30%) of the most recent poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for each family size. Effective October 1, 2022.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/28/2022	Senate	Referred to Assignments

HB 4526

Short Description: DAY CARE HOME CAPACITY

House Sponsors

Rep. Suzanne Ness

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that "day care homes" means family homes which receive more than 3 and up to a maximum of 14 children (instead of 12) for less than 24 hours per day.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 4618

Short Description: HIGHER ED-CHILD CARE RESOURCES

House Sponsors

Rep. Will Guzzardi-Nicholas K. Smith-Carol Ammons

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to annually include information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the federal dependent care allowance in the language that schools are required to provide to students eligible for Monetary Award Program grants. Specifies the information that must be included. Provides that an institution of higher learning that participates in the Monetary Award Program shall provide, at a minimum, the information to all students who are enrolled, or who are accepted for enrollment and are intending to enroll, and who have been identified by the Commission as Monetary Award Program-eligible at the institution. Provides that an institution of higher learning shall also provide the information to any student identified by the institution of higher learning as a student with dependents. Provides that an institution of higher learning may designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public benefits if eligible. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement the provisions on or before October 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 4729

Short Description: DPH-SAFE GUN STORAGE CAMPAIGN

House Sponsors

Rep. Kathleen Willis-Maura Hirschauer-Camille Y. Lilly-Keith R. Wheeler-Anne Stava-Murray, Robyn Gabel, Margaret Croke, Bob Morgan, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Anna Moeller, Katie Stuart, Denyse Wang Stoneback, Deb Conroy, Terra Costa Howard, La Shawn K. Ford, Ann M. Williams, Michael J. Zalewski, Daniel Didech, Jonathan Carroll, Lindsey LaPointe, Kelly M. Cassidy, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Justin Slaughter, Sam Yingling, Maurice A. West, II, Michelle Mussman, Eva Dina Delgado, Will Guzzardi and Elizabeth Hernandez

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Cristina Castro-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Ann Gillespie, Laura Fine-Karina Villa-Adriane Johnson, Sara Feigenholtz, Laura Ellman, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Laura M. Murphy, Ram Villivalam and Patricia Van Pelt-Mike Simmons)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and implement a comprehensive 2-year statewide safe gun storage public awareness campaign. Provides that the campaign shall include sustained and focused messaging over the course of the 2-year campaign period, messages paired with information about enforcement or incentives for safe gun storage, and geographic and cultural considerations. Provides that the campaign shall be divided into 3 phases with specified requirements for each phase. Repeals the provisions on January 1, 2026.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the statewide safe gun storage public awareness campaign shall be developed by the Department of Public Health subject to appropriation.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 4920

Short Description: INC TX-EARNED INCOME-AGE

House Sponsors

Rep. Carol Ammons-Anna Moeller-Elizabeth Hernandez-Delia C. Ramirez, Daniel Didech, Kelly M. Cassidy, Kambium Buckner, Rita Mayfield, Maurice A. West, II, Theresa Mah, Will Guzzardi, Lindsey LaPointe, Dagmara Avelar, Aaron M. Ortiz, Michelle Mussman, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Bob Morgan, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Maura Hirschauer, Cyril Nichols, Lakesia Collins, Jehan Gordon-Booth, Sam Yingling, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Sonya M. Harper, Barbara Hernandez, Camille Y. Lilly, Debbie Meyers-Martin, Janet Yang Rohr, Justin Slaughter, LaToya Greenwood, Lance Yednock, Sue Scherer, Anne Stava-Murray, Mary E. Flowers, Frances Ann Hurley, Ann M. Williams, Anthony DeLuca, Margaret Croke, Kathleen Willis, Suzanne Ness, Eva Dina Delgado, Michael Kelly, Kelly M. Burke, Joyce Mason, Katie Stuart, Jonathan Carroll, Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Nicholas K. Smith, Robert Rita, Natalie A. Manley, Tom Demmer, Denyse Wang Stoneback, La Shawn K. Ford, Curtis J. Tarver, II, Norine K. Hammond, Tony McCombie, Deb Conroy, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Jawaharial Williams and Terra Costa Howard

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the earned income tax credit shall be: (i) 20% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and prior to January 1, 2024; (ii) 22% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and prior to January 1, 2025; and (iii) 25% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1 2025. Provides that the earned income tax credit is available to persons who have attained the age of 18 but have not yet attained the age of 25 and to persons who are 65 years of age or older, without regard to any age requirements that would otherwise apply to individuals without a qualifying child under federal Internal Revenue Code. Extends the earned income tax credit to individuals filing a return using an individual taxpayer identification number. Creates a child dependent tax credit that shall be not less than \$600 when combined with the taxpayer's earned income tax credit. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 4954

Short Description: HOMELESS FOSTER YOUTH DATA

House Sponsors

Rep. Lakesia Collins

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that on January 1, 2024, and every 2 years thereafter, the Department of Children and Family Services shall collect data and report to the General Assembly on the percentage of Black and Latino former foster youth who experienced homelessness or became involved with the criminal justice system within 18 months of aging out of foster care. Provides that the data on criminal justice involvement shall include a breakdown of the percentage of Black and Latino former foster youth who experienced an arrest, conviction, or overnight stay at a correctional facility within 18 months of aging out of foster care.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 4965

Short Description: INC TX-PAID FAMILY LEAVE

House Sponsors

Rep. Dave Vella and Janet Yang Rohr

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for businesses with an average of 100 or fewer full-time employees during the taxable year in an amount equal to 50% of the costs incurred by the business in offering a paid family leave program to all of its full-time employees.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 4999

Short Description: EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

House Sponsors

Rep. Robyn Gabel-Suzanne Ness-Debbie Meyers-Martin, Lindsey LaPointe, Maura Hirschauer, LaToya Greenwood, Terra Costa Howard, Janet Yang Rohr, Barbara Hernandez and Camille Y. Lilly

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Celina Villanueva-Doris Turner-Julie A. Morrison-Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Omar Aquino-Laura M. Murphy, Karina Villa and Sara Feigenholtz)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Requires all early intervention services to be initiated as soon as possible but not later than 30 calendar days after the consent of the parent or guardian has been obtained for the

child's individualized family service plan. Provides that services may be initiated later than 30 calendar days after the consent of the parent or guardian has been obtained if the multidisciplinary team determines that a later initiation date is necessary to meet the individual needs of the child and family, the child's parent or guardian provides informed written consent for the later initiation date, and the reasons for the later initiation date are documented by the multidisciplinary team. Provides that the parent or guardian must be informed in writing, which may be done electronically if the parent or guardian prefers, that services shall be initiated no later than 30 calendar days after the individualized family service plan has been developed or on a later initiation date as determined by the multidisciplinary team with the informed consent of the parent or guardian. Provides that if services are not initiated within 30 calendar days after the consent of the parent or guardian has been obtained for the individualized family service plan or on a later initiation date as determined by the multidisciplinary team with the informed consent of the parent or guardian, the parent or guardian must be informed by the family's Child and Family Connections service coordinator in writing, which may be done electronically if the parent or guardian prefers, of the family's legal rights and alternative service options available to the family until an early intervention provider is identified, including, but not limited to, providers not currently early intervention credentialed or enrolled in the early intervention program. Effective July 1, 2022.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Provides that all early intervention services shall be initiated as soon as possible but not later than 30 calendar days after the consent of the parent or guardian has been obtained for the individualized family service plan, in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Human Services. Effective July 1, 2022.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 5013

