



DUPAGE COUNTY

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This document highlights bills of interest to DuPage County Government that are **moving** through the legislative process. To view the actual text of bills, please consult the General Assembly website at www.ilga.gov or contact the County Board Office for additional information.

Support:

HB 619 – FOIA Exemption for County Jails (Walsh, D-Joliet/Haine, D-Alton): Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts from inspection and copying the following: records requested by a person committed to the Department of Corrections or a county jail, the disclosure of which would result in the risk of harm to any person or the risk of an escape from a jail or correctional institution or facility; records requested by a person in a county jail or committed to the Department of Corrections containing personal information pertaining to the person's victim or the victim's family, including, but not limited to, a victim's home address, home telephone number, work or school address, work telephone number, social security number, or any other identifying information, except as may be relevant to a requester's current or potential case or claim; and law enforcement records of other persons requested by a person committed to the Department of Corrections or a county jail, including, but not limited to, arrest and booking records, mug shots, and crime scene photographs, except for records that may be relevant to the requester's current or potential case or claim.

Status: The bill was adopted by the House by a vote of 98-9-1 and is before the Senate Committee on Assignments.

HB 1805/SB 868 – Organ Donation 16 & 17 year olds (Conroy, D-Elmhurst/Hunter, D-Chicago): Provides that the Secretary of State shall offer to each applicant for issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identification card who is 16 years of age or older (rather than 18 years of age or older) the opportunity to have his or her name included in the First Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry. Provides that upon the death of a donor who is an un-emancipated minor, the parent or guardian of the donor may amend or revoke the anatomical gift of the donor's body.

Status: HB 1805 was adopted by the House by a vote of 103-3-0 and is before the Senate Committee on Assignments. SB 868 is on the order of third reading in the Senate.

SB 1559– Medicaid Reimbursement Rates (Steans, D-Chicago): Changes the methodology for the reimbursement of care received by Medicaid recipients in long-term care facilities to recognize staffing levels relative to resident acuity (level of care) provided. Actual staffing and wages paid are not currently accounted for in the calculation of Medicaid reimbursement rates. Sets forth the calculation of facility specific rates based



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(Support continued):

on the nursing component and each facility's total per resident per day staffing wage costs. Industry reports indicate better staffing has been tied to better quality thus this proposed methodology ties scarce Medicaid dollars to better quality and outcomes. The DuPage Care Center currently cares for over 330 residents, 79% of whom are Medicaid recipients. Typical center residents often present with higher acuity, needing more extensive treatment and a higher level of direct nursing assistance.

Status: The bill is assigned to the Senate Subcommittee on Long Term Care and the deadline for consideration was extended until May 5.

SB 1592 – Consolidation of County Clerk & DuPage Election Commission (Harmon, D-Oak Park): A DuPage County initiative supported by the DuPage County Election Commission, the legislation allows specified counties to create a board of election commissioners within the office of the county clerk. Sets forth procedures for the adoption of an ordinance by the county board to implement, the transfer of records, procurement of supplies, and the hiring of personnel. Requires a county board of election commissioners to hold public meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and caps the compensation of election commissioners.

Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate Executive Committee and is on the order of third reading in the Senate.

SB 1799 – Processing of Juvenile Offenders (Mulroe, D-Chicago): Provides that a minor alleged to be a delinquent minor taken into temporary custody must be brought before a judicial officer within 48 hours (rather than 40 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and court designated holidays). Provides that if an appearance is required of any minor taken and held in a place of custody or confinement operated by the State or any of its political subdivisions, including counties and municipalities, the **chief judge of the circuit may permit by rule for the minor's personal appearance to be made by means of two-way audio-visual communication, including closed circuit television and computerized video conference, in the following proceedings: the initial appearance before a judge; a detention or shelter care hearing; or any status hearing.** Currently, the 18th Judicial Circuit in DuPage County utilizes video conferencing to facilitate weekend hearings that has been supported by all the parties involved.

Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate Criminal Law Committee and is on the order of third reading in the Senate.

Oppose:

HB 678 – Processing of Juvenile Offenders (Gabel, D-Evanston): Provides that an alleged juvenile delinquent must be brought before a judicial officer within 24 hours (rather than 40 hours excluding weekends and holidays) to determine further custody and that an initial detention hearing shall be no later than the morning after the juvenile arrived in placement, including weekends and holidays. As DuPage County does not operate a juvenile detention facility and has an agreement with Kane County to care for juvenile offenders, this legislation would impose a **significant unfunded mandate** on counties that have regional agreements as it does not permit hearings by two-way audio visual communication. DuPage County would be required to open the main courthouse in Wheaton on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays and retain (paid) on call a number of court related personnel including probation transport officers, court reporter, sheriff's deputies, state's attorney, public defender and circuit court clerk personnel.



