

Iroquois County
FOIA Office
1001 East Grant St.
Watseka, IL 60970

August 15, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All Iroquois County Board members' ^{emails} regarding the SAFE-T Act, sent and received between January and April of 2022

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

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Amanda Longfellow

From: Paul J Ducat <pducat1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 5:10 PM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: RE: SAFE-T Act FOIA request

Amanda,

I do not have any emails regarding the SAFE -T act.

Thank you,

Paul J Ducat
Hager Pacific
(815)685-3196

----- Original message -----

From: Amanda Longfellow <alongfellow@co.iroquois.il.us>
Date: 8/18/22 2:33 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Charlie Alt (altcharlesr@gmail.com)" <altcharlesr@gmail.com>, Roger Bard <snowsoar@msn.com>, "Lyle Behrends (behr89@protonmail.com)" <behr89@protonmail.com>, Kevin Bohlmann <kevinb1957@icloud.com>, Paul Bowers <pbowersfarms@gmail.com>, Kevin Coughenour <cokenr@yahoo.com>, "Donna Crow (donnacrow90@gmail.com)" <donnacrow90@gmail.com>, Paul Ducat <pducat1@yahoo.com>, Sherry Johnson <sjohnson2@co.iroquois.il.us>, Thomas Lynch <tlynch@co.iroquois.il.us>, Chad McGinnis <cmcginnis@co.iroquois.il.us>, Michael McTaggart <michael.mctaggart@gmail.com>, Barbara Offill <barbydoll1972@yahoo.com>, John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>, Joe Young <joeyoung.cp@gmail.com>, John Zumwalt <johnzumwalt62@gmail.com>, Jed Whitlow <g.whitlow@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: SAFE-T Act FOIA request

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Please forward me or bring copies to me regarding this FOIA request. If you do not have any emails that pertain to this FOIA request, please respond stating that you do not have any records pertaining to this FOIA request.

Thank you!

Amanda Longfellow

Executive Assistant

1001 E. Grant St.

Watseka, IL 60970

Ph. 815-432-6955 ext. 2

Fax 815-432-5462

Amanda Longfellow

From: Kevin Coughenour <cokenr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 7:14 PM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Re: SAFE-T Act FOIA request

I do not have any records pertaining to this request

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 2:33 PM, Amanda Longfellow
<alongfellow@co.iroquois.il.us> wrote:

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From: GERALD WHITLOW <g.whitlow@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 8:36 PM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Re: SAFE-T Act FOIA request

I have no records pertaining to this request.

On Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 02:41:05 PM CDT, Amanda Longfellow <alongfellow@co.iroquois.il.us> wrote:

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From: Barbara Offill <barbydoll1972@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 11:07 PM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Re: SAFE-T Act FOIA request

Amanda,

I have searched my personal and county email accounts and have NO emails on the requested FOIA for the Safe-T Act from January - April 2022.

Sincerely;

Barb Offill,
815-383-9239

On Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 02:34:00 PM CDT, Amanda Longfellow <alongfellow@co.iroquois.il.us> wrote:

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From: Joseph Young <joeyoung.cp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 5:08 AM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Re: SAFE-T Act FOIA request

Amanda,

I am going to forward to you the three separate emails I received. To the best of my knowledge these are the only emails.

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Joe Young

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From: Breein B. Suver <bsuver@co.iroquois.il.us>
Date: Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 1:03 PM
Subject: Law Enforcement Resolution
To: joeyoung.cp@gmail.com <joeyoung.cp@gmail.com>, John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>

Hello there.

Here is what I came up with for a resolution. Remember, this is a working document and I am not going to be hurt if there need to be changes. I kind of went rogue with the urging of the General Assembly to repeal the SAFE-T Act, but Joe you said you wanted it known we were not in favor of what was or has happened in Springfield, at least that is what I thought you said. I took portions from various resolutions and proclamations from other public bodies and also incorporated some of the resolution that was presented as HR0598, which was filed on January 5, 2021 by Representative Windhorst, with co-sponsors Representatives McCombie, Haas, Durkin, and Weber. Let me know what you think. I am going to send this to Jim Devine as well, so he can add or remove anything necessary.