Short Description: DHFS-PRENATAL/PERINATAL CARE

House Sponsors

Rep. Mary E. Flowers-LaToya Greenwood-Rita Mayfield-Randy E. Frese-Norine K. Hammond, Camille Y. Lilly, David Friess, Adam Niemerg, Dave Severin, Tom Weber, Keith P. Sommer, Thomas Morrison, Michelle Mussman, Janet Yang Rohr, Michael J. Zalewski, Ann M. Williams, Kathleen Willis, Natalie A. Manley, Mark Luft, Amy Grant, Theresa Mah, Keith R. Wheeler, Jeff Keicher, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Joe Sosnowski, Seth Lewis, William Davis, Robert Rita, Sonya M. Harper, Anne Stava-Murray, Maura Hirschauer, Debbie Meyers-Martin, Elizabeth Hernandez, Deb Conroy, Nicholas K. Smith, Eva Dina Delgado, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Margaret Croke, Aaron M. Ortiz, Kelly M. Cassidy, Katie Stuart, Lindsey LaPointe, Thaddeus Jones, Delia C. Ramirez, Kambium Buckner, Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Will Guzzardi, Maurice A. West, II, Cyril Nichols, Justin Slaughter, Curtis J. Tarver, II, Mark L. Walker, Daniel Didech, Lakesia Collins, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. and Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Patricia Van Pelt-Christopher Belt, Laura M. Murphy, Robert Peters, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Sara Feigenholtz, Adriane Johnson-Mattie Hunter-Napoleon Harris, III and Jacqueline Y. Collins)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that in order to maximize the accessibility of preventive prenatal and perinatal health care services, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall amend its managed care contracts such that an managed care organization must pay for preventive prenatal and perinatal healthcare services rendered by a non-affiliated provider, for which the health plan would pay if rendered by an affiliated provider, at the same rate the Department would pay for such services exclusive of disproportionate share payments and Medicaid percentage adjustments, unless a different rate was agreed upon by the health plan and the non-affiliated provider. Effective January 1, 2023.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1 with the following changes. Amends the Birth Center Licensing Act. Provides that a licensed certified professional midwife may attend or be delegated to attend to each person in labor from the time of admission through birth and throughout the immediate postpartum period. Defines "licensed certified professional midwife". Makes a conforming change. Effective January 1, 2023.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes: Further amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that a managed care organization must pay for preventative prenatal services, perinatal healthcare services, and postpartum services rendered by a non-affiliated provider, for which the health plan would pay if rendered by an affiliated provider, at the rate paid (rather than at no less than the rate paid) under the Illinois Medicaid fee-for-service program methodology for such services. Provides that, in cases where a managed care organization must pay for preventive prenatal services, perinatal healthcare services, and postpartum services rendered by a non-affiliated provider, the payment rate requirements under the amendatory Act shall not apply if the services were not emergency services, as defined in a specified provision of the Code, and: (1) the non-affiliated provider is a perinatal hospital and has, within the 12 months preceding the date of service, rejected a contract that was offered in good faith by the health plan as determined by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services; or (2) the health plan has terminated a contract with the non-affiliated provider for cause, and the Department has not deemed the termination to have been without merit. Provides that the Department may deem that a determination for cause has merit if: (i) an institutional provider has repeatedly failed to conduct discharge planning; or (ii) the provider's conduct adversely and substantially impacts the health of Medicaid patients; or (iii) the provider's conduct constitutes fraud, waste, or abuse; or (iv) the provider's conduct violates the code of ethics governing his or her profession. Effective January 1, 2023.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 5029

Short Description: FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM

House Sponsors

Rep. Sonya M. Harper

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Act. Requires the Department of Employment Security to establish and administer a Family Leave Insurance Program that provides family 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 leave; defined terms; and other matters. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Family 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, 2023.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5032

Short Description: RIGHT TO READ ACT

House Sponsors

Rep. Rita Mayfield-Seth Lewis, Joyce Mason, Cyril Nichols, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Anne Stava-Murray, Suzanne Ness and Natalie A. Manley

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Right to Read Act. Provides that the State Board of Education shall offer support: to each public school district to select evidence-based core reading instruction programs and implement them using structured literacy instruction; and to each early childhood, elementary, and special education teacher, reading specialist, literacy coach, and administrator to complete evidence-based training in teaching reading. Requires the State Board of Education to annually compile and post on its website information on the steps it has undertaken to support school districts to deliver high-quality, evidence-based literacy instruction, including a list of any Early Literacy Grant recipients, documentation of how the recipient allocated the funding to support improved literacy, and what evidence-based literacy curricula the recipient is utilizing. Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning educator testing, requires applicants seeking specified licenses to pass a test in reading foundations, which shall include assessment of the applicant's understanding of phonological and phonemic awareness, concepts of print and the alphabetic principle, the role of phonics in promoting reading development, word analysis skills and strategies, vocabulary development, application of reading comprehension skills and strategies, and methods for assessing reading development. In provisions concerning minimum requirements for educators trained in other states or countries, provides that an applicant who has successfully completed a reading foundations test of at least comparable rigor to the Illinois reading foundations test is not required to complete a reading foundations test. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5068

Short Description: SCH CD-ED LICENSE-EARLY CHILD

House Sponsors

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that an applicant that meets all other requirements to receive an endorsement in early childhood education is not required to pass a content area test in early childhood education. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2022	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 5082

Short Description: INC TX-RENTAL PAYMENTS

House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Zalewski

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for individual taxpayers who rent a dwelling in Illinois for use as their principal place of residence. Provides that the credit shall be equal to 5% of the documented rental costs paid by such taxpayer during the taxable year on the principal place of residence of the taxpayer. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2022	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 5214

Short Description: SCH CD-INTERPRETER-MEETINGS

House Sponsors

Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez-Carol Ammons-Natalie A. Manley, Kelly M. Cassidy, Terra Costa Howard, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Dagmara Avelar, Barbara Hernandez, Rita Mayfield, Maurice A. West, II, Frances Ann Hurley, Sue Scherer, Jay Hoffman, Suzanne Ness and Debbie Meyers-Martin

