
Weekly Session Report

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The House is scheduled to return for 3 days worth of session this week, with the Senate coming in on Monday for a 4-day work week. The 11th is the deadline for introductions of substantive bills in both chambers. Committee meetings are scheduled with bills posted each day. The primary focus of the last week has been the results of the primary elections and very little work has begun on anything legislative.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Bill: HB 270 (Hoffman-D) REGIONAL PLANNING-CMAP
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee/Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Regional Planning Act. Provides that the Board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning shall consist of 17 members (now, 15). Provides that the 2 additional members shall be appointed by the Governor. Sets forth the terms and residency requirements for the additional members. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 452 (Ford-D) INC TX-MASS TRANSIT
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee/Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that individual taxpayers are entitled to a deduction for (i) work-related mass transit expenses and (ii) school-related mass transit expenses for the taxpayer's minor children. Provides that neither deduction may exceed \$500 per year.

Bill: HB 681 (Dugan-D) DOWNSTATE PUB TRANS FUNDS
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position: SUPPORT

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Use Tax Act, and the Service Use Tax Act. Beginning July 1, 2009, instead of use and occupation tax collections being deposited into the General Revenue Fund and then transferred monthly by the Comptroller from the General Revenue Fund to the Downstate Public Transportation Fund, requires the Department of Revenue to deposit the designated fraction of the net revenue realized from those collections directly into the Downstate Public Transportation Fund. Effective July 1, 2009.

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House Committee Amendment.#1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 2271 (Hamos-D) METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass By Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that certain civil actions against the Chicago Transit Authority must be commenced within 1-year (instead of 6 months) from the date the injury was received or the cause of action accrued. If the Authority is notified in writing later than 1-year (instead of 6 months) from the date the injury occurred or the cause of action arose, then the Authority is not obligated to furnish a copy of the statute to the person. The changes made by the amendatory Act apply to causes of action that accrue on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 2317 (Jakobsson-D) OPEN MEETING-CONTEMPORANEOUS
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Defines a "contemporaneous" meeting to exclude replies to electronic communications. Requires inclusion of such a reply in the record of an open meeting under certain circumstances.

Bill: HB 2324 (Miller-D) PEN CD-CTA-HEALTH BENEFITS
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends provisions concerning health care benefits for the Chicago Transit Authority in the Pension Code. Provides that the Retiree Health Care Trust shall be solely responsible for providing health care benefits to eligible retirees and their dependents and survivors upon the exhaustion of the account established by the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees pursuant to Section 401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, but no earlier than January 1, 2009 and no later than July 1, 2009 (rather than by no later than July 1, 2009, but no earlier than January 1, 2009). Provides that health care coverage through a health maintenance organization may be provided at 100% (while certain health care benefit programs established by the Board of Trustees are limited to 90% coverage for in-network services or 70% coverage for out-of-network services). Makes changes concerning the annual assessment of the funding levels of the Retiree Health Care Trust. Provides that any retiree hired on or before September 5, 2001 who retires with 25 years or more of continuous service, shall be eligible for retiree health care benefits upon retirement in accordance with any rules or regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees. Provides that the Board of Trustees may adopt rules and regulations providing for the refund of the total contributions made by employees who are not eligible for retiree health care benefits or who elect to waive retiree health care benefits. Makes other changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 2359 (Ryg-D) STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the State Transportation Policy Committee. Specifies the terms and appointment of the Committee members. Provides that the Department of Transportation, with the advice and approval of the Committee, shall develop a planning process that shall develop and periodically revise a State transportation plan (instead of a "statewide master plan for transportation"). Provides that the purpose of the State transportation plan is to guide program development and foster economical transportation services in all modes of "surface transportation" (instead of ground, air, water, and other modes). Defines "surface transportation". Sets forth the requirements for the State transportation plan. Provides for the development of regional transportation plans by specified metropolitan planning organizations. Sets forth the requirements of the regional transportation plans. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the introduced bill with changes. Provides that the State Transportation Policy Committee shall consist of 8 voting members and 5 non-voting members. Deletes a requirement that the Department of Transportation receive the approval of the Committee concerning the development of a planning process that shall develop and periodically revise a State transportation plan. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 2449 (Miller-D) PEN CD-CTA-HEALTH CARE BENEFIT
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends provisions concerning health care benefits for the Chicago Transit Authority in the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Retiree Health Care Trust shall be solely responsible for providing health care benefits to eligible retirees and their dependents and survivors upon the exhaustion of the account established by the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees pursuant to Section 401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, but no earlier than January 1, 2009 and no later than July 1, 2009 (rather than by no later than July 1, 2009, but no earlier than January 1, 2009). Provides health care coverage through a health maintenance organization may be provided at 100% (while certain health care benefit programs established by the Board of Trustees are limited to 90% coverage for in-network services or 70% coverage for out-of-network services). Makes changes concerning the annual assessment of the funding levels of the Retiree Health Care Trust. Provides that any retiree hired on or before September 5, 2001 who retires with 25 years or more of continuous service, shall be eligible for retiree health care benefits upon retirement in accordance with any rules or regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees. Provides that the Board of Trustees may adopt rules and regulations providing for the refund of the total contributions made by employees who are not eligible for retiree health care benefits or who elect to waive retiree health care benefits. Makes other changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 2516 (Franks-D) COUNTY-TAX OPT OUT
Status: Placed on HOUSE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Counties Code. Authorizes a county, by ordinance or resolution adopted by the county board or by referendum, to opt out of any tax imposed within the county. If a county opts out of a tax, then the tax shall no longer be imposed or collected in the county and the county shall no longer receive distributions or any other benefits derived from the imposition of the tax.