Breein B Suver

Iroquois County Clerk & Recorder

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RESOLUTON NO. R2022-_____

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To: James Devine <jdevine@co.iroquois.il.us>
Cc: joeyoung.cp@gmail.com <joeyoung.cp@gmail.com>, John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>

Hi Jim,

I am forwarding on to you a Resolution I came up with based on a request of the Finance Committee earlier today. They talked about the present environment for law enforcement personnel and Mr. Young wanted to come up with a way to show support of law enforcement. They went on to talk about HB3653 which was passed last year and has basically changed all the rules for you all in law enforcement. I may have gone a bit rogue in the request to repeal the act, but that is what I was gathering from the conversation that happened in the meeting so I rolled with it. I have cc'd John and Joe on this for their review as well and so they can add or remove anything that doesn't fit. I told them in a prior email that I took portions from various resolutions and proclamations from other public bodies and also incorporated some of the resolution that was presented as HR0598, which was filed yesterday, January 5, 2022 by Representative Windhorst, with co-sponsors Representatives McCombie, Haas, Durkin, and Weber, and urges the repeal of the law. Let me know what you think.

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Here is an updated version of the resolution with Joe's recommendation to include state, county and local law enforcement officers.

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SECTION 3: The Iroquois County Board recognizes the importance of continuing to foster positive interactions between State, County, and Local law enforcement officers and members of our community.

SECTION 4: The Iroquois County Board acknowledges the rising trends in law enforcement response calls relating to mental health, domestic abuse, and addiction, and recognizes the need to support our community and our law enforcement officers with appropriate resources to help properly respond to these societal challenges.

SECTION 5: The Iroquois County Board recognizes the importance of continuing to promote diversity in our law enforcement recruitment efforts, and to invest in our police officer training and professional development programs.

SECTION 6: The Iroquois County Board acknowledges that law enforcement Officers oftentimes take it upon themselves to demonstrate random acts of generosity and kindness throughout our community, and do so without any desire for fanfare or public recognition.

SECTION 7: The Iroquois County Board encourages our fellow residents, business, civic groups, and sister agencies to do all in their power and spheres of influence to express their appreciation and support of our State, County, and Local Law Enforcement Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD OF IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS that we urge the Illinois General Assembly to value and protect crime victims and law enforcement, those that are on the streets protecting the community and public every day;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the Illinois General Assembly to repeal HB3653/the SAFE-T Act in its entirety.

John Shure,
Chairman of the Iroquois County Board

ATTEST:

Breein B. Suver, County Clerk

Amanda Longfellow

From: John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Fwd: UCCI Specific LEGISLATION UPDATE
Attachments: UCCI Legislative Summary - 102nd General Assembly.pdf

Importance: High

Responding to the FOIA request attached is response #1

Begin forwarded message:

From: UC CI <ucci@unitedcounties.com>
Subject: UCCI Specific LEGISLATION UPDATE
Date: April 15, 2022 at 8:59:39 AM CDT



UNITED COUNTIES
COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

April 14, 2022

STATE FISCAL

HB 900 – Sent to Governor – Appropriation bill for State Fiscal Year 2023.

HB 4700 – Sent to Governor – Budget implementation (“BIMP”) bill for State Fiscal Year 2023. Includes an increase of LGDF funding to counties from 6.06% of individual income tax collections to 6.16%

SB 157 – Passed Both Houses – Tax Relief Omnibus Bill. Includes the following:

- Suspends the MFT rate adjustment calculated based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index until January 1, 2023.
- Tax holiday for certain school supplies and clothing during August 2022.
- Suspension of sales tax on groceries from July 1, 2022 until July 1, 2023. Includes the creation of a Grocery Tax Replacement Fund to cover lost funding to units of local government.
- Property tax rebate of up to \$300 per principal residence.
- Individual income tax rebate
 - Joint filers with an AGI of less than \$400,000 - \$100
 - All other filers with an AGI of less \$200,000 - \$50
 - Additional \$100 for each person claimed as a dependent, up to 3 dependents

COUNTIES CODE & COUNTIES GENERALLY

HB 4772 – Passed Both Houses - **County Design-Build**. Creates the County Design-Build Authorization Division in the Counties Code. Provides that a county may enter into design-build contracts. Includes scope and performance criteria for design-build contracts, a two-phase procedure for selection of contracts, requirements for submission of proposals, procedures for awarding contracts, and requirements of reports and evaluation of contracts. Provides that, if the total overall cost of a project is estimated to be less than \$12,000,000, the county may combine the two-phase procedure for selection into one phase. Effective immediately.