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Karina Villa-Christopher Belt-Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas and Mike Simmons)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Adds a provision that any parent who is deaf, or does not normally communicate using spoken English, who participates in a meeting with a representative of a local educational agency for the purposes of developing an individualized educational program, or attends a multidisciplinary conference, a 504 mediation session, or a due process hearing (instead of just a meeting with a representative of a local educational agency for the purposes of developing an individualized educational program) shall be entitled to the services of an interpreter. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the provisions. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces references to a 504 mediation session with references to a 504 meeting and a mediation session for when a parent is entitled to the services of an interpreter.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes: In provisions concerning notification of services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, provides that the notice shall also state that any parent who is deaf or does not typically communicate using spoken English and who participates in a Section 504 meeting with a representative of a local educational agency shall be entitled to the services of an interpreter. Removes the amendatory language that provides that those who attend a 504 meeting, a mediation session, or a due process hearing shall be entitled to the services of an interpreter. Provides that at all stages of an impartial due process hearing or mediation, the hearing officer or mediator shall require that interpreters licensed pursuant to the Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2007 be made available by the school district for persons who are deaf or qualified interpreters be made available by the school district for persons whose normally spoken language is other than English (rather than providing that at all stages of an impartial due process hearing, the hearing officer shall require that interpreters be made available by the school district for persons who are deaf or for persons whose normally spoken language is other than English). Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 5285**Short Description:** SCH CD-RESTRICT ASSESSMENTS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Lindsey LaPointe-Sue Scherer-Curtis J. Tarver, II-Mary E. Flowers-Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Daniel Didech, Will Guzzardi, Anne Stava-Murray, Maura Hirschauer, Ann M. Williams, Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Theresa Mah, Joyce Mason, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Kambium Buckner, Robyn Gabel, Michael Kelly, Kathleen Willis, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Eva Dina Delgado, Margaret Croke, Aaron M. Ortiz, Jawaharial Williams, Nicholas K. Smith, Barbara Hernandez, Delia C. Ramirez and Sonya M. Harper

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas and Jacqueline Y. Collins)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Prohibits the State Board of Education from developing, purchasing, or requiring a school district to administer, develop, or purchase a standardized assessment for students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2, other than for diagnostic purposes. Prohibits the State Board of Education from providing funding for any standardized assessment of students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Changes references from "diagnostic purposes" to "diagnostic and screening purposes". Adds bilingual education, dyslexia services, or other related educational services to the definition of "diagnostic and screening purposes".

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2022	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 8, 2022

HB 5339**Short Description:** JUV CT-EXCLUDED JURISDICTION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Patrick Windhorst

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the definition of delinquent minor shall not apply to any minor who at the time of an offense was at least 16 years of age and who is charged with vehicular hijacking or aggravated vehicular hijacking.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5370

Short Description: MEDICAID-CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

House Sponsors

Rep. Jay Hoffman-Norine K. Hammond

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that for dates of service on and after July 1, 2022, all Illinois and out-of-state cost reporting hospitals designated as Children's Specialty Hospitals by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services as of January 1, 2022 must be paid a base per diem rate for inpatient general acute services and rehabilitation services no less than \$2,500 per day. Defines "base rate" to mean the per diem rate in effect before adding any additional rate add-ons for disproportionate share hospital adjustment payments, Medicaid percentage adjustments, or Medicaid High Volume Adjustments. Effective July 1, 2022.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5389

Short Description: INC TX-CHILD TAX CREDIT

House Sponsors

Rep. Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit for taxpayers who have at least one eligible dependent and whose income does not exceed certain specified guidelines. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5391

Short Description: INVEST IN KIDS-VARIOUS

House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Zalewski, Amy Grant and Joe Sosnowski

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Invest in Kids Act. Provides that non-public pre-kindergarten schools are considered qualified schools. Provides that contributions made by individuals may be directed to a particular subset of schools or a particular school. Allows qualified schools to set a maximum scholarship amount, which may not exceed the necessary costs and fees for attendance at the qualified school. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5393**Short Description:** MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING GRANTS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Deb Conroy and Maurice A. West, II

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program. Makes findings. Provides that the purpose of the grant program shall be to provide funding and resources to allow school districts to implement depression screening programs to identify students in grades 7 through 12 who are at risk of depression. Provides conditions for school districts to meet when implementing its depression screening program. Provides that to assist districts in selecting a research-based screening tool to use as part of depression screening programs, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Children and Family Services, may develop a list of preapproved research-based screening tools that are validated to screen depression in adolescents. Provides that the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, shall within 180 days of the date of enactment of this Act develop guidance and resources for school districts to establish partnerships with organizations or health care providers specializing in pediatric and adolescent mental health to conduct depression screenings. Creates the Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program Fund. Provides that funds in Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program Fund may be used by the State Board for operational expenses associated with the administration of Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program and for the payment of costs associated with providing grants to school districts in accordance with the Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program. Provides that State Board of Education shall develop a report, or contract with a research institution to develop a report to evaluate depression screening programs in school districts participating in the Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program. Makes a corresponding change in the State Finance Act. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/11/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5418**Short Description:** FOSTER CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison-Jonathan Carroll-Joyce Mason-Steven Reick, Chris Bos, Daniel Swanson, Avery Bourne, Thomas M. Bennett and Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Napoleon Harris, III, Mattie Hunter, Laura M. Murphy and Robert F. Martwick)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Foster Children's Bill of Rights Act. Expands the list of rights under the Foster Children's Bill of Rights to include: (i) the right to participate in a formal intake process immediately after placement in the custody or guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services during which the youth will be instructed on inappropriate acts of affection, discipline, and punishment by guardians, foster parents, foster siblings, or any other adult responsible for the youth's welfare; (ii) the right to have access to intervention and counseling services within the first 24 hours after removal from the home in order to assess whether the youth is exhibiting signs of a post-traumatic stress disorder, special needs, or mental illness; (iii) the right to have monthly assessment visits with a staff member of

the Department's Division of Child Protection to determine the youth's well-being and emotional health following placement, to determine the youth's relationship with his or her guardian or foster parent or with any other adult responsible for the youth's welfare, and to determine what forms of discipline, if any, the youth's guardian or foster parent or any other responsible adult uses to correct the youth; (iv) the right to be gradually transitioned out of foster care and not systematically aged out of State care; (v) the right to be enrolled in an independent living program prior to his or her transition out of foster care where the youth will receive phased in classes and instruction on independent living and self-sufficiency in the areas of employment, finances, meals, and housing as well as help in developing life skills and long-term goals; and (vi) the right to be assessed by a third-party entity or agency prior to enrollment in any independent living program in order to determine the youth's readiness for a transition out of foster care based on the youth's individual needs, emotional development, and ability, regardless of age, to make a successful transition to adulthood.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Foster Children's Bill of Rights Act. Expands the list of rights under the Foster Children's Bill of Rights to include the following: (1) The right to participate in an age and developmentally appropriate intake process immediately after placement in the custody or guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services, during which, the Department shall: (i) provide the youth a document describing inappropriate acts of affection, discipline, and punishment by guardians, foster parents, foster siblings, or any other adult responsible for the youth's welfare; and (ii) review and discuss the document with the child. (2) The right to participate in appropriate intervention and counseling services after removal from the home of origin in order to assess whether the youth is exhibiting signs of traumatic stress, special needs, or mental illness. (3) The right to receive a home visit by an assigned child welfare specialist, per existing Department policies and procedures, on a monthly basis or more frequently as needed. (4) The right to be enrolled in an independent living services program prior to transitioning out of foster care where the youth shall receive classes and instruction, appropriate to the youth's age and developmental capacity, on independent living and self-sufficiency in the areas of employment, finances, meals, and housing as well as help in developing life skills and long-term goals. (5) The right to be assessed by a third-party entity or agency prior to enrollment in any independent living program in order to determine the youth's readiness for a transition out of foster care based on the youth's individual needs, emotional development, and ability, regardless of age, to make a successful transition to adulthood.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/31/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 5421

