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Legislative Update Week of May 9, 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/Clayborne, D-East St. Louis): Provides that a water authority may be dissolved upon referendum of the electors of the water authority. As amended, the legislation excludes the City of Chicago, changes the number of electors required to file a petition to dissolve a water authority and provides that any remaining monies of a dissolved water authority be paid proportionately to the township or townships in which the water authority is situated or to the county or counties in the case of any authority that is located outside of a township.
Status: The bill was adopted by the House by a vote of 115-1-0 and is scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Local Government Committee on May 11.

HB 4462 – EpiPens/trained school personnel (Mussman, D-Schaumburg/Nybo, R-Elmhurst): As adopted by the House, creates the Annie LeGere Law to provide 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. Sets forth criteria for the development of a training program. 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 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 was adopted by the House by a vote of 115-0 and is on the Order of Second Reading in the Senate.

HB 4501 – Extension of DuPage Efficiency Model Statewide (Yingling, D-Grayslake/Cullerton, T., D-Villa Park): 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 this landmark legislation which for the first time, allowed the DuPage County Board to thoughtfully consider the potential dissolution of defined county

(Support Continued):

appointed (non-elected) agencies that deliver public services. To date, under the County's ACT (Accountability, Consolidation & Transparency) Initiative, the county has dissolved several government agencies and more importantly, by changing the culture of government spending, saved local taxpayers over $100 million. Chairman Cronin testified in support of the legislation on April 6.
Status: The bill was adopted by the House by a vote of 93-19 and is scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Committee on Local Government on May 11.

HB 5593 – Opioid Addiction Education (Lang, D-Skokie/Bush, D-Grayslake): Provides that all programs serving persons with substance abuse 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. Also provides that the Department shall develop educational materials supported by research and updated periodically.
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 was adopted by the House by a vote of 115-0 and is on the Order of Second Reading in the Senate.

HB 5781 – Disposal of Meds (Bellock, R-Hinsdale/Connelly, R-Lisle): Establishes procedures to provide that police officers, coroners, and medical examiners may dispose of unused medications found at the scene of a death after consulting with the law enforcement agency investigating the death. Removing opioid prescription medications helps to ensure that highly addictive mediations are not redistributed or disposed of improperly.
Status: This bill was adopted by the House by a vote of 104-0 and is scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Criminal Law Committee on May 11.

HB 6261 – County Board of Health Powers (Sandack, R-Downers Grove/Connelly, R-Lisle): 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. Passage of this legislation will enable county health departments to reduce costs and share services by entering into agreements with other entities to deliver services beyond its boundaries.
Status: This bill was adopted by the House by a vote of 115-0 and is scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Committee on Public Health May 10.

SB 2227 – Unfunded Mandates (Holmes, D-Aurora/Kifowit, D-Aurora): Provides that the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity shall compile a report on all effective state mandates. Specifies information that may be included in the report.
Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate by a vote of 53-0 and is assigned to the House Rules Committee.

(Support continued):

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.

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Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate Public Health Committee by a vote of 9-0 and remains on the Order of Third Reading in the Senate (deadline extended until May 13).

SB 2994 – Appointed Bodies Report (Cullerton, T., D-Villa Park/McSweeney, R-Cary): Requires counties to submit to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2017, a report identifying any local public entity that the county board or county board chairman appoints members to, including when the body was created and whether or not the entity levies a property tax among other items.
Status: The bill was adopted by the Senate by a vote of 57-0 and is scheduled for a hearing before the House Counties & Townships Committee on May 12.

Oppose:

SB 2816 – Municipal Adjudication of Speeding Tickets (Harmon, D-Oak Park): As introduced, the bill 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 municipality (or 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 help to 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 fine revenues received by the state. In addition, the Secretary of State's Office would not receive reports of these speeding violations causing significant public safety concerns.** The bill was shelled in committee.

(Oppose continued):

Status: The bill (as a shell) was adopted by the Senate Local Government Committee by a vote of 7-1-1 and is on the Order of Third Reading in the Senate (deadline extended to May 13).

Appropriation Issues

Support:

- **SB 2966 – Annual Funding of CMAP** (Biss, D-Skokie): Provides a continuing appropriation of $5 million annually to support the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) including $3.5 million to fund CMAP – the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. CMAP provides valuable technical assistance and support to Cook and the Collar Counties as well as critical grant dollars to support county programs.