HB 4489 – Passed Both Houses – **GATA-Applicability**. Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act to provides that the requirements established under the Act do not apply to awards, including capital appropriated funds, made by the Department of Transportation to units

of local government for the purposes of transportation projects utilizing State funds, federal funds, or both State and federal funds.

SB 2912 – Returned to Rules in House after passing Senate - **Superintendent of Public Works.** Provides that a superintendent of a department of public works shall be a registered professional engineer, hold a degree in engineering from an accredited institution of higher learning, or have at least 10 years of professional, management-level experience in either a municipal or county public works department (rather than the superintendent shall be a registered professional engineer). Provides that at least one employee in the public works department shall be a certified registered professional engineer or hold a degree in engineering from an accredited institution of higher learning and does not contemplate non-employees satisfying the requirement. NOTE: Counties are permitted, but not required, by the Counties Code to employ a superintendent, depending on whether they formally establish a department of public works.

SB 3187 – Passed Both Houses – **Recorder Stamp.** Provides that a physical or electronic image of the recorder's stamp satisfies the signature requirement for recorded instruments prior to, on, and after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

SB 3460 – Returned to Rules in House after passing Senate – **Local Officials – Administrative Leave.** Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, in counties that have a population of less than 500,000 people, if a county board member, county board chairman, State's Attorney, or other countywide elected official is criminally charged with an infamous crime or of any felony involving a violation of his or her official oath, the county board shall review the alleged crimes to determine by a three-fifths vote of all members if the countywide elected official should be placed on administrative leave. The county board shall send their determination to the State's Attorney or, if the determination is regarding the State's Attorney, the determination shall be sent to a special State's Attorney. Upon receipt of a determination from the county board, if the State's Attorney or Special State's Attorney believes the crime or crimes to be germane to the official's duties, then the State's Attorney shall file a petition with the circuit court for a rule to show cause why not to place the elected official on administrative leave. The circuit court shall issue a rule requiring the officer to show cause why he or she should not be put on administrative leave and the officer shall have a trial on the date stated in the rule. The court may require the county to pay court costs or reasonable attorney fees, or both, if the court dismisses the action. If the official is removed/placed on administrative leave because a conflict exists, the official is barred from county property and performing the official's duties until the case is closed and the county board determines the conflict is resolved. The official shall continue to receive all compensation and benefits during the official's administrative leave. If the county board puts an official on administrative leave, the board shall appoint a replacement for the official while the official is on administrative leave.

SB3633 – Passed Both Houses – **Local Demolition Documentation.** Amends the Counties Code. Provides that counties must maintain documentation submitted from a contractor on the disposal of any demolition debris, clean or general, or uncontaminated soil generated during the demolition, repair, or enclosure of a building for a period of 3 years identifying the hauler, generator, place of origin of the debris or soil, the weight or volume of the debris or soil, and the location, owner, and operator of the facility where the debris or soil was transferred, disposed, recycled, or treated.

SB 3737 – Passed Both Houses – **County Judicial Facilities Fee**. Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the county boards of Kane County, Kendall County, and Will County (currently, Kane County and Will County) may by ordinance impose a judicial facilities fee to be used for the building of new judicial facilities. Provides that in setting a judicial facilities fee and in the design and construction of the facilities, the county board shall set the fee and design and construct the facilities with the concurrence of the Chief Judge of the applicable judicial circuit or the presiding judge of the county in a multi-county judicial circuit (currently, the concurrence of the Chief Judge of the applicable judicial circuit).

SB 3789 – Passed Senate, 3rd Reading in House – **Local Gov. Consolidation 10 yrs.** Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. Provides that, within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government that may levy any tax (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report. Provides for committee membership, meetings, and report requirements.

