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The Illinois House and Senate completed their business for the week today. The Illinois Senate will return on Sunday, May 22 at 4pm. The Illinois House is taking the weekend off and returning at 3pm on Monday, May 23. Pressure is growing under the capitol as the scheduled adjournment date for the spring session is May 31. Many issues continue unresolved. Working families are under attack in Springfield with cuts in the budget, proposals to reduce pension benefits for current public employees, erosion of public employee collective bargaining rights, erosion of workers compensation benefits, and draconian increases to retiree health care. Negotiations and discussions continue on all of these issues.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senate, House Remap Proposals Unveiled

The Illinois Senate and House made the redistricting maps available to the public this week. Both chambers have scheduled public hearings to gather additional input as the reapportionment process begins the home stretch.

The General Assembly reapportions the 59 Senate and 118 districts based on population growth and shifts every 10 years following the census. It is included legislation and must pass both chambers and be signed by the Governor. The General

Assembly will also vote on a new congressional map that has yet to be unveiled.

To view the new districts and scheduled hearings on the Internet, follow these links:

Senate: <http://www.ilsenateredistricting.com>

House: In Google Maps use this link, <http://www.capitol-fax.com/ab9Plan0530.kmz>

HB 1091 – Public Private Partnerships

Rep. Nekritz (D – Des Plaines)

Sen. Steans (D – Chicago)

NEUTRAL

Creates the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Grants to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority the necessary powers for the development, financing, and operation of transportation projects through public-private agreements with one or more private entities. Includes protections for prevailing wage and project labor agreements on construction projects. Provides that the toll authority shall not use the proceeds from the sale or lease of existing property (as of the effective date of act) towards a public private partnership. Effective immediately.

4/11/11 – Passed House 66-47-1.

5/20/11 – Passed Senate 33-12-0.

Back to House on Concurrence.

HB 1228 – Plumbing License

Rep. Saviano (R – Elmwood Park)

Sen. Mulroe (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Adds a provision that in the event a plumbing contractor's registration is suspended or revoked, the Department shall notify the City of Chicago and any corresponding plumber's contractor license issued by the City of Chicago shall be suspended or revoked. Adds a provision that in the event a plumbing contractor's license is suspended or revoked, the Department shall be notified by the City of Chicago.

3/30/11 – Passed House 115-0-0.

5/18/11 – Passed Senate 54-0-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 1375 – Responsible Bidder

Rep. Beiser (D – Alton)

Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)

SUPPORT

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that, in order to be considered a responsible bidder under the Code, a bidder must submit a signed affidavit stating that it will maintain an Illinois office as the primary place of employment for persons employed in the construction authorized by the contract. Effective immediately.

3/30/11 – Passed House 116-0-0.

5/18/11 – Passed Senate 41-14-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 1377 – Truck Routes

Rep. Zalewski (D – Summit)

Sen. Raoul (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code.

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Provides that local units of government shall report to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Department shall post on its official website all preferred truck routes under the local unit of government's jurisdiction which are not classified as Class II or Class III truck routes.

3/9/11 – Passed House 114-0-0.

5/17/11 – Passed Senate 54-1-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 1503 – Higher Education

Rep. Rose (R – Charleston)/Sen. Maloney (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Directs the Board of Higher Education to form a broad-based group of individuals representing the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, public institutions of higher education, State agencies, business and industry, State-wide organizations representing faculty and staff, and others as the Board shall deem appropriate to devise a system for allocating State resources to public institutions of higher education based upon performance in achieving State goals related to student success and certificate and degree completion. Provides that, beginning in Fiscal Year 2013, the Board of Higher Education budget recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly shall include allocations to public institutions of higher education based upon performance metrics designed to promote and measure student success in degree and certificate completion. Provides that these metrics must be adopted by the Board by rule. Requires the metrics to be developed and promulgated in accordance with specified principles. Provides that in devising performance metrics, the Board may be guided by the report of the Higher Education Finance Study Commission.

4/5/11 – Passed House 102-0-0.

