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ASSETS							
Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	Status	
			House	Senate		House	Senate
SB388	CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	Creates the Illinois Children's Savings Accounts Act. Creates a task force to review and make recommendations about children's savings accounts program options and to create a strategic implementation plan to create a savings account at birth for every child born in Illinois to Illinois residents. The Act provides criteria for the selection of the task force, which will be managed by the Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. By September 1, 2008, the task force will be required to hold at least four public meetings throughout the State, report on its findings, and create a strategic plan of implementation. As personal savings rates in the U.S. are at the lowest since the Great Depression, this act will serve as a economic safeguard as it encourages greater equality in asset development and promotes financial planning from an early age.	Marlow Colvin -Pamela Althoff -Michael Noland	Jacqueline Collins - William Delgado -Dale Righter	Illinois Asset Building Group Gina Guillemette Heartland Alliance, 773-336-6083 Dory Rand Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, 312-368-2007 Illinois Community Action Association	Sent to Governor 6/22/07	
HB1100	ROAD SAFETY AND MANDATORY INSURANCE ACT	This bill would enable people without Social Security numbers to get a driving privilege document, so that all Illinois drivers can be licensed and insured. This bill would allow officials to track who is on our roads, lower insurance rates by reducing the number of uninsured drivers and hit-and-run accidents, include large portions of the population in databases also used by law enforcement agencies, and also slow the proliferation of false documents.	Edward Acevedo - Elizabeth Hernandez -Cynthia Soto -Paul Froehlich -David Miller	Antonio Munoz -Martin Sandoval -Iris Martinez	Mehrdad Azemun Illinois Coalition on Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 312-332-7360 x*814	Placed on Calendar order of third reading 5/ /16/ 2007	Placed on calendar order of 3rd reading 5/16/07 5/15//07

SB1446	WE WANT TO LEARN ENGLISH INITIATIVE	1.1 million people in Illinois --both US-born and foreign-born-- have difficulty speaking English. This proposal seeks \$25 million per year to fund the "We Want to Learn English Initiative" to be administered by the Illinois Community College Board. The program would increase English classes for immigrants and refugees across a variety of community organizations, expand existing programs to reach more individuals, and promote stronger partnerships between education and job training programs.		Martin Sandoval	Mehrdad Azemun Illinois Coalition on Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 312-332-7360 x*814	Passed Both Houses 7/11/07
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CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS REFORM

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	House	Senate
HB8	AMENDMENT TO LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ACT	This bill would require greater disclosure of lobbyist contracts and create an administrative enforcement process to ensure compliance with the Act. Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act to impose revolving door restrictions on executive and legislative branch officers and employees. Amends the Secretary of State Act to give the Secretary of State Inspector General the authority to investigate lobbyist wrongdoing. Amends the General Assembly Staff Assistants Act concerning committee witness slips. Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act with respect to the following: registration, serving on boards and commissions, reports, gifts, and penalties.	House John Fritchey -Jack Franks -Elizabeth Coulson -Paul Froelich -William Black -Franco Coladipietro	Senate	Illinois Campaign for Political Reform 312-335-1767	Re-referred to Rules 5/25/07	Status Senate
SB222	JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT	This bill amends the Election Code, the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act and the Clerk of Courts Act. Would create a voluntary program of public financing option that would allow candidates for seats on the Illinois Appellate or Supreme Courts, with broad popular support and independence from financial donors, to receive public funds to run their campaigns.	House Cynthia Soto -Paul Froehlich -Elaine Nektriz -Elizabeth Coulson	Senate Kwame Raoul - Kirk Dillard - Don Harmon - Jacqueline Collins - Susan Garrett	Citizen Acton/IL Lynda de Laforge 312-427-2114. Illinois Campaign for Political Reform 312-335-1767	Re referred to Rules Committee 5/31/2007	Third Reading Passed, 046-012-000 5/2/07

CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	House	Senate
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HB82	PAYDAY LOAN CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT	Creates the Payday Loan Consumer Protection Act.	Lou Lang	Lou Lang	Rule 19(a), re-referred to Rules Committee 3/23/07	
HB83	CONSUMER PROTECTION PAYDAY REGULATION ACT	Creates the Consumer Loan and Payday Lenders Regulation Act	Lou Lang -Al Riley		Rule 19(a), re-referred to Rules Committee 3/23/07	
EDUCATION						
HB703	HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT AMOUNT Monetary Awards Program (MAP)	Bill Synopsis Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that the grant amount must not exceed the amount that equals the average tuition and necessary fees for undergraduate students at public universities in this State for the academic year no more than 2 years prior to the academic year for which grant assistance is being requested (now the amount is \$4,968) or the amount that equals the average tuition and necessary fees for undergraduate students at public universities in this State for the academic year for which grant assistance is being requested (instead of the amount that equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the institution of higher learning of all full-time undergraduate students). Effective July 1, 2007.	Sponsors House David Miller -Elaine Nekritz	Senate Don Harmon -Dan Cronin	Contact Org. Danielle Shaw Women Employed, 312-782-3902 x223	Status House Passed 116-000-000 3/28/07 Senate Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading May 8, 2007 5/3/07
HB1335	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECESS REQUIREMENT	This bill would mandate two-10 minute daily recesses for all elementary school students. Nine out of 10 elementary schools do not have recess at all, and a number have "silent lunches" as well. Empirical data shows that recess time has a positive correlation with higher test score. Recess also improves social, emotional and physical well-being.	Mary Flowers		Kellie Magnuson Community Organizing and Family Issues	Passed 111-005-000 5/1/07 Referred to Rules 5/8/07

<p>HB1330</p>	<p>ENSURING SUCCESS IN SCHOOLS ACT</p>	<p>The law would 1) ensure that youth who are parents, expectant parents, or the victims of domestic or sexual violence are identified by schools in a manner respectful of their privacy and safety, treated with dignity and regard, and provided the protection, instruction, and related support services necessary to enable them to meet State educational standards and successfully attain a high school diploma; (2) ensure that Illinois school-level staff and policymakers understand and are sensitive to the needs and characteristics of such youth; (3) afford protections in a school setting to a population of youth who have historically been stigmatized and discriminated against; and (4) promote best practices in Illinois' schools.</p>	<p>Karen Yarbrough -Harry Osterman -Cynthia Soto -Kathleen Ryg -Rosemary Mulligan</p>	<p>Mattie Hunter -Iris Martinez -Jacqueline Collins</p>	<p>Wendy Pollack Women's Law and Policy Project Shriver Center wendypollack@povertylaw.org 312.263.3830 ext 238 Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition Coalition on Human Needs</p>	<p>Sent to Governor 7/16/07</p>
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ENERGY

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	House	Senate
<p>HB295</p>	<p>AMENDMENT TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT</p>	<p>This bill would change the repeal date of the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund from December 31, 2007, to December 31, 2013. If passed, this amendment would insure that the Illinois Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) would continue for six more years. Illinois LIHEAP fund makes available approximately \$70-\$80 million per year for the LIHEAP program.</p>	<p>House -Marlow Colvin -Paul Froehlich -Karen Yarbrough -William Black -Barbara Flynn Currie</p>	<p>Senate Kwame Raoul</p>	<p>Illinois Community Action Association John T. Colgan 217-789-0215</p>	<p>Sent to Governor 6/13/07</p>	<p>Status Senate</p>

<p>HB1343</p>	<p>ENERGY- PERCENTAGE INCOME PLAN</p>	<p>Amends the Public Utilities Act and the Energy Assistance Act to create the Percentage of Income Payment Plan. Provides for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish a percentage of income payment plan for utility service to operate in conjunction with the energy assistance program. Provides that eligible households shall be required to pay not more than 6% of annual income for gas and electric service. Requires the Commerce Commission to establish a universal service surcharge to be imposed upon gas and electric service provided to consumers in Illinois. Provides for the moneys received under the surcharge to be deposited into the Universal Service Surcharge Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Provides for moneys in the fund to be used, subject to appropriation, to pay a provider of gas or electricity the amount by which the cost of gas or electricity provided to consumers participating in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan exceeded the amount paid by those participants to the provider for that gas or electricity. Amends the State Finance Act to add the Surcharge Fund to the list of special funds.</p>	<p>Mary Flowers</p>		<p>Re-referred to Rules Committee 5/25/07</p>	
<p>HB245</p>	<p>AMENDMENT TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT <i>Opposition</i></p>	<p>Amends the Energy Assistance Act. It provides that if a recipient of energy assistance ceases to receive winter energy service from an energy provider before the end of the winter, the energy provider shall credit the remaining unused balance of that recipient's energy assistance to the Local Administering Agency (LAA). The LAA would hold those moneys in escrow until the recipient resumes winter energy service. When the recipient resumes energy service, the LAA shall ensure that the escrowed moneys are credited to the recipient's new winter energy service account for the remainder of the winter. The LAA may transfer the escrowed moneys to a different LAA if the recipient moves to an area under the jurisdiction of a different LAA, and in that case the new LAA shall pay the moneys to the energy provider supplying winter energy service to the recipient. If the recipient does not establish another account for the supply of winter energy service during that winter, the original LAA may use escrowed moneys to make energy assistance grants for the following winter.</p>	<p>Dan Reis</p>	<p>Illinois Public Health Institute Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Action Council Chris Giangreco 312-814-8854</p>	<p>Rule 19(a), re-referred to Rules Committee 3/23/07</p>	