Short Description: DCFS CASEWORKER-POLICE ESCORT

House Sponsors

Rep. Jawaharial Williams

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, whenever a child protective investigator of a Child Protective Service Unit must visit a home or residence to investigate a report of abuse or neglect, at least one local law enforcement officer must accompany the child protective investigator to offer assistance and must remain with the child protective investigator for the duration of the visit until the child protective investigator is safely clear of the home or residence.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5525

Short Description: COM CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED

House Sponsors

Rep. Delia C. Ramirez-Carol Ammons-Tony McCombie-Lakesia Collins-Anne Stava-Murray, Kelly M. Cassidy, Kambium Buckner, Justin Slaughter, Joyce Mason, Camille Y. Lilly and Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Mike Simmons-Patricia Van Pelt-Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Creates the Commission on Children of Incarcerated Parents, within the Department of Human Services, which shall reflect the diversity of the State of Illinois, including geographic, racial, ethnic, and diversity of life experience. Provides that the Commission shall be responsible for implementing and coordinating the recommendations of the Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents. Provides for appointments to the Commission. Provides that once all its members have been appointed as provided in this Act, the Commission may exercise any power, perform any function, take any action, or do anything in furtherance of its purposes and goals. Provides that the Commission shall: (1) meet at least 4 times per year beginning within 30 days after the appointment of a quorum of its members; (2) identify resources, strategies, and legislative proposals to support the full administration and implementation of the Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents recommendations; (3) develop a strategic plan that outlines specific goals, information-gathering activities, benchmarks, and timelines towards achieving the purpose of the Commission to fully implement the recommendation of the Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents; and (4) deliver an annual report to the General Assembly and to the Governor to be posted on the Governor's and General Assembly's websites and provide to the public an annual report on its progress. Provides that a draft of the report shall be released for public comment and feedback and shall be solicited from relevant stakeholders, including individuals impacted by parental incarceration, law enforcement, and advocates from local governmental family services agencies and non-profit service providers. Provides that the General Assembly may appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of funding the work of the Commission or services provided under these provisions.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill. Eliminates the legislative members of the Commission. Replaces these members with: (1) one member from an organization that facilitates visitation between incarcerated parents and children; (2) one member who is a researcher or member of an academic profession and has studied issues related to the impact of incarceration on youth; (3) one member who represents an organization with expertise in gender-responsive practices and assessing the impact of incarceration on women; and (4) one male who has previously been incarcerated and has been directly impacted by policies relating to children of incarcerated parents. Makes grammatical corrections.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/31/2022	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 5526

Short Description: HIGHER ED-CHILD CARE RESOURCES

House Sponsors

Rep. Nicholas K. Smith

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to annually include information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the federal dependent care allowance in the language that schools are required to provide to students eligible for Monetary Award Program grants. Specifies the

information that must be included. Provides that an institution of higher learning that participates in the Monetary Award Program shall provide, at a minimum, the information to all students who are enrolled, or who are accepted for enrollment and are intending to enroll, and who have been identified by the Commission as Monetary Award Program-eligible at the institution. Provides that an institution of higher learning shall also provide the information to any student identified by the institution of higher learning as a student with dependents. Provides that an institution of higher learning may designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public benefits if eligible. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement the provisions on or before October 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5572

Short Description: IL JUV JUSTICE COMMISSION

House Sponsors

Rep. Kelly M. Burke

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission to develop a plan to ensure adequate availability of alternatives to reduce the use of detention and prevent deeper justice system involvement for children. Requires the Commission to explore and document the availability of services and support for families with children ages 10 through 12 in contact with the State's juvenile justice system and to make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly to address any gaps in services, support, and resources for these children and families. Requires the Commission, when developing the plan, to consider certain issues related to children and families in contact with the juvenile justice system, including, but not limited to: (i) strategies to eliminate racial disparities in the provision of community-based services and support to children and families in contact with the State's juvenile justice system; (ii) the creation of specially licensed foster homes and other placement resources to be available to children and families in need of out-of-home placement; (iii) child welfare responses to children and youth in contact with the juvenile justice system to eliminate systemic removal of abused or neglected children due to juvenile justice system involvement; and other matters. Requires the Commission to issue an initial report of its findings no later than January 1, 2023, and a final report with findings and recommendations no later than July 1, 2023. Requires the Commission to plan and report, no later than September 1, 2024, on the implementation of these same provisions for juveniles older than 12 year of age. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB 5594

Short Description: FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT

House Sponsors

Rep. Mary E. Flowers

Synopsis As Introduced

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.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

SB 2132

Short Description: INC TX-CHILD TAX CREDIT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Mike Simmons-Robert Peters-Christopher Belt-John Connor, Steve Stadelman-Melinda Bush, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Adriane Johnson, Linda Holmes, Mattie Hunter and Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit for each child of the taxpayer who is under the age of 17 in an amount equal to \$100. Provides that the credit shall be reduced by \$5 for each \$2,000 by which the taxpayer's net income exceeds \$60,000 in the case of a joint return or exceeds \$40,000 in the case of any other form of return. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/10/2022	Senate	Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB 3123

Short Description: TANF-GRANT INCREASES

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Adriane Johnson-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Robert Peters-Celina Villanueva, Mattie Hunter, Laura Fine and Karina Villa

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In provisions concerning the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, provides that the child support collected on behalf of a family shall be passed through to the family and disregarded in determining the amount of the assistance grant provided to the family under the program (rather than the first \$100 of child support collected on behalf of a family in a month for one child and the first \$200 of child support collected on behalf of a family in a month for 2 or more children shall be passed through to the family and disregarded in determining the amount of the assistance grant provided to the family under the program). Provides that beginning October 1, 2022 (rather than October 1, 2018) the Department of Human Services shall increase TANF grant amounts in effect on September 30, 2022 (rather than September 30, 2018) to at least 50% (rather than 30%) of the most recent United States Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines for each family size. Provides that beginning October 1, 2023 (rather than October 1, 2019), and each October 1 thereafter, the maximum benefit levels shall be annually adjusted to remain equal to at least 50% (rather than 30%) of the most recent poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for each family size. Effective October 1, 2022.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/10/2022	Senate	Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB 3130