SB 3795 – Returned to Rules in House after passing Senate – **County Design-Build Authorization**. Creates the County Design-Build Authorization Division in the Counties Code. Provides that a county may enter into design-build contracts. Includes scope and performance criteria for design-build contracts, a two-phase procedure for selection of contracts, requirements for submission of proposals, procedures for awarding contracts, and requirements of reports and evaluation of contracts. Provides that, if the total overall cost of a project is estimated to be less than \$12,000,000, the county may combine the two-phase procedure for selection into one phase. Despite passing the Senate unanimously and having no identified opponents of record, this bill stalled in the House and was re-referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 3932 – Passed Both Houses – **Missing Persons ID FBI**. Amends the Missing Persons Identification Act. Provides that a coroner or medical examiner with custody of human remains that are not identified within 72 hours of discovery shall promptly notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the location of those remains and the failure to identify the remains.

FOIA / OMA

SB 932 – Never passed Senate – **Remote Meetings**. Amends the Open Meetings Act. In addition to when the Governor or Director of IDPH issue a disaster declaration, permits a public body to conduct meetings by audio or video conference, such remote meetings would also be permitted when the presiding officer of the public body (County Chairman) determines that an in-person meeting would pose a risk to the health or safety of members of the public body or the public, and that conducting a meeting by an audio or video conference is in the best interest of the public body

or the public, and the public notice of the meeting states the reason or reasons why the presiding officer made such determination

PUBLIC HEALTH

HB 1780 – Passed Both Houses - **Creates the Drug Take-Back Act.** Provides that each covered manufacturer must, beginning January 1, 2024 or 6 months after becoming a covered manufacturer, individually or collectively implement an approved drug take-back program. Requires a drug take-back program to provide for the collection, transportation, and disposal of covered drugs. A drug take-back program shall provide, in every county with a potential authorized collector, one authorized collection site and a minimum of at least one additional collection site for every 50,000 county residents, provided that there are enough potential authorized collectors offering to participate in the drug take-back program. As amended in the Senate, “covered manufacturer” does not include a pharmacy. Includes provisions for EPA regulation and comment periods.

EMPLOYMENT

HB 4850 – Held in Senate Assignments after passing House - **Gender Violence-Employer Duty.** Employers will be liable for gender-related violence committed by an employee or nonemployee if the employer, through the employer's acts or omissions, engages in: (1) encouraging or assisting in the commission of the gender-related violence by failing to supervise, train, or monitor an employee or nonemployee; (2) having prior knowledge of an employee's or nonemployee's propensity for engaging in similar conduct but failing to take remedial measures; (3) failing to investigate complaints or reports of similar conduct by an employee or nonemployee; or (4) otherwise failing to investigate or take remedial measures in response to complaints or reports of similar conduct by an employee or nonemployee. Counties are covered employers as political subdivisions of the state.

HB 5538 –Returned to Senate Assignments after Passing House- **Prevailing Wage-Public Works.** Amends the Prevailing Wage Act so that it applies to the construction or demolition of public works performed by an employee of a public body engaged in the construction or demolition of public works on behalf of another public body. UCCI has reason to believe this, or similar legislation, will return during the fall veto session and will continue to monitor accordingly.

SB 3127 – Passed Both Houses – **Emergency Medical Dispatchers.** Amends various laws to include emergency medical dispatchers in references to first responders, including Commemorative Dates Act, School Safety Drill Act, The Suicide Prevention, Education, and Treatment Act, The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, The Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act, and The Mental Health Court Treatment Act. Amendment to The Workers' Occupational Diseases Act that would have expressly provided that emergency medical dispatchers are COVID-19 first responders has been deleted.

SB 3146 – Passed Both Houses – **One Day of Rest – Penalties.** Amends the One Day Rest In Seven Act. Provides that any employer who violates any of the provisions of the Act, shall be

guilty of a civil offense (rather than a petty offense), and shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 per offense, payable to the Department of Labor, and damages of up to \$500 per offense, payable to the employee or employees affected (rather than be fined for each offense in a sum of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100). Each week that an employee is found to not have been allowed 24 consecutive hours of rest as required in Section 2 shall constitute a separate offense. Also provides for an additional 20-minute meal period for covered employees who work in excess of 7.5 continuous hours.

SB 3416 – Passed Both Houses – ***PREVIOUSLY OSHA***. Bill was amended in the house to remove all OSHA provisions and replace them with an amendment to the **One Day Rest In Seven Act** clarifying that specified provisions of the Act do not apply to employees for whom work hours, days of work, and rest periods are established through the collective bargaining process.