<p>SB175</p>	<p>AMENDMENT TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT <i>Opposition</i></p>	<p>Amends the Energy Assistance Act. Would give Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services authority to create an outreach program directed at low-income minority heads of households above the age of 60 to facilitate application for energy assistance. ICAA is opposed to this bill as drafted because it essentially replicates LIHEAP and suggests drawing off its funding.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Hernandez</p>	<p>Martin Sandoval -Kwame Raoul -Jacqueline Collins -William Delgado</p>	<p>Illinois Public Health Institute Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Action Council Chris Giangreco 312-814-8854</p>	<p>Sent to Governor 6/29/07</p>
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EX-OFFENDER

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	House	Senate	Status
<p>SB75</p>	<p>FIRST OFFENDER PROBATION PROGRAM (PROSTITUTION)</p>	<p>Allows judges to sentence those charged with first time felony prostitution to an alternative probation in lieu of prison time. Upon successful completion of the 24 months of probation, the case is dismissed and the offender avoids a criminal record. Modeled after the successful Section 410/710 probation for first time drug possession offenders.</p>	<p>House Robert Molaro -Constance Howard -Karen Yarbough</p>	<p>Senate Jacqueline Collins -Pamela Althoff -Mattie Hunter -William Delgado -Donne Trotter</p>	<p>Samir Goswami Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, 312-435-4548</p>	<p>Sent to Governor 6/20/07</p>		
<p>HB1517</p>	<p>Raising the Age of Juvenile Court</p>	<p>Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to defines "delinquent minor" as a person 18 years or younger, so that youth fewer youth are put through the adult corrections system. Also creates the Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force to provide the General Assembly with recommendations on extending juvenile court jurisdiction to youth age 17 charged with Class 3 or 4 felonies, and on extending juvenile court jurisdiction to youth age 17 charged with all remaining felony classifications.</p>	<p>Annazette Collins -Arthur Turner -Robert Molaro -Eddie Washington</p>	<p>AJ Wilhelm -John Cullerton</p>		<p>PASSED 064-050-000 4/25/07</p>	<p>Placed on Calendar Order of Concurrence Senate Amendment 1 5/25/07</p>	

	<p align="center">SMART ACT</p>	<p>The Substance abuse Management Addressing Recidivism through Treatment Act Provides the options for low-level, nonviolent drug and prostitution offenders to receive mental health screenings, drug addiction assessment, and attend drug school programs as a diversion measure. These services would cost less than \$300 per person and offenders who violate the sentence are convicted of a Class A misdemeanor instead of a felony. The act creates discretion for courts to order alternative sentencing and intensive treatment for repeat drug and prostitution offenders in appropriate cases. In September of 2005 alone, more than 3000 people were imprisoned in Illinois for low-level, nonviolent drug offenses. Thousands more cycle in and out of state prisons each year. The annual cost of keeping these nonviolent people in prison in Illinois is more than \$72,000,000.00. Yet, over 54% will return to prison within three years. Providing treatment instead of incarceration will reduce recidivism, stabilize families, save State dollars, and improve safety in communities.</p>		<p>Jennifer Kottler Protestants for the Common Good</p> <p>Inner-City Muslim Action Network</p>	
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FOOD SECURITY					
Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Status
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SB1267	HUNGER RELIEF INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF	Amends the Department of Public Aid Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the State Finance Act. Creates the Hunger Relief Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that, from appropriations to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services from the Fund, the Department shall make grants to members of the Illinois Food Bank Association for the purpose of making capital improvements, purchasing food, or acquiring other assets. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to create a tax checkoff for the Hunger Relief Fund. Effective immediately.		Michael Noland -Don Harmon -John Millner -David Koehler	Third Reading Deadline Extended to December 31, 2007 5/31/07
				Alicia Huguélet Greater Chicago Food Depository, 773-843-6706 Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn's Office	