Short Description: ADOPTION-SEARCH & REUNION

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Sara Feigenholtz and Scott M. Bennett

House Sponsors

(Rep. Ann M. Williams-Chris Bos)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Replaces the definition of "post-adoption reunion services" with a definition of "search and reunion services". Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to provide a notice that includes a description of the Department's search and reunion services and an explanation of how to access those services to all youth in care, within 30 days after their 18th birthday and within 30 days prior to closure of their pending case if the case is closing after the youth's 18th birthday. Amends the Adoption Act. Provides that former youth in care who have been surrendered or adopted who are (i) between the ages of 18 and 21 and who are seeking contact or an exchange of information with siblings, birth relatives, former foster parents, or former foster siblings or (ii) over the age of 21 who are seeking contact with former foster parents or former foster siblings are not required to complete an Illinois Adoption Registry Application prior to commencement of the search. Allows a former youth in care who was surrendered or adopted to petition the court for appointment of a confidential intermediary for the purposes of obtaining identifying information or arranging contact with (i) siblings or birth relatives if the former youth in care is between the ages of 18 and 21 or (ii) former foster parents or foster siblings if the former youth in care is over the age of 21.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Allows any former youth in care who was adopted or surrendered to petition the court for appointment of a confidential intermediary for the purposes of obtaining identifying information or arranging contact with former foster parents or foster siblings if the former youth in care is over the age of 18 (rather than 21). Adds an effective date of July 1, 2023.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/30/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3149

Short Description: HIGHER ED-CHILD CARE RESOURCES

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Celina Villanueva-Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas-John Connor, Ann Gillespie, Mattie Hunter, Doris Turner-Patricia Van Pelt, Dale Fowler, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Kimberly A. Lightford, David Koehler, Meg Loughran Cappel, Laura Ellman, Cristina Castro, Laura Fine, Christopher Belt, Laura M. Murphy and Ram Villivalam

House Sponsors

(Rep. Will Guzzardi-Nicholas K. Smith, Sue Scherer, Kambium Buckner, Deb Conroy, Eva Dina Delgado, Elizabeth Hernandez, LaToya Greenwood, Maurice A. West, II, Dagmara Avelar and Maura Hirschauer)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to annually include information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the federal dependent care allowance in the language that schools are required to provide to students eligible for Monetary Award Program grants. Specifies the information that must be included. Provides that an institution of higher learning that participates in the Monetary Award Program shall provide, at a minimum, the information to all students who are enrolled, or who are accepted for enrollment and are intending to enroll, and who have been identified by the Commission as Monetary Award Program-eligible at the institution. Provides that an institution of higher learning shall also provide the information to any student identified by the institution of higher learning as a student with dependents. Provides that an institution of higher learning may designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public benefits if eligible. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement the provisions on or before

October 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/30/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3461

Short Description: DHS-DIAPER ALLOWANCE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Karina Villa-Adriane Johnson, Laura Fine and Celina Villanueva

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that a person is eligible for a diaper allowance in the amount of \$70 per month per eligible child if all of the following conditions are met: (1) the person's household income is at or below 100% of the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and (2) the person is responsible for the welfare of a child 3 years of age or younger. Provides that the diaper allowance may be used only to purchase diapers. Requires the diaper allowance to be issued through an electronic benefit transfer card issued by the Department of Human Services. Provides that the diaper allowance shall not be considered income for purposes of determining eligibility or the amount of assistance for any public aid benefit provided under State law. Provides that applicants for the diaper allowance shall apply to the Department in a form and manner prescribed by the Department. Effective July 1, 2022.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/10/2022	Senate	Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB 3644

Short Description: CHILD CARE/OUT-OF-SCH PROGRAM

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that out-of-school time programs for school-age youth must comply with staff standards including: staff shall demonstrate the skill and competency necessary to contribute to every child's physical, intellectual, personal, emotional, and social development; staff shall participate in in-service training of a minimum 15 hours per year; a record of in-service training for staff shall be maintained on site; and these programs shall have on duty at all times at least one staff member who has successfully completed training and a certified background check and at least 2 staffers working with a child.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/9/2022	Senate	Postponed - Executive

SB 3747

Short Description: CHILD SERVICES-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Sara Feigenholtz, Karina Villa, Robert Peters, Cristina Castro and Ram Villivalam

House Sponsors

(Rep. Terra Costa Howard)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that no later than January 1, 2023, the Department of Public Health shall convene a comprehensive stakeholder process to develop standards for hospitals to establish specialized units for children and adolescents with an autism spectrum disorder and other intellectual or developmental disabilities. Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that child welfare supervisors shall satisfy specified requirements. Provides that the Central Office of Licensing at the Department of Children and Family Services shall convene a 5 person panel to review all transcripts and course information and make a decision on the equivalency of the college degree to a human services degree. Provides that the panel must include representation from a community-based provider. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Expands eligibility under the Department of Human Services' child care assistance program to youth in care and to families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the Department of Children and Family Services. Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Provides that the definition of "eligible infants and toddlers" includes any child under the age of 3 who is the subject of a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect, as defined by the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. Effective immediately, except that changes to the Illinois Public Aid Code take effect July 1, 2023.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Removes the amendatory changes made to the Child Care Act of 1969 concerning educational requirements for child welfare supervisors.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2

Removes provisions amending the Hospital Licensing Act. Further amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Removes provisions expanding eligibility under the Department of Human Services' Child Care Assistance Program to include youth in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services and families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the Department of Children and Family Services. Instead expands eligibility under the Child Care Assistance Program to include the following categories of families: (i) foster parents or caregivers of youth in care, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs; (ii) youth in care who are parents, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs; (iii) parents who have custody of their children and their children are the subjects of pending cases under the Abused, Neglected or Dependent Minors Article of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs; (iv) families with children who have an open intact family services case with the Department of Children and Family Services (rather than families with children under the age of 5 who have an open intact family services case with the Department of Children and Family Services); and (v) families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the Department of Children and Family Services, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs. Provides that youth in care who are parents and parents whose children are the subjects of pending cases under Abused, Neglected or Dependent Minors Article of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall receive extended child care eligibility for a specified period of time, regardless of whether they are working or participating in Department-approved employment or education or training programs. Makes a technical change to the effective date.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2022	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

