



DUPAGE COUNTY

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Legislative Update Week of April 4, 2016

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 4371 – Dissolution of Water Authorities (Andersson, R -Geneva): Provides that a water authority may be dissolved upon referendum of the electors of the water authority.

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Counties & Townships Committee on April 6.

HB 4396 – Income Tax Credit for soundproofing (Winger, R-Wood Dale): Creates an income tax credit in an amount equal to the amount paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year for the purpose of purchasing acoustical materials, other materials, labor, and professional services to soundproof a residential home against aircraft noise generated by an airport governed by the provisions of the Permanent Noise Monitoring Act (O'Hare & Midway).

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Revenue & Finance Committee on April 6.

HB 4398 – Elimination of sick/vacation time towards pension benefits (Nekritz, D-Buffalo Grove): Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Cook County, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Chicago Teachers Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. For participants **who first become participants on or after the effective date** of the amendatory Act, prohibits (i) payments for unused sick or vacation time from being used to calculate pensionable earnings and salary and (ii) unused sick or vacation time from being used to establish service credit.

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Personnel & Pensions Committee on April 6.

HB 4462 – EpiPens/trained school personnel (Mussman, D-Schaumburg): Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the self-administration and self-carry of asthma medication and epinephrine auto-injectors and the administration of undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors or an opioid antagonist, provides that the term "trained personnel" includes a school bus driver employed by an independent contractor and that, with respect to asthma medication and epinephrine auto-injectors, before and after normal school activities includes while being transported on a school bus.

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Judiciary-Civil Committee on April 5.



(Support continued):

HB 4501 – Extension of DuPage Efficiency Model Statewide (Yingling, D-Grayslake): Provides that the Local Government Reduction & Efficiency provision of the Counties Code (Public Act 98-0126) shall apply to all counties.

In 2013, DuPage County received approval of landmark legislation which for the first time, allowed the DuPage County Board to thoughtfully consider the potential dissolution of specific county appointed (not elected) agencies that deliver public services. To date, under the County's ACT (Accountability, Consolidation & Transparency) Initiative, the county has dissolved several government agencies utilizing Public Act 98-0126 and more importantly, by changing the culture of government spending, has saved local taxpayers over \$100 million.

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Counties & Townships Committee on April 6.

HB 4968 – Coterminous Townships (Demmer, R-Dixon): Amends the Township Code to provide that townships within a coterminous, or substantially coterminous municipality, may be consolidated per passage of a successful voter referendum. Requires either the adoption of an ordinance by the city council of a township or a petition signed by at least 10% of the registered voters of the township in order to place the consolidation question on the ballot.

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Counties & Township Committee on April 6.

HB 5593 – Opioid Addiction Education (Lang, D-Skokie): Provides that all programs serving persons with substance use issues licensed by the Department of Human Services under the Act must provide educational information concerning treatment options for opioid addiction, including the use of a medication for the use of opioid addiction, recognition of and response to opioid overdose, and the use and administration of naloxone, to clients identified as having or seeking treatment for opioid addiction. Provides that the Department shall develop educational materials that are supported by research and updated periodically that must be used by programs to comply with this requirement.

DuPage County supports this initiative as it will aid in our efforts to continue to combat the heroin epidemic that has infiltrated every community in this state.

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Substance Abuse Special Committee on April 4.

HB 6007 – Extension of DuPage Efficiency Model to Lake County (Sente, D-Vernon Hills): Provides that the Local Government Reduction & Efficiency provision of the Counties Code (Public Act 98-1026) shall apply to Lake County.

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Status: The bill will be considered by the House Counties & Townships Committee on April 6.



(Support continued):

HB 6261 – County Board of Health Powers (Sandack, R-Downers Grove): Provides that a county's board of health may enter into contracts with municipal health departments, county health departments, other boards of health, private or public hospitals, and not-for-profit entities to provide public health services outside of a board of health's own jurisdiction in order to protect the public health and provide for the consolidation of services in an effective manner.

Passage of this legislation will enable county health departments to reduce costs by entering into agreements with other entities to deliver services beyond its boundaries.

Status: This bill will be considered by the House Counties & Township Committee on April 6.