HEALTH CARE					
Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Status
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<p>SB5</p>	<p>HEALTH CARE FOR ALL</p>	<p>Creates Illinois Health Care for All Act</p>	<p>Donne Trotter -David Koehler -Linda Holmes -Dan Kotowski -Rickey Hendon -Iris Martinez</p>	<p>Karen Berg Illinois Maternal Child and Health Coalition kberg@ilmaternal.org 312-491-8161, ext. 24</p>	<p>Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading June 1, 2007 5/31/07</p>
<p>SB545</p>	<p>CULTURALLY COMPETENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM</p>	<p>This bill provides the Illinois Dept. of Public Health with the authority to establish a demonstration program awarding grants to health care entities across the state in order to: Establish models that reflect best practices in culturally competent health care; Expand delivery of culturally competent health care in Illinois; Develop a collaborative learning project amongst grantees to share best practices; Require external evaluation of program to ensure efficacy. This bill takes into account the effect of socio-cultural factors, including but not limited to, race, ethnicity, geography, religious practices, and sexual orientation, on individual's health behaviors. This bill seeks to reduce disparities in incidence of sickness, life expectancy and access to quality health care based on aforementioned factors.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Hernandez -Elga Jeffries</p>	<p>William Delgado</p>	<p>Illinois Public Health Institute Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Action Council Chris Giangreco 312-814-8854</p> <p>Sent to Governor 7/27/07</p>

<p>SB544</p>	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES ACT</p>	<p>Amends the Language Assistance Act. Makes changes in the list of things a health facility must do to ensure access to health care information and services for limited-English-speaking or non-English-speaking residents and deaf residents. Provides that a facility must do all (instead of one or more) of the following: Adopt and review annually a policy for providing language assistance services to patients with language or communication barriers; Inform patients and their families of language access services at facilities by posting notices informing of the availability of interpreters, the procedure for obtaining an interpreter, and the telephone numbers to call for filing complaints concerning these services; Inform staff of language access services at their facility and how to make these services available to patients. The need for language assistance is growing in Illinois -- up 12% between 2000 and 2005. Limited language access puts patients at risk, leads to wasteful medical testing, higher health care costs, reduction in preventive care and an overall underutilization of resources.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Hernandez -Mary Flowers -William Davis</p>	<p>William Delgado -Antonio Munoz</p>	<p>Illinois Public Health Institute Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Action Council Chris Giangreco 312-814-8854</p>	<p>Sent to Governor 6/29/07</p>
<p>SB547</p>	<p>HEALTH DATA TASK FORCE</p>	<p>Establishes a Health Data Task Force in the Dept. of Public Health, setting out its plan and composition. This task force is to work with an independent non-profit organization in developing a plan to create a linked health data system that measures, analyzes, and reports on the health status of Illinois residents as means of reducing health disparities. Improved collection of health data would allow legislators to develop policies that address real-time barriers to health and well-being among Illinois residents, as well as promote evidence-based health care programming.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Coulson -Patricia Bellock -Sandra Pihos -Ruth Munson -Rosemary Mulligan</p>	<p>William Delgado -Donne Trotter</p>	<p>Illinois Public Health Institute Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Action Council Chris Giangreco 312-814-8854</p>	<p>Sent to Governor 6/29/07</p>
<p>HB1536</p>	<p>SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER FUNDING</p>	<p>This bill seeks a \$5 million General Revenue appropriation to the Department of Human Services for operations of school-based health centers.</p>	<p>Rosemary Mulligan -Harry Osterman -Sara Feigenholtz -Elizabeth Coulson</p>		<p>Karen Berg Illinois Maternal Child and Health Coalition kberg@ilmaternal.org 312-491-8161, ext. 24</p>	<p>Assigned to Appropriations-Human Services 2/27/07</p>