SB 3774

Short Description: INC TX-EARNED INCOME-AGE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Omar Aquino, Mattie Hunter, Robert Peters, Karina Villa, Mike Simmons-David Koehler-Laura Ellman-Ram Villivalam-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Ann Gillespie, Sara Feigenholtz, Celina Villanueva, Laura Fine, Melinda Bush, Christopher Belt, Kimberly A. Lightford and Adriane Johnson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the earned income tax credit shall be: (i) 20% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and prior to January 1, 2024; (ii) 22% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and prior to January 1, 2025; and (iii) 25% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1 2025. Provides that the earned income tax credit is available to persons who have attained the age of 18 but have not yet attained the age of 25 and to persons who are 65 years of age or older, without regard to any age requirements that would otherwise apply to individuals without a qualifying child under federal Internal Revenue Code. Extends the earned income tax credit to individuals filing a return using an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Creates a credit for child dependent tax credit that shall be not less than \$600 when combined with the taxpayer's earned income tax credit. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/1/2022	Senate	Assigned to Appropriations

SB 3845

Short Description: SCH CD-WHOLE CHILD TASK FORCE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Adriane Johnson

House Sponsors

(Rep. Carol Ammons-Nicholas K. Smith, Elizabeth Hernandez, LaToya Greenwood, Sonya M. Harper and Lamont J. Robinson, Jr.)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. In regard to the Whole Child Task Force, requires that the goals of the Task Force must also include (i) ensuring that historically disadvantaged males, including African American students and other students of color, receive academic equity and achieve academic excellence by considering whether to require that every school district's strategic plan focus on historically disadvantaged male students, including African American students and other students of color, as a specific student group to ensure educational equity and (ii) considering whether to establish a dedicated office within the State Board of Education to focus on the achievement of academic excellence and equity for historically disadvantaged males, including African American students and other students of color. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Vocational Education Act. Requires the Gender Equity Advisory Committee, on or before December 15, 2023, to submit recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and State Board of Education on how school districts and the State Board of Education can better support historically disadvantaged males, including African American students and other students of color, to ensure educational equity. Makes that requirement inoperative on and after December 31, 2023.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/1/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3853

Short Description: EXTENDED FAMILY SUPPORT SERVCS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Karina Villa, Dale Fowler, Cristina Castro, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Meg Loughran Cappel, David Koehler-Christopher Belt, Emil Jones, III, Antonio Muñoz, Laura M. Murphy and Sara Feigenholtz-Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas

House Sponsors

(Rep. Terra Costa Howard-Michelle Mussman)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that beginning January 1, 2023, the Department of Children and Family Services shall implement a 3-year pilot program of additional resources for families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the Department for the purpose of supporting relative caregivers. Provides that these resources may include, but are not limited to: (i) wraparound case management services, (ii) home visiting services for caregivers with children under the age of 5, and (iii) parent mentors for caregivers with children over the age of 3. Provides that the resources provided by the pilot program are voluntary and refusing such resources shall not be used as evidence of neglect of a child. Requires the Department to arrange for an independent evaluation of the pilot program to determine whether the pilot program is successfully supporting families receiving Extended Family Support Program services and preventing entrance into the foster care system. Provides that the evaluation will support determining whether there is a long-term cost benefit to continuing the pilot program. Provides that at the end of the 3-year pilot program, the Department shall submit a report to the General Assembly with its findings of the evaluation. Requires the report to state whether the Department intends to continue the pilot program and the rationale for its decision. Grants the Department rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes: Permits the Department of Children and Family Services to consult with independent partners to review Extended Family Support Program services and advise if additional services are needed prior to the start of the 3-year pilot program scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2023. Provides that the services for the Extended Family Support Program are expanded given the program's inclusion in the Family First Prevention Services Act's targeted populations. Sets forth other targeted populations. Provides that funding through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act shall be spent on services to prevent children and youth who are candidates for foster care from coming into care and allow them to remain with their families. Provides that the Department shall arrange for an independent evaluation of the pilot program to determine whether the pilot program is successfully supporting families receiving Extended Family Support Program services or Family First Prevention Program services. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3889

Short Description: CHILDREN MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Karina Villa, Adriane Johnson, Patrick J. Joyce, Mattie Hunter, Patricia Van Pelt, Doris Turner, Julie A. Morrison, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Kimberly A. Lightford, David Koehler-Christopher Belt, Celina Villanueva, Mike Simmons, Jacqueline Y. Collins-Michael E. Hastings, Laura Fine, Laura M. Murphy, Cristina Castro, Emil Jones, III, Antonio Muñoz, Dan McConchie, Sara Feigenholtz, Ram Villivalam and Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas

House Sponsors

(Rep. Natalie A. Manley-Frances Ann Hurley-Dave Vella-Jonathan Carroll, Kambium Buckner, Sue Scherer, Deb Conroy, Maurice A. West, II, Dagmara Avelar, Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar, Denyse Wang Stoneback, Emanuel Chris Welch, Chris Bos and Katie Stuart)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Children's Mental Health Council Act. Provides that the Children's Mental Health Council shall conduct at least 4 meetings each year, in addition to emergency meetings called by the chairperson of the Council, research and provide recommendations for the General Assembly on children with mental and behavioral disabilities and residential placements around the State and out of state, research and provide recommendations on how State agencies will be able to provide emergency placement for children with disabilities, research and provide recommendations on expanding residential beds and increasing the workforce, and providing recommendations for the General Assembly, State Board of Education, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and any other agency that is involved in the process of the placement of a child. Provides guidelines for appointing members. Provides terms for members appointed by the Governor. Provides that members shall serve without compensation. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide administrative support. Provides that the Council shall prepare and deliver annual reports to the General Assembly, the Governor, and State agencies with any recommendations for legislation and any additional recommendations regarding children's mental and behavioral health. Provides that the Act is repealed on January 1, 2032. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Adds a requirement that the Children's Mental Health Plan include recommendations on how to more effectively meet the emergency and residential placement needs for all children with severe mental and behavioral challenges. Adds representatives of community mental health provider trade organizations to the group of representatives to the Children's Mental Health Partnership that are appointed by the Governor. Provides that the annual report will be delivered to the Governor and the General Assembly (currently, only the Governor).

House Floor Amendment No. 5

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Changes the title of the Act to the "Children's Mental Health Act". Provides that the Children's Mental Health Partnership shall advise the State of Illinois on designing and implementing short-term and long-term strategies to provide comprehensive and coordinated services for children from birth to age 25 and their families with the goal of addressing children's mental health needs across a full continuum of care. Provides that the Partnership shall have the responsibility of developing and updating the Children's Mental Health Plan and advising the relevant State agencies on implementation of the Plan (instead of developing and monitoring the implementation of the Plan as approved by the Governor). Removes provisions concerning development of previous Plans. Provides for the powers and duties of the Partnership. Provides that the Partnership shall submit: an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the progress of the Plans; recommendations regarding State policies, laws, or rules necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Act; and any additional recommendations regarding mental or behavioral health that the Partnership deems necessary. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide technical and administrative support for the Partnership. Effective January 1, 2023.