SECURITY / TECH

SB 829 – Passed Both Houses - **Election-Vote By Mail System**. Amends the Election Code. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall provide a certified remote accessible vote by mail system for the General Election of November 8, 2022 and all subsequent elections, through which a vote by mail ballot can be delivered by electronic transmission to voters with print disabilities and through which voters with print disabilities are able to mark and verify their ballots using assistive technology. Provides that election authorities shall permit voters with a print disability to receive and mark their vote by mail ballots (i) through that certified remote accessible vote by mail system or (ii) through a certified remote accessible vote by mail system provided by the election authority.

SB 2364 – Passed Both Houses, Senate for Concurrence – **SAFE-T**. Makes changes to effective dates of reforms contained in the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity - Today (“SAFE-T”) Act, including provisions concerning the imposition of a mandatory supervised release term for a Class 3 or Class 4 felony so as to take effect on March 1, 2023 (instead of July 1, 2022). Also amends provisions concerning electronic monitoring and home detention, to require that a person ordered to pretrial home confinement must be provided with movement spread out over no fewer than 2 periods (instead of 2 days) per week. Also Provides that if a person on pretrial home confinement is charged with a forcible felony, the State may file a verified motion to deny the participant movement.

SB 3939 – Passed Both Houses - **Cybersecurity-Information Tech**. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Modifies the exemptions from inspection and copying concerning cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Amends the Department of Innovation and Technology Act. Requires a local government official or employee to be chosen to act as the primary point of contact for local cybersecurity issues. Amends the Illinois Information Security Improvement Act. Requires the Secretary of Innovation and Technology to establish a cybersecurity liaison program to advise and assist units of local government and school districts concerning specified cybersecurity issues. Provides for cybersecurity training for employees of counties, municipalities, and school districts. Requires the Secretary of Innovation and Technology to establish a cybersecurity liaison program to advise and assist units of local government concerning specified cybersecurity issues. Provides for cybersecurity training for employees of counties and municipalities.

SB 3179 – Passed Both Houses - **Center for Geographic Info Act**. Creates the Illinois Center for Geographic Information Act. Creates the Illinois Center for Geographic Information within the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois. Provides that the Center shall evaluate proposals, in consultation with an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the efficient development, use, and funding of geographic information management technology for State, regional, local, and academic agencies and institutions. Provides that the Prairie Research Institute shall form an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee that shall serve in an advisory capacity for the Center. Provides that the Center shall have the authority to initiate and enter into intergovernmental data sharing agreements on behalf of the State for the benefit of geographic information coordination. Repeals the Illinois Geographic Information Council Act.

SB 3667 – Passed Both Houses – **Electronic Protective Orders**. Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Stalking No Contact Order Act, the Civil No Contact Order Act, and the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986. Allows a person to file a petition for a protection order, stalking no contact order, civil no contact order, or order of protection either in-person or online. Requires a court in a county with a population above 250,000 to offer the option of a remote hearing to a petitioner for a protective order, stalking no contact order, civil no contact order, or order of protection. The court has the discretion to grant or deny the request for a remote hearing. Each court shall determine the procedure for a remote hearing.

IMRF

SB 3651 – Passed Both Houses – **IMRF Contributions Work Comp**. Amends IMRF to provide that when assessing payment for any amount due under a provision requiring an additional employer contribution for certain earnings increases, IMRF shall exclude reportable earnings increases resulting from periods where the member was paid through workers' compensation.

SB 3652 – Passed Both Houses – **IMRF Early Retirement**. In a provision authorizing a participating employer to create an early retirement incentive program if the participating employer adopts a specified resolution or ordinance, provides that the resolution or ordinance must contain language specifying that a person who retires under the early retirement incentive program shall lose those incentives if he or she later accepts employment with or enters into a personal services contract with any IMRF employer (instead of any IMRF employer in a position for which participation in IMRF is required or is elected by the employee).