SB715	SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER ACT	Requires the Department of Human Services to initiate twenty new school health centers over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2007, as well as build capacity with existing school health centers in the State.	Sara Feigenholtz -Julie Hamos -Rosemary Mulligan -Harry Osterman -Barbara Flynn Currie	Donne Trotter -Iris Martinez -Mattie Hunter	Karen Berg Illinois Maternal Child and Health Coalition kberg@ilmaternal.org 312-491-8161, ext. 24	Sent to Governor 6/29/07
	IMMIGRANT CHILDREN HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT	The proposed Immigrant Children's Health Improvement Act (ICHIA) would allow states to provide this medical coverage, under SCHIP and Medicaid, to lawfully residing children and pregnant women, with no waiting period.			Katherina Vargas National Immigration Law Center vargas@nilc-dc.org	
HB1256	EXPAND HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that in establishing eligibility standards in connection with Medicaid for persons with disabilities who are employed and eligible for Medicaid, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall (i) set the income eligibility standard at not lower than 350% of the federal poverty level, (ii) exempt the income of the person's spouse, the unearned income of the person's dependent child under the age of 18 years, and retirement accounts that the person cannot access without penalty until the age of 59 1/2, and (iii) allow non-exempt assets up to \$25,000. Effective immediately.	Sara Feigenholtz -Harry Osterman -Patricia Bellock	Don Harmon	Liz Mazur Shriver Center lizmazur@povertylaw.org	Sent to Governor 7/5/07

HOUSING					
Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Status
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<p>HB728 SB445</p>	<p>REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX (RETT)</p>	<p>The Open Doors, Open Lands Campaign is proposing to reform the state Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT). In FY 2006, the RETT generated roughly \$116 million for affordable housing, conservation, and open space through a flat tax on the sales price of a property. The proposal would create a 4-tiered progressive rate structure for the RETT that lowers the tax on properties under \$500,000 and raises the tax on high-end properties. This would generate an estimated \$215 million per year, including \$49.5 million in new funding for the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The proposal also includes a 20% set aside of Trust Fund resources for supportive housing, Real Estate Transfer Tax Reform.</p>	<p>Art Turner</p>	<p>Iris Martinez -Mattie Hunter -Kimberly Lightford</p>	<p>Bob Palmer Housing Action Illinois 312-939-6074 Business and Professional People for the Public Interest Sussannah Levine 312-759-8260</p>	<p>Rule 19(a), re-referred to Rules Committee 3/23/07</p> <p>Third Reading Deadline Extended to December 31, 2007 5/31/07</p>
<p>SB534</p>	<p>AMENDMENT TO SAFE HOMES</p>	<p>Authorizes tenants to request that a landlord change the locks if one or more of the tenants reasonably believes that resident is under threat of domestic or sexual violence at the premises, and deletes a requirement that the threat be from a person who is not a lessee under the lease. Requires a tenant requesting a change of locks because of a threat of violence from another lessee to include with the request a plenary order of protection or a plenary civil no contact order granting the tenant exclusive possession of the premises. The amendment, to be effective immediately, also aims to codify the process of changing locks, giving keys and other related legal issues.</p>	<p>Patricia Lindner -Harry Osterman -Elga Jeffries</p>	<p>Kwame Raoul -Jacqueline Collins -Donne Trotter -David Koheler -Linda Holmes</p>	<p>Bob Palmer Housing Action Illinois 312-939-6074</p>	<p>Sent to Governor 6/27/07</p>
<p>HB1682</p>	<p>TIF HOUSING INNOVATIONS PROGRAMMING ACT</p>	<p>The Tax Incremental Financing Housing Innovations Programming (TIF HIP) Act allows property taxes in specified geographic areas to be used for economic development. This would allow for the allocation of TIF dollars to existing programs for alternative rental subsidies and purchase price assistance. This is enabling legislation, meaning it would not mandate the use of the TIF monies, but would allow them to be used for these purposes. This legislation would allow for direct and indirect expenditures for affordable housing. Families with incomes less than 80% of the median income are targeted by this provision.</p>	<p>Julie Hamos -Elga Jeffries -Harry Osterman</p>	<p>Michael Rohrbeck Maverick Advocates & Professionals, 312-217-4211</p>	<p>Rule 19(a), re-referred to Rules Committee 3/23/07</p>	