House Floor Amendment No. 6

Provides that a representative of a statewide organization representing pediatricians shall also be included as one of the required public representatives of the Partnership appointed by the Governor.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3900

Short Description: RIGHT TO READ ACT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Laura Fine, David Koehler-John Connor, Darren Bailey, Adriane Johnson, Mattie Hunter, Patricia Van Pelt, Doris Turner, Terri Bryant, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Rachelle Crowe-Christopher Belt and Laura M. Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Right to Read Act. Provides that the State Board of Education shall offer support: to each public school district to select evidence-based core reading instruction programs and implement them using structured literacy instruction; and to each early childhood, elementary, and special education teacher, reading specialist, literacy coach, and administrator to complete evidence-based training in teaching reading. Requires the State Board of Education to

annually compile and post on its website information on the steps it has undertaken to support school districts to deliver high-quality, evidence-based literacy instruction, including a list of any Early Literacy Grant recipients, documentation of how the recipient allocated the funding to support improved literacy, and what evidence-based literacy curricula the recipient is utilizing. Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning educator testing, requires applicants seeking specified licenses to pass a test in reading foundations, which shall include assessment of the applicant's understanding of phonological and phonemic awareness, concepts of print and the alphabetic principle, the role of phonics in promoting reading development, word analysis skills and strategies, vocabulary development, application of reading comprehension skills and strategies, and methods for assessing reading development. In provisions concerning minimum requirements for educators trained in other states or countries, provides that an applicant who has successfully completed a reading foundations test of at least comparable rigor to the Illinois reading foundations test is not required to complete a reading foundations test. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Makes changes to the General Assembly's findings. Makes changes concerning the support offered by the State Board of Education to a public school district to select evidence-based core reading instruction programs and implement them. Makes changes concerning the support offered by the State Board of Education to each early childhood, elementary, and special education teacher, reading specialist, literacy coach, higher education faculty member, and administrator to complete evidence-based training in teaching reading, including creation of a tool that school districts and the public may use to evaluate professional development and training programs (instead of the creation of an advisory list of rigorous professional development programs). Further amends the School Code. Requires that, before October 1, 2023, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, review and, as needed, amend its professional licensure standards to align with the principles of evidence-based literacy instruction. Makes changes to the amendatory provisions concerning educator testing, including requiring that applicants seeking specified licenses pass a test in reading foundations after October 1, 2025. Makes changes concerning the minimum requirements for educators trained in other states or countries, including providing that applicants must complete coursework concerning evidence-based methods of reading that include explicit and repeated focus on phonemic awareness, a systematic approach to phonics (decoding), spelling instruction (encoding), vocabulary development, including morphology, reading fluency, oral language development, and reading comprehension, including syntax and background (content) knowledge. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2022	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading February 10, 2022

SB 3979

Short Description: TEACHER BENEFITS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each qualified teacher is entitled to an income tax credit in an aggregate amount equal to 100% of the minimum federal student loan payments required and made by a qualified teacher in each taxable year. Defines "qualified teacher" as an individual who (i) is employed as a public school teacher on or after December 31, 2022, (ii) is a full-time public school teacher during the taxable year in which he or she claims the credit, and (iii) provides specified documentation. Amends the General Provisions, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. With regard to Tier 2 members under the Downstate Teacher or State Universities Article and Tier 2 regular employees who are employees of an educational employer: makes changes to the age and service credit requirements for receiving an annuity; increases the amount of the automatic annual increases to retirement annuities; makes changes to the formula for calculating final average salary; and increases the limitation on the amount of salary that is used to calculate benefits. Provides that a person may receive optional credit for certain periods of service as a student teacher. Amends the School Code. Provides that each school district shall, from funds appropriated by the General Assembly, provide a salary to a student teacher employed by the district for certain school years. Makes other changes. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Adds student teachers to a provision that excludes certain individuals from the definition of "student". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/21/2022	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 3986**Short Description:** SCH CD-RESTRICT ASSESSMENTS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas-Karina Villa, Robert F. Martwick-Christopher Belt-Sara Feigenholtz, Mattie Hunter, Robert Peters, Meg Loughran Cappel, Cristina Castro, Celina Villanueva-Mike Simmons, Jacqueline Y. Collins, Adriane Johnson, Ram Villivalam, Doris Turner, Ann Gillespie, Omar Aquino and Kimberly A. Lightford

House Sponsors

(Rep. Lindsey LaPointe-Sue Scherer-Curtis J. Tarver, II, Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Kambium Buckner, Michael Kelly, Sonya M. Harper, Theresa Mah, Barbara Hernandez, Anne Stava-Murray, Dagmara Avelar and Ann M. Williams)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Prohibits the State Board of Education from developing, purchasing, or requiring a school district to administer, develop, or purchase a standardized assessment for students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2, other than for diagnostic purposes. Prohibits the State Board of Education from providing funding for any standardized assessment of students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Changes the term "diagnostic purposes" to "diagnostic and screening purposes". Includes in the definition of diagnostic and screening purposes the determination of eligibility for special education, early intervention, bilingual education, dyslexia services, or other related educational services. Removes "child find" from the definition of diagnostic and screening purposes. Permits the State Board of Education to provide funding for any standardized assessment of students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2 for diagnostic and screening purposes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/1/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3987**Short Description:** DHS-CHILD CARE-INCOME LEVEL**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In provisions concerning the child care assistance program, provides that beginning in State Fiscal Year 2023, the specified income threshold shall be no less than 250% of the then-current federal poverty level for each family size and eligible families shall receive another 12-month eligibility period at the time of redetermination. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2022	Senate	Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB 3991

Short Description: HIGHER ED SAVINGS PROGRAM

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas-Jacqueline Y. Collins-John Connor, Mattie Hunter, Karina Villa, Ann Gillespie, Robert Peters, Laura Fine, Laura M. Murphy, Cristina Castro-Ram Villivalam and Melinda Bush

House Sponsors

(Rep. Lakesia Collins, Barbara Hernandez, Deb Conroy, Aaron M. Ortiz, Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Theresa Mah, Dagmara Avelar, Justin Slaughter, Ann M. Williams, Will Guzzardi, Michael Halpin, Kathleen Willis, Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar, Kambium Buckner, Curtis J. Tarver, II, Sue Scherer, Maurice A. West, II, La Shawn K. Ford, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Anna Moeller, Cyril Nichols, Elizabeth Hernandez, Natalie A. Manley and LaToya Greenwood)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Treasurer Act. Makes changes concerning the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program. Provides that the State Treasurer may make supplementary deposits to children in financially insecure households if sufficient funds are available. Provides that the State Treasurer shall annually prepare a report that includes a summary of the Program operations for the preceding fiscal year, including, among other items, the rate of seed deposits claimed, and, to the extent data is reported and available, the racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and geographic data of beneficiaries and of children in financially insecure households who may receive automatic bonus deposits. Provides that such other information that is relevant to make a full disclosure of the operations of the Program and Fund may also be reported. Makes conforming changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/1/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 4028

