



# ILLINOIS CHAMBER

## Rail Report

March 1, 2023

### *Highlights from Today:*

The House was in Springfield for this week's second day of session. No action of note occurred on the floor while committee hearings were held throughout the day. Over 1300 shell bills were moved out of committees.

The House will return tomorrow Thursday, March 2nd at 1 pm while the Senate will not return until Tuesday, March 7th.

### **Committee Action of Note:**

[HB 2068](#), **Transportation Benefits Program** passed out of the Labor & Commerce Committee by a vote of 17-0-0. This bill creates the Transportation

Benefits Program Act. Requires all covered employers to provide a program that allows a covered employee to elect to exclude from taxable wages and compensation the employee's commuting costs incurred for the purchase of a transit pass to use public transit or for the purchase of qualified parking, up to a maximum level allowed by federal tax law. Provides that all transit agencies shall market the existence of this program and the Act to their riders in order to inform affected employees and their employers.

[HB 2088](#), **INS Supplier Diversity** passed out of the State Government Administration Committee by a vote of 6-3-0. This bill provides that every company authorized to do business in the State or accredited by the State with assets of at least \$50,000,000 shall submit a report on its voluntary supplier diversity program, or the company's procurement program if there is no supplier diversity program, to the Department of Insurance. Provides that the voluntary supplier diversity report shall set forth specified information. Provides that each company is required to submit a report to the Department on or before April 1, 2024, and on or before April 1 every year thereafter. Provides that the Department shall publish the results of supplier diversity reports on its Internet website for 5 years after submission. Provides that the Department shall hold an annual insurance company supplier diversity workshop in July of 2024 and every July thereafter to discuss the reports with representatives of the companies and vendors. Provides that the Department shall prepare a one-page template for the voluntary supplier diversity reports. Provides that the Department may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions.

[HB 2222](#), **Healthcare Facility/Antitrust** passed out of the House Judiciary Civil Committee by a vote of 10-5-0. This bill amends the Illinois Antitrust Act. Provides that documentary material, transcripts of oral testimony, or answers to interrogatories obtained in an investigation of a violation of the Act may be used by the Attorney General in any administrative or judicial action or proceeding. Provides that information voluntarily produced to the Attorney General for purposes of an investigation of a violation of the Act or information provided to the Attorney General under a notice requirement shall be treated as if produced pursuant to a subpoena for purposes of maintaining the confidentiality of such information. Provides that health care facilities that are party to a covered transaction shall provide notice of such transaction to the Attorney General no later than 60 days prior to the transaction closing or effective date of the transaction. Provides that any health care facility that fails to comply with the notice requirement is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 per day for each day during which the health care facility is in violation of the requirement. When the Attorney General has reason to believe that a health care facility has engaged in or is engaging in a covered transaction without complying with the notice requirement, allows the Attorney General to apply for and obtain a temporary restraining order or injunction prohibiting

the health care facility from continuing its noncompliance or doing any act in furtherance thereof.

[HB 2231](#), **Common Carrier** passed out of the House Judiciary Civil Committee by a vote of 10-3-0. This bill amends the Transportation Network Providers Act. Deletes language: (i) providing that a Transportation Network Company is not deemed to own, control, operate, or manage the vehicles used by Transportation Network Company drivers, and is not a taxicab association or a for-hire vehicle owner; and (ii) providing that Transportation Network Companies or Transportation Network Company drivers are not common carriers, contract carriers or motor carriers, as defined by applicable State law, nor do they provide taxicab or for-hire vehicle service.

[HB 2247](#), **Landscape Architects Continued Education** passed out of Labor & Commerce by a vote of 17-0-0. This bill amends the Landscape Architecture Registration Act. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may adopt rules of continuing education for persons registered under the Act. Provides that the Department shall consider the recommendations of the Registered Landscape Architecture Registration Board in establishing the guidelines for the continuing education requirements. Provides that these requirements apply to any person seeking renewal or restoration under provisions concerning registration, renewal, and restoration of the Act.

[HB 2300](#), **IL Works Jobs Credit** passed out of the Labor & Commerce Committee by a vote of 27-0-0. This bill amends the Illinois Works Job Program Act. Provides that contractors or subcontractors may be eligible to earn bid credits for employing apprentices who have completed the Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program (previously bid credits were available for public works contracted by the State). Provides that contractors and subcontractors can use bid credits toward future bids for public works projects contracted or funded by the State or an agency of the State in order to increase the likelihood that the contractor and the subcontractors are selected as the contractor for the public works project. Provides that, for contracts and grant agreements executed after the effective date of the amendatory Act, of a specified goal at least half of the labor hours of each prevailing wage classification performed by apprentices shall be performed by graduates of the Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may grant a reduction or waiver upon a determination that the contractor or subcontractor has demonstrated that insufficient graduates of the Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program are available to meet the requirements. Provides that contractors and subcontractors must submit a certification to the Department and the agency that is administering the contract, or the grant agreement funding the contract, demonstrating that the contractor or subcontractor has not complied with the

labor hour goals and did not receive a reduction or waiver. Provides the penalties for failing to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative.

[HB 2845](#), **Prevailing Wage/Biosolids** passed out of the Labor & Commerce Committee by a vote of 18-8-0. This bill amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the definition of "public works" also includes the removal, hauling, and transportation of biosolids, lime sludge, and lime residue from a water treatment plant or facility and the disposal of biosolids, lime sludge, and lime residue removed from a water treatment plant or facility at a landfill.

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