SB220	GOOD HOUSING GOOD SCHOOLS ACT	The Good Housing, Good Schools Act would further encourage and support municipalities advancing the preservation and "live near work" goals of the Governor's Comprehensive Housing Plan (2006). The incentive offered through this proposal-- for municipalities approving relevant affordable multi-family housing is funding for local school districts. This bonus--\$1, 120 for each two-bedroom unit, \$560 for each additional bedroom-- would be paid by the State Board of Education directly to the affected school district. The annual estimated cost of the bonus is less than \$5 million. The bills benefits local employers, school districts and all levels of government by supporting healthy communities -- quality schools and affordable housing.	Karen Yarbough	Iris Martinez -Terry Link -Jacqueline Collins -James Meeks -Kimberly Lightford	Robin Snyderman Metropolitan Planning Council, 312-863-6007	Sent to Governor 6/22/07
SB258	RENTERS FORECLOSURE PROTECTION	Ensures that renters that are living in a property facing foreclosure can stay at least through the end of their lease, provided they are current on their rent.	Al Riley -Karen Yarbough -Arthur Turner -Sidney Mathias -Wyveter Young	Maggie Crotty -Jacqueline Collins		Sent to Governor 6/20/07

HUMAN SERVICES

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.		Status	
			House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate
HB2253	Cost of Doing Business Trust Fund	This bill in contingent on the passing of HB/SB750. It would: Create a CODB Trust Fund with new money generated by Hb/SB750 totalling \$175 million in year one; make Fund monies available for a cost of doing business adjustment annually for purchase of care contracts and grant agreements amounting to a 3% cost of doing business increase in 1 year; and ensure funds are dispersed to specific eligible Departments and to service providers that advocate for increases through standard channels.	Michael Madigan -Barbara Flynn Currie		Center for Tax and Budget Accountability Dia Cirillo dcirillo@ctbaonline. org 312-332-6522	Re-referred to Rules Committee 5/25/07		

<p>HB878 SB727</p>	<p>50 CENTS FOR FAIRNESS</p>	<p>Over 20,000 direct care workers employed by state-funded community agencies have not received a COLA increase for the second year in a row. This legislation would appropriate \$68 million for community agencies serving the developmentally disabled, enough for a 50 cent raise and a 3% non-personnel cost of doing business increase.</p>	<p>Lisa Dugan -Mike Boland -Jack McGuire -Harlow Colvin -Rovert Flider</p>	<p>AJ Wilhelm - David Koelher -Michael Frerichs -Iris Martinez -Larry Bomke</p>	<p>Assigned to Human Services Appropriations Committee 2/15/07</p>	<p>Referred to Rules 2/8/07</p>
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POVERTY

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	Status	
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HJR46	EXTREME POVERTY RESOLUTION	Seeks to engage leaders of the General Assembly in the development of a multi-issue Poverty Eradication Strategy. Applauds the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for agreeing to facilitate public hearings on the critical issue of extreme poverty in Illinois and urges members of the General Assembly and local stakeholders to attend the hearings.	William Davis -Sandra Pihos -John Bradley -Lisa Dugan		Doug Schenkelberg Heartland Alliance, 773-336-6084	Adopted 010-000-000 5/16/07	Referred to Rules 6/5/07

REVENUE REFORM

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	Status	
			House	Senate		House	Senate
HB750 SB750	EDUCATION AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT	Amends the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act, the use and occupation Acts, Property Tax Code, Motor Fuel Tax Law, and the School Code. The bill would accomplish education funding and fiscal reform by increasing the state's contribution to education funding while reducing reliance on local property taxes, eliminating the state's structural deficit, and enabling the state to provide essential public and human services. This would be achieved by increasing the state income tax from 3% to 5%, reducing property taxes statewide by over \$2.5 billion, expanding the sales tax base to include certain consumer services, increasing the corporate tax rate from 4.8% to 8%, and eliminating certain exemptions and related provisions.	David Miller -John Fritchey -Cynthia Soto -George Scully	James Meeks -Kwame Raoul -Kimberly Lightford -Jacqueline Collins -Rickey Hendon	Chrissy Mancini Center for Tax and Budget Accountability 312-332-1481	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Standard Debate 5/29/07 Final Action Deadline Extended-9(b) June 8, 2007 5/31/07	Assigned to Executive Committee Deadline extended to 3/30/07

TRANSPORTATION

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	Status	
			House	Senate		House	Senate