Amanda Longfellow

From: John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 9:33 AM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Fwd: UCCI Legislative UPDATE
Attachments: 2022 April 1 IGA Introduction - Crime Package Bill .pdf; UCCI Legislation UPDATE-SUMMARY SB1150 (Proposed Tax Relief 4-1-22).pdf

Response #2

Begin forwarded message:

From: UC CI <ucci@unitedcounties.com>
Subject: UCCI Legislative UPDATE
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Ryan McCreery, Deputy Director

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MEMO TO: UCCI Membership
FROM: Ryan McCreery, Deputy Director

W. Michael McCreery, Executive Director

DATE: April 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Legislative UPDATE

On Friday, April 1st, with exactly one week left to go in the Spring session, new legislative crime package bills emerged (HB4736/SB4202), and the Senate Democrats unveiled a plan to cut \$1.8 billion in taxes for Illinois citizens (SB1150).

Attached summaries are provided for your review and information.

UCCI will continue to monitor this last week of session and keep you updated.

United Counties Council of Illinois - Legislation Summary/Crime Package Bills
HB4736/SB4202 (April 1, 2022 Introduction)

House Bill 4736 (Peters)

Crime Reduction Task Force

- House Bill 4736 would create a Crime Reduction Task Force to develop and propose ways to reduce crime across the state.
- The Crime Reduction Task Force would be made up of a bipartisan group of senators and representatives, alongside law enforcement, legal and criminal justice professionals, crime victims and witnesses.
- The group would review research and best practices while taking expert and witness testimony. It would then submit a report detailing its findings, recommendations and needed resources to the General Assembly and governor by March 1, 2024.

Anonymous reporting hotline

- House Bill 4736 would work to set up statewide tip hotlines to allow people to anonymously report crime in their communities.
- Under the measure, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information authority would establish a grant program open to organizations and units of local government to assist in the creation of creating anonymous tip hotlines or other systems to crime victims and witnesses.
- The grant program would help provide cash rewards for tips which lead to arrest.

Violent Crime Witness Protection Program

- House Bill 4736 would reconstitute and fund the Gang Crime Witness Protection Act as the Violent Crime Witness Protection program.
- The program would provide funding assistance for emergency or temporary living costs, moving costs, security deposits, mental health treatment and lost wage assistance.

Senate Bill 4202 (Villanueva)

- Senate Bill 4202 would provide investments into a number of community-based programs. The programs include:

- o Early Childhood Education: \$598 million, an increase of \$54.4 million
- o Parents Too Soon program: \$7.7 million, an increase of \$850,000
- o Healthy Families Illinois program: \$10.8 million, an increase of \$850,000
- o Teen REACH After-School Program: \$19.6 million, an increase of \$5.1 million
- o Child Care Assistance Program: \$3 billion, an increase of \$41.1 million
- o Redeploy Illinois Program: \$14.3 million, an increase of \$8 million
- o Monetary Award Program: \$529 million, an increase of \$50 million
- o After school programming: \$45 million, an increase of \$25 million

*increase compared to FY 22

Senate Bill 4203 (Peters)

- Senate Bill 4203 would allocate \$20 million for the Witness Protection Program and \$1 million for the anonymous tip program.

House Bill 1360 (Gordon-Booth)

- House Bill 1360 would create the Co-Responder Unit Pilot Program at police departments in East St. Louis, Peoria, Springfield and Waukegan.
- The co-responder units would employ social workers and focus on serving communities by focusing on mental and behavioral health, substance use disorder services and homelessness issues. In particular, the proposed units would work to connect violence survivors with needed services, including trauma-informed crisis intervention and counseling.

On Friday evening, April 1, 2022, the Senate Democrats unveiled a fairly comprehensive plan to cut \$1.8B in taxes for Illinois citizens.

Putting money back in Illinoisans pockets
Senate Bill 1150

Paying it forward

Floor Amendment 1 (Bennett)

- The majority of Illinoisans – more than 97% of taxpayers – will receive a one-time tax refund by the fall of 2022. Individual filers will receive \$100 and joint filers will receive \$200, with an additional \$50 for up to three dependents.
- Individuals making up to \$250,000 and joint filers making up to \$500,000 will receive checks in the mail.

Income	Individual Refund	Joint Refund	Dependent
Up to \$250,000	\$100		Additional \$50 for each dependent up to \$150
Up to \$500,000		\$200	

How do people know how much they could receive from the refund?

