



MEMORANDUM

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

The 98th 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

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| HB2 | Patricia R. Bellock | GRANT FUNDS RECOVERY ACT | 01/30/2013 | House | Assigned to State Government Administration Committee |
| **** Sets forth requirements for persons/agencies receiving state grant funds. | | | | | |
| HB67 | Lou Lang | PROP TX-GREEN ENERGY SSA | 01/30/2013 | House | Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee |
| **** Allows municipalities and counties to create green special service areas and to levy taxes or sell bonds to finance them. | | | | | |
| HB73 | Naomi D. Jakobsson | STATE HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTIONS | 01/30/2013 | House | Assigned to State Government Administration Committee |
| **** 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. | | | | | |
| HB75 | La Shawn K. Ford | DCEO-BUSINESS DATABASE | 01/30/2013 | House | Assigned to Business Growth & Incentives Committee |
| **** 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. | | | | | |
| HB86 | Jack D. Franks | VEH CD-PENALTIES: REGISTRATION | 01/30/2013 | House | Assigned to Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee |
| **** Imposes a \$25 parking fine for having expired license plates. | | | | | |
| HB88 | Jack D. Franks | INC TX-PROP TX CREDIT-DISABLED | 01/30/2013 | House | Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee |
| **** 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. | | | | | |
| HB89 | Jack D. Franks | PROP TX-FALLING EAV | 01/30/2013 | House | Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee |
| **** 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). | | | | | |

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| 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 |

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| | 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 | | |
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| 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) |

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| 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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