House Committee Amendment #1

Provides that a county may opt out of "any tax imposed by the State if the benefit of the tax is used solely within the county" (instead of "any tax imposed within the county").

House Floor Amendment #2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the bill with changes. Provides that any county may opt out of any tax increase imposed under certain provisions of the Regional Transportation Act, as amended by P.A. 95-708, that are to be used by the county as provided in that Act (instead of any tax imposed within the county). Exempts taxes that are pledged to repay bonds or other long-term debt. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 2623 (Jakobsson-D) OPEN MEETING-OTHER PUBLIC BODY
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the Act is not violated when, without notice or minutes, a majority of the quorum of one public body attends and discusses public business at a meeting of another public body that complies with the Act's notice and minutes requirements. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 2657 (Bassi-R) MASS TRANS-SENIOR FREE
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position: SUPPORT

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act, Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, and Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that senior citizens that are eligible for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act may receive services without charge (now, all senior citizens aged 65 or older).

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Requires that seniors must be aged 65 or older, as well as eligible for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, to receive free service. Provides that the requirement must be imposed no later than 180 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Removes requirements that seniors be a citizen of a specified region or area to receive free service. Provides that the Department of Aging shall furnish all information necessary to establish eligibility for free service. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3307 (Bassi-R) LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Mass Transit District Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3683 (Froehlich-D) FOIA CIVIL PENALTY
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Authorizes a court to award reasonable attorneys fees and costs and assess a fine not to exceed \$1,000 if it finds that a public body denied or delayed access to a public record on improper or unreasonable grounds or for the sole purpose of delaying access without good cause.

Bill: HB 4155 (Fortner-R) MOTOR FUEL TAX
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that, beginning with fiscal year 2010 and thereafter, Road Fund moneys may not be appropriated to certain executive agencies. Prohibits certain transfers from the Road Fund or the State Construction Account Fund. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2009, motor fuel and gasohol must be taxed under the Acts at the rate of 1.25% (now, 6.25%). Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Imposes an additional tax of \$0.150 per gallon on motor fuel sold in the State. Provides that this additional tax must be adjusted each fiscal year to account for inflation. Provides that the proceeds of this additional tax must be deposited into the Metropolitan Transit and Road Improvement Fund and sets forth certain requirements regarding distributions from that Fund. Effective July 1, 2009.

Bill: HB 4165 (Currie-D) FOIA PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Attorney General Act. Requires each public body to have a freedom of information officer to process requests for inspection and copying of public records. Establishes within the Attorney General's Office an Office of the Public Access Counselor, and requires the Attorney General to appoint the Counselor. Authorizes the Counselor to issue binding opinions on a public body's compliance with the Open Meetings Act or on a public body's denial of access to public records, when requested by the denied party. Provides for administrative review of Public Access Counselor's opinions.