Short Description: HEALTH EDUCATION-MENTAL HEALTH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Mike Simmons-Karina Villa-Christopher Belt, Adriane Johnson, Patrick J. Joyce, Patricia Van Pelt, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Kimberly A. Lightford, Meg Loughran Cappel, Bill Cunningham, Doris Turner, Rachelle Crowe, Cristina Castro, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Celina Villanueva, Robert Peters, Steven M. Landek, Laura M. Murphy-Mattie Hunter, Jacqueline Y. Collins, Emil Jones, III and Ram Villivalam

House Sponsors

(Rep. Denyse Wang Stoneback-Carol Ammons-Delia C. Ramirez-Kambium Buckner, Lindsey LaPointe, Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Dagmara Avelar, Elizabeth Hernandez and Debbie Meyers-Martin)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. With respect to the Comprehensive Health Education Program, requires that the instruction on mental health and illness discuss how and where to find mental health resources in this State. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Adds provisions regarding instruction on mental health and illness to include how to find a mental health provider and how to access the mental health system. Creates the Student Mental Health Council to evaluate mental health among students, how mental health resources are being used, and the effect of COVID-19 on students' mental health. Provides that the Council shall meet at least once per quarter. Provides that the Council shall advise and make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding: (i) the dissemination of information to schools, including agency websites, informational materials, and outreach personnel; (ii) available services to students and any gaps; and (iii) how to improve state policy concerning student mental health. Provides guidelines for appointing members. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide administrative support. Defines which members serve for compensation, and the amount of the compensation. Provides that the Council shall deliver annual reports to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office. Provides that the Council is dissolved, and the Section creating the Council is repealed, on January 1, 2026.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Adds provisions regarding requiring instruction on how and where to find mental health resources and specialized treatment in the State. Creates the Student Mental Health Council to evaluate: mental health; how mental health resources are being used; and the effect of COVID-19 on students' mental health, substance use disorders, and other mental health conditions. Provides that the Council shall meet at least once per quarter. Provides that the Council shall advise and make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding: (i) the dissemination of information to schools, including agency websites, informational materials, and outreach personnel; (ii) available services to students and any service gaps; and (iii) how to improve State policy concerning student mental health. Provides guidelines for appointing members. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide administrative support. Describes which members serve for compensation and the amount of the compensation. Provides that the Council shall deliver annual reports to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office. Provides that the Council is dissolved, and the Section creating the Council is repealed, on January 1, 2026. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Adds provisions regarding requiring instruction on how and where to find mental health resources and specialized treatment in the State. Creates the Student Mental Health Council to evaluate: mental health; how mental health resources are being used; and the effect of COVID-19 on students' mental health, substance use disorders, and other mental health conditions. Provides that the Council shall meet at least once per quarter. Provides that the Council shall advise and make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding: (i) the dissemination of information to schools, including agency websites, informational materials, and outreach personnel; (ii) available services to students and any service gaps; and (iii) how to improve State policy concerning student mental health. Provides guidelines for appointing members. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide administrative support. Provides that no member of the Council, including the chairperson, shall receive any compensation for services on the Council but shall be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Council. Provides that the Council shall deliver annual reports to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office. Provides that the Council is dissolved, and the Section creating the Council is repealed, on January 1, 2026. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 4

Replaces everything after the enacting clause reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: With respect to the Comprehensive Health Education Program, requires that the Program include instruction on how and where to find mental health resources and specialized treatment in the State (rather than on mental health and illness discuss how and where to find mental health resources in the State). Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Provides that the Children's Mental Health Partnership shall also include an adjunct council. Defines membership and qualifications of the adjunct council. Provides that the adjunct council will make recommendations to the Partnership regarding youth mental health, including, but not limited to, identifying barriers to youth feeling supported by and empowered by the system of mental health and treatment providers, barriers perceived by youth in accessing mental health services, gaps in the mental health system, available resources in schools, including youth's perceptions and experiences with outreach personnel, agency websites, and informational materials, methods to destigmatize mental health services, and how to improve State policy concerning student mental health. Provides that the council shall meet at least 4 times annually.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Provides that the Partnership shall include an adjunct council comprised of no more than 6 youth aged 14 to 25 and (rather than no more than) 4 representatives of 4 different community-based organizations (instead of 3 representatives of 3 different community based organizations) that focus on youth mental health. Provides that, of the community-based organizations that focus on youth mental health, one of the community-based organizations shall be led by an LGBTQ-identified person, one of the community-based organizations shall be led by a person of color, and one of the community-based organizations shall be led by a woman (instead of each community-based organization shall be led by an LGBTQ-identified person, a person of color, or a woman). Provides that, of the representatives appointed to the council from the community-based organizations, at least one representative shall be LGBTQ-identified, at least one representative shall be a person of color, and at least one representative shall be a woman.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2022	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 4165

Short Description: DCFS-INVESTIGATOR-PEPPER SPRAY

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Steve McClure-Sally J. Turner, Neil Anderson, Craig Wilcox-Julie A. Morrison-Jason Plummer-Mattie Hunter, Dan McConchie, Terri Bryant, Jil Tracy, John F. Curran, Scott M. Bennett, Dale Fowler, Brian W. Stewart, Thomas Cullerton, Donald P. DeWitte, Win Stoller, Rachelle Crowe, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Darren Bailey, Patrick J. Joyce, John Connor, Laura Fine, Chapin Rose, Sara Feigenholtz, David Koehler, Dave Syverson, Meg Loughran Cappel, Melinda Bush, Sue Rezin, Mike Simmons, Jason A. Barickman and Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that a child protective investigator is authorized to carry and use personal protection spray devices, such as mace, pepper mace, or pepper gas, for self-defense purposes while investigating a report of child abuse or neglect if the child protective investigator has been trained on the proper use of such personal protection spray devices by the Illinois State Police. Requires the Illinois State Police to establish a training program for child protective investigators on the proper use of personal protection spray devices for self-defense purposes. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to provide funding for the training program. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/10/2022	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SR 862

Short Description: OFF-HOUR CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Scott M. Bennett-Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas

Synopsis As Introduced

The Illinois Early Learning Council, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development and the Department of Human Services Child Care Advisory Council, shall convene an advisory committee comprised of the members, selected by the Governor, currently serving on these councils that shall be charged with the task of producing recommendations on off-hour child care to build more capacity in Illinois and to better accommodate the needs of children when care is needed during non-standard hours.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything. Inserts new language stating the Illinois Early Learning Council's Community Equity and Access Committee shall be charged with the task of producing recommendations on off-hour child care to build more capacity in Illinois and to better accommodate the needs of children when care is needed during non-standard hours. Inserts new language that the Early Learning Council shall provide administrative support for the Committee.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/29/2022	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of Secretary's Desk Resolutions March 30, 2022