<p>HB801 SB1582</p>	<p>ILLINOIS CAPITAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT</p>	<p>Creates the Capital Investment Accountability Act. Requires the establishment of Statewide and District Prioritization Committees and sets forth procedures for their operation. Requires the committees to establish criteria and processes for reviewing, prioritizing, and selecting surface transportation projects. Sets forth procedures for the submission, review, and prioritization of projects. Requires legislative committees and the Department of Transportation to take certain actions with respect to adopting a comprehensive project prioritization plan. Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to make corresponding changes with respect to the submission dates of reports by the Department of Transportation. Effective immediately.</p>	<p>David Miller -Michael Tryon</p>	<p>Susan Garrett</p>	<p>Peter Skosey Metropolitan Planning Council, 312-863-6004</p>	<p>Re-referred to Rules Committee 5/25/07</p>	<p>Referred to Rules 2/9/07</p>
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WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	House	Senate
HJR 8	TASK FORCE EMPLOYMENT	Would reauthorize the Legislative Task Force on Employment of Persons with Past Criminal Convictions created by the House Joint Resolution 107 of the 94th General Assembly. Provides that the Task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before October 31, 2007.	House Constance Howard	Senate Donne Trotter	Margie Stapleton Shriver Center mstapleton@povert ylaw.org	Adapted both Houses	5/30/07
HJR49/ SJR65	TASK FORCE-JOBS	Urges the General Assembly to create a bipartisan task force that shall hold public hearings, gather evidence, develop, and propose legislation and ultimately furnish a report concerning business and job development in Illinois.	David Miller Don Moffitt	James Clayborne	Illinois Works for the Future Campaign Dia Cirillo Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, 312-332-6522 Rose Karasti Chicago Jobs Council, 312-252-0460	Placed on Calendar Order of Secretary's Desk Resolution s July 26, 2007	

WORK SUPPORTS

Bill	Name	Bill Synopsis	Sponsors		Contact Org.	House	Senate
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HB1683	FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM (FLIP)	The Family Leave Insurance Program would provide paid leave to an employee who is unavailable to work because of family health concerns. Funded by employee and employer premiums of 75 cents per week, the program would establish a maximum leave of 4 weeks/year with partial wage replacement for absence due to employee's serious illness, serious illness of family member, or for new parents (birth or adoption). The benefit amount would be capped at 67% of wages, and no more than \$380/week.	-Barbara Currie -Greg Harris	Julie Hamos	Melissa Josephs Women Employed, 312-782-3902 x234	Re-referred to Rules Committee 3/23/07	Referred to Rules 4/20/07
HB949	TANF - GRANT INCREASE	Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that beginning July 1, 2007, the Department of Human Services shall increase TANF grant amounts in effect June 3, 2007 by 15%.	-Monique Davis -Aaron Schock	Elga Jeffries	Margie Stapleton Shriver Center mstapleton@povert ylaw.org	House Amendment No. 1 Be Adopted Rules Committee; 003-000-000	Referred to Rules 4/20/07
SB338	INCOME TAX- EARNED INCOME CREDIT	Many low-income working families are not given their full amount of EITCs. This includes foster parents, parents of children permanently and totally disabled, parents of children under age 24 who are full time students during any five months of the year, parents of children turning 18 in a taxable year, and childless adults. This bill aims to remove statutory language that inhibits states from giving families the entire amount of EITC funding for which they qualify. Misinterpretation of four-year-old language regarding federal TANF block grant and Maintenance of Effort obligation has led to the withholding of state EITC refunds from several groups of tax filers.	-Barbara Flynn Currie -Patricia Reid Lindner -William Black -William Davis -Susana Mendoza	Barbara Flynn Currie -Patricia Reid Lindner -William Black -William Davis -Susana Mendoza	Make Work Pay Coalition Voices for Illinois Children Sean Noble 312-516-5566 Maneesha Date 312-516-5568	Sent to Governor 6/22/07	
HB557 SB339	INCOME TAX- EARNED INCOME CREDIT	This bill would gradually increase the amount of earned income tax credit from 5% of the federal tax credit to 1) 10% of the federal tax credit for teach taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2007, 2) 15% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009 3) 20% of the federal tax credit for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2012. Illinois current EITC of \$220 per family is the smallest of the nation's 21 state EITCs.	-Patricia Reid Lindner -William Black -William Davis -Susana Mendoza	Barbara Flynn Currie	Make Work Pay Coalition Voices for Illinois Children Sean Noble 312-516-5566 Maneesha Date 312-516-5568	Re-referred to Rules Committee 3/23/07	Referred to Rules 2/7/07