Bill: HB 4325 (Fritchey-D) METRA-REDUCE STUDENT FARES
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Requires all fixed route public transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contract of, the Commuter Rail Board to be provided at reduced charge to students in attendance at institutions of education within the territorial limits of the Authority, under such procedures as shall be prescribed by the Board. Provides that the requirement is contingent upon State reimbursement.

Bill: HB 4384 (Madigan-D) \$ST POLICE FY10 OCE
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of State Police for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, as follows: General Funds \$214,511,000; Other State Funds \$194,803,200; Federal Funds \$40,000,000; Total \$449,314,200.

Bill: HB 4407 (Madigan-D) \$FY10 CAPITAL
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations and reappropriations for capital expenses.

Bill: HB 4585 (Tryon-R) PACE/CTA-PARATRANSIT
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that beginning January 1, 2010, the Chicago Transit Authority is responsible for and must coordinate the provision of ADA paratransit services within the City of Chicago (now, Suburban Bus Board provides ADA paratransit services within the City of Chicago). Makes conforming changes. Changes the name of the Suburban Community Mobility Fund to the Metropolitan Mobility Fund. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4590 (Ryg-D) **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the State Transportation Policy Committee. Requires the Department, with the advice of the Committee, to develop a statewide transportation plan that meets certain requirements (now, the Department, without consultation, develops a statewide plan). Authorizes the Department to choose projects and programs for inclusion in the statewide plan. Requires selected programs and projects to be consistent with the statewide plan. Authorizes the Committee to determine by resolution whether selected programs and projects are consistent with the statewide plan. Provides for the amendment of programs that are inconsistent with the statewide plan. Requires the Department to publish statewide annual and multiyear transportation improvement programs by certain dates. Authorizes the Department to allocate certain funds for surface transportation capital programs in accordance with the annual and multiyear improvement programs. Requires each MPO to prepare and adopt regional annual and multiyear transportation improvement programs for submittal to the Department and the Committee by certain dates. Provides that the transportation improvement program the Department is required to develop under a federal law may include only projects that an MPO or the Department has prioritized for inclusion in a regional or statewide program. Provides for the public's participation in and the Committee's evaluation of the transportation planning process. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4595 (Nekritz-D) **BIMP-FINANCE**
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Finance Emergency Budget Implementation Act of 2009. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to authorize emergency rulemaking that is not subject to complete JCAR oversight and to suspend rules while duties under a statute are suspended. Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the annual amount required for transfers from the General Revenue Fund to each of the special funds from which payments are to be made under certain provisions of the Horse Racing Act of 1975 shall not exceed 92% (instead of 100%) of the annual amount for those payments from that special fund for the calendar year 1998 for the Agricultural Premium Fund; the Fair and Exposition Fund; the Standardbred Breeders Fund; and the Thoroughbred Breeders Fund. Provides that an annual \$5,000,000 transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund shall end on June 30, 2009. Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act. Provides that the monthly transfer of certain use and occupation tax revenue from the General Revenue Fund to the Downstate Public Transportation Fund and the Metro-East Public Transportation Fund shall end on June 30, 2009. Provides that any moneys remaining in the Downstate Public Transportation Fund or the Metro-East Public Transportation Fund after the final payments have been made to participants in each fiscal year shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund. Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. In a Section concerning the Public Transportation Fund, provides that specified transfers of moneys from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Transportation Fund end June 30, 2009. Repeals the State Facilities Closure Act. Contains a severability clause. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4600 (Tryon-R) PACE/CTA PARATRANSIT
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that beginning January 1, 2010, the Chicago Transit Authority is responsible for and must coordinate the provision of ADA paratransit services within the Chicago Transit Authority's service area (now, Suburban Bus Board provides all ADA paratransit services). Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4654 (Bassi-R) MASS TRANSIT-SENIOR FARE
Status: POSTED for Hearing Feb 11 HOUSE Mass Transit Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act, Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, and Regional Transportation Authority Act. Requires that seniors must be aged 65 or older, as well as eligible for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, to receive free service. Provides that the requirement must be imposed no later than 180 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the Department of Aging shall furnish all information necessary to establish eligibility for free service. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4661 (Franks-D) MASS TRANSIT-DEFIBRILLATOR
Status: POSTED for Hearing Feb 11 HOUSE Mass Transit Committee
Position: OPPOSE