(Oppose continued):

Status: The bill was adopted by the House Judiciary-Criminal Committee and is on the order of second reading in the House.

SB 1882 – Animal Welfare/Micro chipping & Regulation of Pet Stores (Hastings, D-Frankfort): The legislation prohibits pet stores and dealers from acquiring dogs and cats from sources that are not licensed by the USDA or are not in good standing. Also requires pet stores to microchip all dogs sold. Preempts home rule authority, thus preventing Cook County and home rule municipalities from enacting local ordinances with stronger provisions. According to staff at DuPage County Animal Care and Control (DCACC), commercial breeder inspection reports have been removed from the USDA website and may only be viewed by submitting a FOIA request. Also, you cannot navigate the USDA website unless you have the correct breeder's name, address, and license number. Even if it can be determined that a commercial breeder does not have any violations on record, this does not indicate that the basic needs of breeding dogs and cats have been met and does not protect consumers from the sale of animals from irresponsible breeders. County animal shelters such as DCACC also continue to see an increase in the number of animals being surrendered that are often sick or genetically compromised, making adoption more difficult and straining the resources of county animal shelters.

Status: The Senate bill is on the order of second reading in the Senate.

SB 1451 – Siting of Small Wireless Facilities (Link, D-Waukegan): As introduced, the legislation severely limits the authority of local governments to regulate the location and installation of small wireless equipment within its jurisdictions. Provides that an authority (a unit of local government with control over rights-of-way) has limited authority to prohibit, regulate, or charge for the collocation of small wireless facilities (the installation, mounting, maintaining, modifying, operating, or replacement of small wireless facilities on or adjacent to a wireless support structure or utility pole). Directs that small wireless facilities shall be classified as permitted uses and not be subject to zoning review and approval under specified circumstances and provides that a unit of government may not require applications for routine maintenance or replacement of wireless facilities with wireless facilities that are substantially similar, of the same size, or smaller. Although the bill was adopted by committee, the sponsor has indicated he would continue negotiations to address the many concerns raised by local governments to limit its authority to regulate its own infrastructure and to ensure the safety of our residents.

Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate Telecommunications & Information Technology Committee and is on the order of second reading in the Senate.

Monitor:

HB 2591 – Reform of Court Fee/Fine Assessment Process (Andersson, R-Geneva): House Committee Amendment #1 filed to the bill includes the final recommendations from the Supreme Court Statutory Task Force on fees and fines that if adopted, would significantly alter how court fees and fines are assessed and distributed. DuPage County administers the second biggest court system in the state (18th Judicial Circuit) and is dependent on the collection of court fees and fines to help offset the rising costs of state imposed mandates and to fund numerous court supported agencies including the Judiciary, State's Attorney's Office, Circuit Court



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Clerk, Sheriff's Office and Public Defender. DuPage County urges lawmakers to carefully consider this legislation and to ensure that counties are kept whole (financially) under any new fee distribution system.

Status: The bill was adopted by the House State Government Administration Committee and is on the order of second reading in the House.

HB 3717 – Elimination of Monetary Bail (Sims, D-Chicago): Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Abolishes monetary bail, except under the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act. **In addition to public safety concerns, DuPage County currently receives an estimated \$3.5 million annually in bond forfeiture proceeds,** monies that are critical to the operation of our criminal justice system.

Status: The bill was adopted by the House Judiciary-Criminal Committee and is on the order of second reading in the House.

SB 552 – Elimination of Monetary Bail (Trotter, D-Chicago): Senate Amendment #1 filed to this legislation amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to abolish monetary bail except under the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act. **In addition to public safety concerns, DuPage County currently receives an estimated \$3.5 million annually in bond forfeiture proceeds,** monies that are critical to the operation of our criminal justice system.

Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate Criminal Law Committee and is on the order of second reading in the Senate.

SB 1578 - Distribution of property seized by local law enforcement (Harmon, D-Oak Park): Creates the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act and requires the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to establish and maintain on its official website a searchable public database that includes specified information about property seized and forfeited under State law and under any agreement with the federal government. Provides that every law enforcement agency that seizes property subject to reporting under the Act must report the specified information required on a monthly basis. Provides that the Act applies to provisions of law that authorize a law enforcement agency to seize property alleged to have been used in or derived from the commission of a criminal offense. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall award grants under the procedures of the Act for the disbursement of monies collected in the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Funds and changes most forfeiture distributions from local law enforcement agencies to the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. Currently, negotiations are being held between the sponsor, law enforcement agencies and the State's Attorney's Association to address local concerns.

Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee and is on the order of second reading in the Senate.