- o People should review their 2021 income tax return. If they made \$250,000 or less individually, they will receive \$100. If they made \$500,000 or less jointly, they would receive \$200.
- o Individuals and households can add \$50 per dependent, up to three dependents.

Who would be eligible for the refund?

- o Any Illinois taxpayer who filed a 2021 tax return and makes \$250,000 or less individually or \$500,000 jointly. This includes taxpayers who utilized an ITIN number on their 2021 return.

What would people need to do to qualify?

- o People would need to have filed their 2021 return by the filing deadline and make \$250,000 or less individually or \$500,000 or less jointly. Any person who fits this criteria would automatically be sent a check.

When would people receive this refund?

- o The refund is expected to hit people’s mailboxes by September.

Many people have already filed their 2021 return and received their 2021 refund. What would they need to do to claim this particular refund?

- o Nothing additional. Anyone who fits the income criteria and filed a 2021 return will automatically receive a check in the mail.

Suspending everyday taxes

Floor Amendment 2 (Sims)

- Addressing inflation by suspending the 1% state grocery tax for six months.

Floor Amendment 3 (Sims)

- Suspends the state’s portion of the gas tax increase for six months to help with rising prices at the pump.

Providing property tax relief

Floor Amendment 4 (Gillespie)

- Provides property tax relief for homeowners. Property owners making up to \$250,000 individually and \$500,000 jointly are eligible for the tax credit of 5% of property taxes paid, with a maximum check of \$300.

Helping Illinois families

Floor Amendment 5 (Hastings)

- Helps families with back-to-school shopping by creating a state sales tax holiday on school supplies and clothing from Aug. 5 to Aug. 14 of 2022. Qualifying clothing and footwear with a retail price of \$125 or less will have no sales tax during that time. School supplies are not subject to the \$125 threshold.

Increasing the Earned Income Credit

Floor Amendment 6 (Aquino)

- Helping lower-income Illinoisans by increasing the Earned Income Credit to 19%. The current EIC in Illinois is at 18% of the federal EIC.
- Taxpayers 18-24 years of age, 65 and older, and taxpayers who use an individual taxpayer identification number would be able to claim the EIC if they would otherwise qualify for the federal EIC, which excludes these groups.

Tax Breaks for Teachers

Floor Amendment 7 (Holmes)

- Gives teachers a tax credit of up to \$250 for supplies bought for their classrooms.

Relief for Volunteer First Responders

Floor Amendment 8 (Belt)

- Shows appreciation for volunteer firefighters and EMS professionals by giving them a tax credit of up to \$500 for a year in which they served at least 9 months in a volunteer capacity.

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From: John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Fwd: ISACo "News and Views" E-Newsletter for April 4, 2022

Response #3

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From: Brenna Metrow <bmetrow@isacoil.org>
Subject: ISACo "News and Views" E-Newsletter for April 4, 2022
Date: April 4, 2022 at 10:35:58 AM CDT

This week's Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) *News and Views* e-newsletter offers a reminder that this is the last scheduled week of the spring legislative session, calls for a final push to achieve a partial restoration of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue, announces the extension of the state's disaster declaration for an additional month, makes county officials aware of legislation filed to provide inflation relief and to address rising crime, provides an update on bills and amendments of relevance to counties that were advanced or filed last week, shares an upcoming National Association of Counties (NACo) webinar opportunity, spotlights ISACo corporate partner UnitedHealthCare and invites counties to join ISACo. [Click here to view the e-newsletter!](#)

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From: John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>
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response #4

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From: Brenna Metrow <bmetrow@isacoil.org>
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Date: January 11, 2022 at 4:08:14 PM CST

This week's Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) News and Views e-newsletter provides information about the release of U.S. Treasury's Final Rule for the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund, shares the Peremptory Rule filed by the the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) to effectuate the Federal OSHA employer vaccine mandate, includes an ISACo resource providing an overview of the new public act that makes changes to the criminal justice and law enforcement reform law, announces an extension to the State's disaster declaration, spotlights ISACo corporate partner Nationwide and invites counties to join ISACo. [Click here to view the e-newsletter!](#)

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response #5

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Subject: NOTICE: Governor Takes Bill Action
Date: January 10, 2022 at 10:19:28 AM CST