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Requires that the Chicago Transportation Authority, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Commuter Rail Board ensure that all trains and buses used for public transport have at least one automated external defibrillator on board. Provides that the requirement must be imposed no later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4768 (Nekritz-D) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the State Transportation Policy Committee. Requires the Department of Transportation, with the advice of the Committee, to develop a statewide transportation plan that meets certain requirements (now, the Department, without consultation, develops a statewide plan). Authorizes the Department to choose projects and programs for inclusion in the statewide plan. Requires selected programs and projects to be consistent with the statewide plan. Authorizes the Committee to determine by resolution whether selected programs and projects are consistent with the statewide plan. Provides for the amendment of programs that are inconsistent with the statewide plan. Requires the Department to

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publish statewide annual and multiyear transportation improvement programs by certain dates. Authorizes the Department to allocate certain funds for surface transportation capital programs in accordance with the annual and multiyear improvement programs. Requires each MPO to prepare and adopt regional annual and multiyear transportation improvement programs for submittal to the Department and the Committee by certain dates. Provides that the transportation improvement program the Department is required to develop under a federal law may include only projects that an MPO or the Department has prioritized for inclusion in a regional or statewide program. Provides for the public's participation in and the Committee's evaluation of the transportation planning process. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5069 (Verschoore-D) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes the following changes with respect to a public body's authority to charge fees when meeting requests for records: removes the requirement that electronically-maintained records be provided in the format requested; removes the prohibition against charging for the first 50 pages of black and white legal sized or letter sized copies; removes the maximum fee permitted for color or other sized copies and for certification; and permits a fee to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and certification if otherwise provided by State statute. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5082 (Mitchell-R) \$IDOT – WHITESIDE COUNTY
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position: SUPPORT

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$450,000 from the Downstate Public Transportation Fund to the Department of Transportation for a grant to Whiteside County Public Transportation. Effective July 1, 2010.

Bill: HB 5120 (Rose-R) VEHICLE CD – SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS
Status: POSTED for Hearing Feb 10 HOUSE Vehicles & Safety Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a school bus must contain an operating two-way radio or cellular radio telecommunication device (rather than a two-way radio only) while the school bus driver is in possession of a school bus. Provides that the prohibitions regarding the use of a wireless telephone in a school or construction zone or sending an electronic message while driving do not apply to a school bus driver while performing his or her official duties. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5143 (Connelly-R) FOI – PERSONAL INFORMATION
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. With respect to the exemption from disclosure for personal information, includes files and information relating to specified categories of service recipients, registrants and licensees, and program participants. Effective July 1, 2010.

Bill: HB 5329 (Phelps-D) OPEN MEETINGS-TRANSIT DISTRICT
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position: SUPPORT

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Permits a municipal transit district with jurisdiction over more than 4,500 square miles to include members participating in a video conference at specified locations when determining the physical presence of a quorum at an open meeting. Provides that the requirement that members of a public body with less than statewide jurisdiction be physically present at a closed meeting does not apply to a municipal transit district with jurisdiction over more than 4,500 square miles.

Bill: HB 5427 (Sullivan-R) LABOR-MASS TRANSIT STRIKE
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Mass Transit District Labor Relations Act. Provides that no public employee or employee organization of a mass transit district shall engage in a strike, and no public employee or employee organization of a mass transit district shall cause, instigate, encourage, or condone a strike. Contains provisions concerning penalties, payroll deductions, objections, and injunctive relief. Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5446 (Riley-R) MUNI-CONTRACT-MASS TRANSIT
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of 2 or more municipalities may, by intergovernmental agreement, contract for the operation of a privately owned local passenger transportation system within and between the corporate boundaries of the municipalities upon terms agreeable to the municipalities and the owner of the local passenger transportation system. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may award grants to municipalities that enter into a contract for the purpose of operating a local passenger transportation system under specified circumstances.

Bill: HB 5483 (Kosel-R) OPEN MEETINGS-MINUTES
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires a public body to make proposed minutes of an open meeting available for public inspection within 8 business days after the meeting to which the minutes relate and make approved minutes of an open meeting available for public inspection within 5 business days after approval (now, make available within 7 business days after approval).