SB 2878 – Law Enforcement Training/EpiPens (Nybo, R-Elmhurst): Amends the State Police Act and the Illinois Police Training Act creating the Annie LeGere Law. Provides that the Department of State Police and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board may conduct or approve training programs for officers to recognize and respond to anaphylaxis including the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector. Provides that the Department of State Police or a local governmental agency may authorize officers to carry, administer, or assist in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors if they have completed the requiring training and provide for written policies on the use of epinephrine auto-injectors.

Last August, Annie LeGere, a 13 year-old resident of Elmhurst, died suddenly of a severe allergic reaction. Her family has since established a Foundation, ***To the Moon and Back***, to bring awareness of allergy awareness to schools, to promote legislation, and to equip first responder emergency vehicles, schools and other public settings with EpiPens in order to quickly treat severe allergic reactions and save lives.

Status: The bill will be considered by the Senate Public Health Committee on April 5.

Oppose:

HB 5630 – Removal of local appointment authority (Wheeler, R-North Aurora): Creates the Representative Special District Act. Provides that all members of a governing board of a special district with the authority to levy any tax or assessment must be elected and not appointed except due to death, disability, resignation, or other inability of a member to perform his or her duties. Provides for election procedures to elect members to replace appointed members. Further provides that an appointed member's term will terminate after his or her successor is elected and qualified.

The DuPage County Board currently appoints over 150 individuals to serve on special district boards. Since the enactment of the ACT Initiative in 2012, the county has worked closely with these two dozen plus appointed agencies to improve transparency, implement ethics and procurement reform, share services, and consolidate as appropriate under Public Act 98-0126. Removing the authority of a county board to appoint these individuals by adding yet another “under the radar” unit of government on the ballot does not ensure that the entity will be more responsive to its taxpayers.

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Revenue & Finance Committee on April 6.



(Oppose continued):

HB 5707 – Municipal Adjudication of Speeding Tickets (Willis, D-Addison): Amends the Illinois Municipal Code to permit that a municipality may adjudicate speeding tickets of up to 15 miles per hour over the posted speed limit through its administrative adjudication system (permitting a municipality to keep all revenues received from violations instead of allocating traffic fines through the current statutory distribution formula: 44.5% to the entity writing the ticket, 38.675% to the county and 16.8% to the state).

DuPage County spends over \$45 million annually to support the operations of the 18th Judicial Circuit, the second largest court system in the state. Revenues received from traffic violations currently support the offices of the State’s Attorney, Circuit Court Clerk, the Judiciary, Court Security personnel (Sheriff), Jury Commission, Crime Lab, Children’s Center, Drug and Mental Health Courts, Probation, and Public Defender. As a significant percentage of traffic violations include speeding, enactment of this legislation **would cost the county’s court system millions of dollars in lost revenues needed to support these vital agencies. The State of Illinois (State Police) would also lose tens of millions of dollars in traffic revenues. In addition, the Secretary of State’s Office would not receive reports of these speeding violations causing significant public safety concerns.**

Status: The bill will be considered by the House Transportation, Vehicles & Safety Committee on April 5.

SB 2416 – Abolish State Board of Health (Haine, D-Alton): Abolishes the State Board of Health. Transfers responsibility for developing a State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) from the Board to the Department of Public Health. Amends the Alternative Health Care Delivery Act. Transfers certain functions under the Act from the Board to the Department of Public Health. Amends the Counties Code. Requires plans for certain facilities to be submitted to and approved by the Director of Public Health (instead of the Secretary of the State Board of Health. In a provision concerning the retirement of reporting measures by the Department, requires the Department to obtain approval from the Hospital Report Card and Consumer Guide to Health Care Advisory Committee (instead of the Board). Amends the Communicable Disease Prevention Act. In a provision concerning the adoption of rules requiring immunization of children, requires the Department (instead of the Board) to conduct 3 public hearings before the rule is adopted.

The State Board of Health is a professional advisory board that plays an important role in the delivery of public health throughout the State of Illinois. The board for example provides an inexpensive team of experts for both local health departments and the Illinois Department of Public Health. This expertise cannot be duplicated at either the state or local level without increased expenditures. The board also reviews rules promulgated by IDPH and offers advice and acts as an unofficial arbiter when local health departments and IDPH have different viewpoints.

Status: The bill will be considered by the Senate Public Health Committee on April 5.