UNITED COUNTIES COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS

MEMO TO: UCCI Membership/County Board Chairs & Other Elected Officials
DATE: January 10, 2022
FROM: Mike McCreery, Executive Director
SUBJECT: NOTICE: Governor Takes Bill Action

Today, Governor Pritzker took the following bill action:

Bill Number: HB 1953
Description: Clarifies various provisions related to the 2022 election cycle.
Action: Signed
Effective: Immediately

Bill Number: HB 3138
Description: Redraws judicial subcircuit maps to reflect the results of the 2020 census.
Action: Signed
Effective: Immediately

Bill Number: HB 3512
Description: Trailer bill to Public Act 101-652 that adjusts various provisions and effective dates related to law enforcement training, police decertification, mandatory supervised release, officer-worn body cameras, and other matters.
Action: Signed
Effective: Immediately, with certain provisions taking effect July 1, 2022

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From: John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>
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To: Amanda Longfellow
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Date: January 6, 2022 at 3:15:55 PM CST

This week's Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) *News and Views* e-newsletter includes information about the return of the General Assembly this week and covers legislative action that occurred on Wednesday, announces ISACo's 2022 *Illinois County Action Program* (ICAP) and amended *2022 County Platform*, offers an update on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) employer vaccine mandate, reports on the final payment made by the State on a loan from the U.S. Federal Reserve Municipal Liquidity Facility, shares pictures from ISACo's Annual Meeting Luncheon, announces an upcoming National Association of Counties (NACo) webinar opportunity, provides a link to register for the upcoming NACo Legislative Conference, spotlights ISACo corporate partner AT&T and invites counties to join ISACo. [Click here to view the e-newsletter!](#)

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From: "Breein B. Suver" <bsuver@co.iroquois.il.us>
Subject: Law Enforcement Draft 2
Date: January 6, 2022 at 2:07:37 PM CST
To: James Devine <jdevine@co.iroquois.il.us>, John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>, "joeyoung.cp@gmail.com" <joeyoung.cp@gmail.com>

Here is an updated version of the resolution with Joe's recommendation to include state, county and local law enforcement officers.

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RESOLUTON NO. R2022-_____

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From: John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 10:40 AM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Resolution
Attachments: Resolution Supporting Law Enforcement.docx

response #8

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Breein B. Suver" <bsuver@co.iroquois.il.us>
Subject: Proposed Resolution
Date: January 6, 2022 at 12:13:35 PM CST
To: James Devine <jdevine@co.iroquois.il.us>
Cc: "joeyoung.cp@gmail.com" <joeyoung.cp@gmail.com>, John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>

Hi Jim,

I am forwarding on to you a Resolution I came up with based on a request of the Finance Committee earlier today. They talked about the present environment for law enforcement personnel and Mr. Young wanted to come up with a way to show support of law enforcement. They went on to talk about HB3653 which was passed last year and has basically changed all the rules for you all in law enforcement. I may have gone a bit rogue in the request to repeal the act, but that is what I was gathering from the conversation that happened in the meeting so I rolled with it. I have cc'd John and Joe on this for their review as well and so they can add or remove anything that doesn't fit. I told them in a prior email that I took portions from various resolutions and proclamations from other public bodies and also incorporated some of the resolution that was presented as HR0598, which was filed yesterday, January 5, 2022 by Representative Windhorst, with co-sponsors Representatives McCombie, Haas, Durkin, and Weber, and urges the repeal of the law. Let me know what you think.

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Subject: Law Enforcement Resolution
Date: January 6, 2022 at 12:03:23 PM CST
To: "joeyoung.cp@gmail.com" <joeyoung.cp@gmail.com>, John Shure <eldadhannah@gmail.com>

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From: Donna Crow <donnacrow90@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 9:29 AM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: Re: SAFE-T Act FOIA request

Amanda,

I can locate no emails regarding the Safe T Act.

Donna Crow

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022, 2:33 PM Amanda Longfellow <alongfellow@co.iroquois.il.us> wrote:

Board Members,

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Please forward me or bring copies to me regarding this FOIA request. If you do not have any emails that pertain to this FOIA request, please respond stating that you do not have any records pertaining to this FOIA request.

Thank you!

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From: LyleB <behr89@protonmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Amanda Longfellow
Subject: safe-t act

to the best of my knowledge i have not received or sent anything.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.