



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board  
**From:** CMAP Staff  
**Date:** February 6, 2013  
**Re:** State Legislative Update

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The 98<sup>th</sup> session of the Illinois General Assembly began precariously as members arrived in Springfield with the news of the state's credit rating downgraded to A- by Standard and Poor's; now the lowest in the nation. The creditors cited inaction by the Illinois General Assembly on the state's unpaid pension obligations as the result of the lower rating. The state has \$96 billion in unpaid pension obligations. Many other critical issues will continue to be overshadowed until the General Assembly can pass a sustainable solution to address pension system reform and stabilize the budget.

Over 2,400 bills have been filed and CMAP staff has begun its bill review process. The bills included either follow [CMAP's 2013 State Legislative Framework](#) and [Agenda](#) or are of interest to CMAP and its partners. Since the session is just getting underway, subsequent reports will include more relevant and appropriate information of these and other bills as they are introduced, including more detailed reviews, and if necessary CMAP's recommended position. A committee list is also provided for your reference.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Informational

**CMAP BILL LIST – 02/04/2013**

HB2	Patricia R. Bellock	GRANT FUNDS RECOVERY ACT	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee
<p>**** Sets forth requirements for persons/agencies receiving state grant funds.</p>					
HB67	Lou Lang	PROP TX-GREEN ENERGY SSA	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
<p>**** Allows municipalities and counties to create green special service areas and to levy taxes or sell bonds to finance them.</p>					
HB73	Naomi D. Jakobsson	STATE HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTIONS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee
<p>**** Provides that, beginning in State fiscal year 2015, contributions required for the basic program of group health benefits shall be calculated using a sliding scale that takes into account the following variables: (i) length of service, (ii) ability to pay, (iii) pension income, (iv) Medicare eligibility, and (v) whether an individual has made an election under a specific provision of the Illinois Pension Code.</p>					
HB75	La Shawn K. Ford	DCEO-BUSINESS DATABASE	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Business Growth & Incentives Committee
<p>**** Requires DCEO to create a searchable database of businesses in Illinois and for those businesses to pay a registration fee based on their numbers of employees.</p>					
HB86	Jack D. Franks	VEH CD-PENALTIES: REGISTRATION	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee
<p>**** Imposes a \$25 parking fine for having expired license plates.</p>					
HB88	Jack D. Franks	INC TX-PROP TX CREDIT-DISABLED	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
<p>**** Provides that, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, if the taxpayer qualifies for the disabled persons' homestead exemption under the Property Tax Code, then the taxpayer is entitled to a credit equal to 10% (instead of 5%) of real property taxes paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year on the qualifying property. Provides that the credit may not be carried forward or back and may not reduce the taxpayer's liability to less than zero.</p>					
HB89	Jack D. Franks	PROP TX-FALLING EAV	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
<p>**** If the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district is less than the total EAV for the previous year, then the extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the CPI during the preceding levy year or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters).</p>					

HB90	Jack D. Franks	PROP TX-HOMESTEAD PROTECTION	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Allows county treasurers to pay delinquent taxes for taxpayers eligible for the homestead exemption in exchange for placing a lien on the property for repayment of the taxes.				
HB91	David McSweeney	INC TX-RATES	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education Committee
****	Reduces the income tax rate to 3% for individuals, trusts, and estates and 4.8% for corporations.				
HB92	David McSweeney	PEN CD-CLOSE GARS/END ACCRUALS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Provides that no participant shall accrue service credit on or after January 14, 2015, and no member shall become a participant on or after January 14, 2015.				
HB95	David McSweeney	PTELL-EXTENSION LIMITATION	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Provides that, for tax years 2013 through 2015, the property tax extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters).				
HB96	André M. Thapedi	PEN CD-CLOSE STATE SYSTEMS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Moves teachers out of the state health insurance program into a new teachers program to be funded by schools and universities.				
HB98	Elaine Nekritz	PEN CD-REFORM STATE SYSTEM	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Reiterates the pension bill Nekritz introduced in the veto session that required state employees to contribute more to their pensions, work longer before collecting them and to forego cost-of-living increases until age 67, among other provisions. SB35 is the companion bill.				
HB116	Jeanne M Ives	PEN CD-SERVICE CREDIT-BOARDS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Prohibits members of state boards and commissions from accruing credits in SERS.				
HB122	Greg Harris	HISTORIC REHAB TAX CREDIT	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Authorizes tax credits against Illinois income taxes and insurance company privilege taxes for 25% of the costs of rehabilitating eligible historic property.				
HB124	Jehan A. Gordon-	ROTA-RIVER EDGE-EXEMPT	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue

	Booth				& Finance Committee
****	Provides that a building materials exemption for River Edge Redevelopment Zones applies to all real estate (now, only industrial or commercial projects).				
HB125	Jehan A. Gordon-Booth	CNTY JT REGIONAL PLANNING	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee
****	Adds a new Section regarding the powers of the joint regional planning commission. Provides that any real property sold or conveyed by the commission must be appraised by a licensed and certified appraiser, and the appraisal shall be available for public inspection. Sets forth the contract requirements concerning the purchase of real property by the commission. Not sure if it applies to CMAP or not.				
HB140	Jack D. Franks	RTA BOARD-ELIMINATE BENEFITS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Mass Transit Committee
****	Eliminates compensation and pension benefits for RTA board members.				
HB150	Thomas Morrison	PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Beginning in taxable year 2013, increases the maximum income limitation under the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption from \$55,000 to \$75,000 for applicants who have occupied the residence for 5 years or more.				
HB151	Thomas Morrison	PROP TX-EX PARTE COMMUNICATE	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Provides that the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of Review shall each maintain a public log detailing ex parte communications involving property tax appeals.				
HB156	Barbara Flynn Currie	DATE OF BUDGET SUBMISSION	01/29/2013	House	Assigned to Executive Committee
****	Requires the Governor to submit a State budget not later than the first Wednesday in March in 2013 (March 6, 2013).				
HB164	JoAnn D. Osmond	PUB FUNDS-FOREST PRESERVES	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee
****	Allows forest preserve districts to purchase bonds issued by other governmental units.				
HB166	Rita Mayfield	SCH DIST-LOC GOV-TAX-ENVIRON	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Allows school boards and local public entities to levy a tort immunity tax for the purpose of paying judgments and settlements under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 and the Environmental Protection Act until December 31, 2014.				
SB1	John J. Cullerton	PEN CD-REFORM STATE SYSTEMS	01/30/2013	Senate	Assigned to Executive
****	Reiterates Cullerton's bill from the 97th GA requiring state retirees to choose between state-funded health care or compounded annual cost-of-living allowances.				
SB33	Pamela J. Althoff	EPA-RULES-DOCUMENT SUBMISSION	01/30/2013	Senate	Assigned to

\*\*\*\* Requires the electronic submission of any information required to be submitted to the EPA pursuant to any State or federal law or regulation or any court or Illinois Pollution Control Board order.

SB46 Michael W. Frerichs U OF I PRAIRIE RESEARCH INST 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Higher Education

\*\*\*\* Makes changes concerning the Green Governments Coordinating Council and references to the Illinois Natural History Survey, the Illinois State Water Survey, and the Illinois State Geological Survey.

SB52 John M. Sullivan USE/OCC TX-GASOHOL 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Agriculture and Conservation

\*\*\*\* Amends several use tax acts and provides that certain portions of the proceeds may be used for grants programs including next generation and renewable fuels programs, infrastructure, and R&D.

SB1155 Thomas Cullerton CNTY MUNI-CRIME FREE HOUSING 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Local Government

\*\*\*\* Allows municipalities and counties to set up crime-free housing ordinances.

SB1158 Heather A. Steans ALT FUELS-USER FEES 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Executive

\*\*\*\* Imposes user fees for the use of alternative fuel vehicles.

**SENATE & HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS (COMMITTEES OF INTEREST ONLY)**

Senate		
Senate Appropriations II	Thursday 9:00 am Capitol Room 212	Chair (C) – Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) Vice (VC) – Trotter (D-Chicago) Minority Spokesperson (MS) – Rose (R-Champaign)
Senate Environment	Thursday 11:00 am Capitol Room 409	C – Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) VC – Trotter (D-Chicago) MS – Rose (R-Champaign)
Senate Executive	Wednesday 3:00 pm Capitol Room 212	C – Harmon (D-Oak Park) VC – Silverstein (D-Chicago) MS – Murphy (R-Palatine)
Senate Revenue	Wednesday 5:00 pm Capitol Room 409	C – Hutchison (D-Chicago Heights) VC – Noland (D-Elgin) MS – Althoff (R-Crystal Lake)
Senate Transportation	Tuesday 5:00 pm Capitol Room 212	C – Sandoval (D-Chicago) VC – Hutchison (D-Chicago Heights) MS – McConnaughay (R-Elgin)

House		
Appropriations – General Services	TBA	C – Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates) VC – Hernandez (D-Chicago)
Appropriations – Public Safety	TBA	C – Arroyo (D-Chicago) VC – Hoffman (D-Belleville)
Economic Development	TBA	C – Farnham (D-Vernon Hills) VC – Walsh (D – Joliet)
Environment	TBA	C – McAsey (D-Joliet) VC – Sente (D-Lincolnshire)
Executive	TBA	C – Burke (D-Chicago) VC – Rita (D-Blue Island)
Mass Transit	TBA	C – Mell (D-Chicago) VC – Sims (D-Chicago)
Revenue & Finance	TBA	C – Bradley (D-Marion) VC – Zalewski (D-Chicago)
Small Business Empowerment & Workforce Development	TBA	C – Ford (D-Chicago) VC – Walsh (D-Joliet)
Transportation: Regs, Rds., Bridges (tech review only)	TBA	C – Beiser (D-Alton) VC – Hurley (D-Chicago)
Transportation: Vehicle Safety	TBA	C – D’Amico (D-Chicago) VC – Beiser (D-Alton)
Special Committee on Business Growth & Incentives	TBA	C – Sente (D-Lincolnshire) VC – Fine (D-Glenview)
Special Committee on Housing	TBA	C – Golar (D-Chicago) VC – Mell (D-Chicago)
Special Committee on Tollway Oversight	TBA	C – Rita (D-Blue Island) VC – Ford (D-Chicago)

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