5/17/11 – Passed Senate 57-0-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 1573 – First Aid Kits

Rep. Holbrook (D – Belleville)

Sen. Wilhelmi (D – Crest Hill)

SUPPORT

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that all passenger trains, engines, and vehicles operated by a contract carrier transporting railroad employees in the course of their employment shall contain a first aid kit that contains, at a minimum, those articles prescribed by the Illinois Commerce Commission, for first aid to persons who may be injured.

4/6/11 – Passed House 111-0-0.

5/18/11 – Passed Senate 55-0-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 1966 – High Speed Rail Public Private Partnership

Rep. Burke (D – Chicago)

Sen. Sandoval (D – Cicero)

Monitor

Creates the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission Act. Contains provisions concerning the composition of the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission. Provides that by November 20, 2011, the Commission must prepare and issue a report recommending the best governmental structure for a public-private partnership to design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed rail system for the State. Provides that a follow-up report shall be issued by October 1, 2012. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2015. Adds the chairman of the ICC to the commission. Effective immediately.

4/5/11 – Passed House 74-28-0.

5/17/11 – Passed Senate 56-2-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 2902 – Electric Vehicle Council

Rep. Williams (D – Chicago)

Sen. Garret (D – Highwood)

Monitor

Creates the Electric Vehicle Adoption Act. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to appoint an Electric Vehicle Coordinator for the State of Illinois

who will act as the point person for electric vehicle related policies and activities in the State. Creates the Illinois Electric Vehicle Advisory Council to investigate and recommend strategies that the Governor and the General Assembly may implement to promote the use of electric vehicles.

3/31/11 – Passed House 108-2-0.

5/19/11 – Passed Senate 53-0-0.

5/20/11 – Motion filed to concur in House.

HB 2987 – Project Labor Agreements

Rep. Verschoore (D – Moline)

Sen. Hutchinson (D – Chicago Heights)

SUPPORT

Codifies Governor Quinn's executive order 2010-3, making project labor agreements a statewide policy. Project Labor Agreements have been executed by state agencies for a long period of time, this simply will put the practice into law.

5/5/11 – Passed House 69-49-0.

5/19/11 – Passed Senate Labor Committee 6-3-0. Third Reading.

SB 1342 – Nursing Plan

Sen. Lightford (D – Chicago)

Rep. Gabel (D – Evanston)

SUPPORT

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that a copy of the written staffing plan for nursing care services shall be provided to any member of the general public upon request.

5/3/11 – Passed Senate 54-0-0.

5/20/11 – Passed House 110-1-0. Passed both chambers.

SB 2037 – Elevator Safety

Sen. Sullivan (D – Rushville)

Rep. Pihos (R – Glen Ellyn)

Monitor

Amends the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act. Provides that the provisions of the Performance-Based Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators (ASME A17.7) shall be included in the standards and criteria for licensing of elevator mechanics, inspectors, and installers of

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elevators. Provides that a certificate of operation is renewable every 3 years (rather than annually) for a conveyance (i) that is located in a building owned and occupied by any church, synagogue, or other building, structure, or place used primarily for religious worship and is the only conveyance in the building, (ii) that is under the jurisdiction of the Administrator, (iii) that is limited in use to 2 levels, and (iv) for which the church, synagogue, or other building, structure, or place used primarily for religious worship has an annual maintenance examination that includes the applicable category tests. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 58-0-0.

5/16/11 – Passed House 98-0-0. Passed both chambers. ■

NEW MEMBERS IN HOUSE

The Illinois House has three new members.

State Representatives Dena Carli (1st-Chicago), Kelly Cassidy (14th-Chicago) and Kimberly du Buclet (26th-Chicago) were all sworn in recently to replace exiting House members.

Carli takes the place of Susana Mendoza, who was recently elected City Clerk in Chicago. Cassidy replaces Harry Osterman who was elected to the Chicago City Council and du Buclet was selected to replace Will Burns who was also elected alderman in Chicago.

Cassidy is a longtime assistant in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Du Buclet is a former business executive and college instructor.



Kelly Cassidy



Kimberly du Buclet

*Dena Carli's
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