Bill: SB 305 (Risinger-R) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
Status: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on Assignment / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Public-Private Transportation Act of 2009. Finds that the public need for timely development and operation of transportation facilities may not be wholly satisfied by the existing methods of services, and authorizing private entities to deliver those services to the public may more timely, more efficient, or less costly. Provides that a private entity may enter into a comprehensive agreement with the State or agency or authority thereof, any city, village, incorporated town, or county and other political subdivision of any of the foregoing for the development or operation of transportation facilities. Allows for the comprehensive agreement between the public and private entities to include a maximum rate of return for the private entity on the development or operation of the transportation facility, and provides for the allowable methods of compensation for both the public and private parties. Provides detailed rules and procedures for: the dedication of public property as a transportation facility, the powers and duties of the private entity, interim and service agreements, financing, material default and remedies, condemnation, crossing of utility lines, sovereign immunity, public disclosure, and procurement, among others. Amends the FOI Act to provide exemptions for certain proprietary information related to the new Act. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 414 (Raoul-D/Currie-D) STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on Assignment / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Assembly Organization Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the deposit of books, bills, documents, and papers with the Secretary of State.

Senate Floor Amendment #3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the H+T Affordability Index Act. Sets forth the findings of the General Assembly. Provides that the H+T Affordability index shall be adopted by the Illinois Capital Development Board, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of Transportation, the Illinois Finance Authority, and the Illinois Housing Development Authority as a tool for (1) the development of statewide plans and (2) as a criterion in the allocation of funding for transit, highways, economic development, and housing projects; the distribution of economic incentives to businesses; and the siting of public facilities in Metropolitan Planning Organization areas. Provides that specified agencies shall create a State definition of affordability that incorporates both housing and transportation costs and shall incorporate that definition into relevant statutes, plans, policies, and programs. Provides that specified agencies shall incorporate housing and transportation affordability as

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a criterion for screening and prioritizing in transportation, housing, and economic development projects. Specifies the duties of specified agencies under the Act.

House Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the H+T Affordability Index Act. Contains only a short title provision.

House Amendment #2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the H+T Affordability Index Act. Adopts the Index as the State standard for measuring housing and transportation affordability. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of Transportation, and the Illinois Housing Development Authority shall use the Index as a development tool and a consideration in funding allocation, distribution of incentives, and facility siting in Metropolitan Planning Organization areas. Provides for the State Housing Task Force to consider the Index, among other matters, to create a State affordability definition and process. Provides for the Capitol Development Board and the Illinois Finance Authority to recommend the Index. Contains related provisions. Provides that the Act does not reduce or divert funding away from areas not located in a Metropolitan Planning Organization Area.

Bill: SB 1635 (Trotter-D) PEN CD-CTA-HEALTH CARE BENEFIT
Status: Referred to SENATE Committee on Assignments
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends provisions concerning health care benefits for the CTA in the Pension Code. Provides that the Retiree Health Care Trust shall be solely responsible for providing health care benefits to eligible retirees and their dependents and survivors upon the exhaustion of the account established by the Retirement Plan for the CTA Employees pursuant to Section 401(h) of the IRS Code, but no earlier than 1-01-09 and no later than 07-01-09 (rather than by no later than 7/01/09, but no earlier than 01/01/09). Provides health care coverage through a HMO may be provided at 100% (while certain health care benefit programs established by the Board of Trustees are limited to 90% coverage for in-network services or 70% coverage for out-of-network services). Makes changes concerning the annual assessment of the funding levels of the Retiree Health Care Trust. Provides that any retiree hired on or before September 5, 2001 who retires with 25 yrs or more of continuous service, shall be eligible for retiree health care benefits upon retirement in accordance with any rules or regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees. Provides that the Board of Trustees may adopt rules and regulations providing for the refund of the total contributions made by employees who are not eligible for retiree health care benefits or who elect to waive retiree health care benefits. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation w/o reimbursement.

Bill: SB 2229 (Radogno-R) TRANSPORTATION-TECH
Status: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on Assignment / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a county board's use of tax moneys.

Bill: SB 2375 (Sullivan-D) FY10 \$ OCE – IDOT
Status: Referred to SENATE Committee on Assignments
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, as follows: General Funds \$31,874,565; Other State Funds \$2,355,130,217; Federal Funds \$4,305,238; Total \$2,391,310,020.

Bill: HR 124 (Walker-D) STAR LINE FUNDING
Status: Re-referred to HOUSE Rules Committee / Failure to Pass by Deadline
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Urges the inclusion of funding for the Suburban Transit Access Route in any State capital bill.