<p>SB12</p>	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE ILLINOIS INCOME TAX ACT</p>	<p>Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases the amount of the earned income tax credit from 5% of the federal credit to: (i) 7.5% of the federal tax credit for taxable years ending in calendar year 2007; and (ii) 10% of the federal tax credit for taxable years ending in calendar year 2008 or thereafter.</p>	<p>Barbara Flynn Currie -Patricia Reid Lindner -William Black -William Davis -Susana Mendoza</p>	<p>Jacqueline Collins -Gary Forby -James Clayborne Jr. -Linda Holmes -Mattie Hunter</p>	<p>Re-referred to Rules Committee 5-31-2007</p>	<p>PASSED 056-000-000 2/23/07</p>
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BUDGET ITEMS

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			<p>House</p>	<p>Senate</p>		
	<p>CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</p>	<p>Action for Children is working to monitor and maintain the current budget and level of service and quality initiatives in the Child Care Assistance Program.</p>			<p>Kate Mahar Ritter Action for Children, 773-697-6139</p>	
	<p>HOMELESS PREVENTION FUND</p>	<p>It Takes a Home to Raise A Child Campaign succeeded last year in securing \$11 million for the homeless prevention fund, which provides emergency rent, utility or mortgage assistance in times of crisis. Advocates for the fund are working to ensure that funding stays at \$11 million.</p>			<p>Samir Goswami Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, 312-435-4548</p>	
	<p>PRESCHOOL FOR ALL</p>	<p>Action for Children is working to secure funding for the second year roll-out of Preschool for All, a statewide early education program for children ages birth to five.</p>			<p>Kate Mahar Ritter Action for Children, 773-697-6139</p>	
	<p>INCREASE IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING MONEY</p>	<p>Seeking \$14.250 million, including \$3.9 million in new funding, for supportive housing services. The new funding will provide services for 30 supportive housing projects across the state, which serve 950 people.</p>			<p>Supportive Housing Providers Association of Illinois 773-588-0827</p>	
	<p>INCREASE STUDENT SUCCESS GRANT</p>	<p>Secure additional funding for the Student Success Grant so that each of Illinois' 48 community colleges can provide essential services like counseling and tutoring to the estimated 80,000 additional students who need support to realize the promise of education</p>			<p>Danielle Shaw Women Employed, 312-782-3902 x223</p>	

	FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	Establish a funding level of \$500,000 in IL Dept. of Human Services Budget, an increase of \$300,000 above previous funding levels.						
	SUPPORT FUNDING FOR STATE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM	Housing Action Illinois is seeking \$11.5 million in funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Grant Program to restore cuts in prior years and to better provide the case management and other services that emergency shelters and transitional housing are mandated to provide. Funding for the current fiscal year is \$8.8 million.				Bob Palmer Housing Action Illinois 312-939-6074		
	ACCESS TO RECOVERY CARE AND HOUSING (ARCH)	Invest \$5.74 million in housing, recovery services, and job training for 200 women on probation, supervision, and parole for drug-related and prostitution offenses. Includes and prioritizes family re-unification.				Samir Goswami Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, 312-435-4548		
	COST OF DOING BUSINESS	Provide a 3% Cost of Doing Business increase to programs not included in the FY08 budget. Family Case Management, Early Intervention and school health centers cites as crucial programs that failed to receive a 3% CODB increase. Total cost is \$7.8 million.				Karen Berg II Maternal and Child Health		
	TRANSITIONAL JOBS FOR ADULTS	Chicago Coalition for the Homeless is seeking a \$1.8 million investment in 10 statewide pilot projects. 5-Chicago and 5-statewide housing providers have been targeted.				Samir Goswami Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, 312-435-4548		
	TRANSITIONAL JOBS FOR HOMELESS YOUTH	Chicago Coalition for the Homeless is seeking \$2 million in funds to pilot 4-6 transitional jobs programs for homeless youth. DHS has asked the governor for a \$1 million budget allotment.				Samir Goswami or Dana Mueller Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, 312-435-4548		
	CHILDRENS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH	Increase children's social and emotional health supports by \$15 million in FY08.				Illinois Children Mental Health Partnership		

	<p>INCREASE NUMBER OF TEACHERS AT HARD-TO-STAFF SCHOOLS</p>	<p>Grow Your Own Illinois is seeking an appropriation of \$4.5 million for year two implementation of SB 466, which calls for the addition of 1,000 teachers to hard-to-staff schools by 2016.</p>			<p>Anne Hallett Grow Your Own Illinois, 773 209 8134</p>		
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