

## Government Affairs Update

### State of Illinois:

The General Assembly has reconvened for the second year of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Below are the issues that GCSI is monitoring and working with the Village on, and significant legislation that is being tracked:

### Significant Introduced Legislation for 2018:

- **Status of SB 2249 (Tax Compliance Fund-Transfer):**  
This bill amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985, provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 2% to 1%.  
Last Action: Assigned to Revenue (1/24/2018)
- **Status of HB 4101 (Tax Compliance Fund-Transfer):**  
This bill amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 2% to 1%.  
Last Action: Assigned to the Revenue & Finance Committee (2/2018).
- **Status of HB 4246 (Local Government Expenses):**  
This bill creates the Local Government Convention Expense Control Act. The bill provides that on or after the effective date of the Act, public funds shall not be expended by a unit of local government or expenses connected with attendance by an employee or contractor of the unit of local government at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes public funds expended (1) at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel of (2) pursuant to a entered into before the effective date of the Act. Effective immediately.  
Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (1/16/2018)
- **Status of HB 4247 (Convention Space Appropriation):**  
This bill amends the State Finance Act and provides that, for contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, State appropriations may not be expended to rent or pay for access to physical space for booths, hospitality suites, or other physical space for units of local government, school districts, community college districts, or other taxing bodies at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes appropriations for physical space expenditures at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel. Effective immediately.  
Last Action: Assigned to Executive Committee (1/24/2018)

- Status of HB 4248 (Convention Expense Limitations):**  
 This bill creates the Local Government Convention Expense Control Act. Provides that on or after the effective date of the Act, public funds shall not be expended by a unit of local government for expenses connected with attendance by an employee or contractor of the unit of local government at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes public funds expended (1) at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel or (2) pursuant to a contract entered into before the effective date of the Act. Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that, for contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act by units of local government, school districts, community college districts, or local taxing bodies, State appropriations shall not be expended to rent or pay for access to physical space for booths, hospitality suites, or other physical space at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes appropriations for physical space expenditures at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel. Effective immediately.  
Last Action: Referred to rules Committee (1/16/2018)
- Status of HB 4532 (Use/OCC-Motor Fuel-Local Government):**  
 This bill amends the State Finance Act, the Motor Fuel Tax Law, the Emergency Telephone System Act, the Riverboat Gambling Act, and the Video Gaming Act. Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation. Effective immediately.  
Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (2/2/2018)
- Status of HB 4990 (Tourism Promotion Grants):**  
 This bill amends the Illinois Promotion Act. Provides that grants from the Tourism Promotion Fund awarded to a unit of local government, municipal convention center, or convention center authority may be made by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity from appropriations for those purposes for any fiscal year, without regard to the fact that the qualification or obligation may have occurred in a prior fiscal year. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit a report on the effectiveness of the program no later than January 1, 2022 (currently, January 1, 2020). Effective immediately.  
Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (2/14/2018)
- Status of SB 1335 (Pencd-Dnst Fire-Secondary Empt):**  
 This bill amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires a unit of local government that employs a firefighter who is a full-time firefighter in a different downstate firefighter pension fund to make specified contributions to that downstate firefighter pension fund. Requires a specified additional contribution to the pension fund from that firefighter's primary employer.

Establishes reporting requirements. Authorizes the State comptroller to intercept State funds in the event the unit of local government does not make its required contribution to the primary employer's downstate pension fund. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1:**

Removes provisions requiring the primary employer to make an additional contribution. Adds a provision requiring the secondary employer to deduct an amount equal to 9.455% of the salaries and wages paid to the secondary employee and, concurrent with the certification of a specified report, shall contribute an amount equal to 9.455% of the salaries and wages paid to the secondary employee to the primary employer's pension fund for deposit to the credit of the pension fund. Specifies that the required contributions apply beginning on the first day of the primary employer's pension fund's first fiscal year beginning on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Last Action: Placed on calendar order of 2nd reading (2/14/2018)

- **Status of SB 2528 (Finance Tourism Promotion):**

This bill amends the Illinois Promotion Act. Removes a sunset date from provisions concerning grants from the Tourism Promotion Fund. Effective immediately.

Last Action: Assigned to Commerce and Economic Development (2/14/2018)

- **Status of HB 5431 (\$FY19 Member Initiatives):**

Appropriations and re-appropriations for capital projects for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018. Effective immediately.

Last Action: Referred to the Rules Committee (2/2018)

- **Status of SB 3384 (\$FY19 Capital):**

Makes appropriations and re-appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. Effective immediately.

Last Action: As of February 2018, this bill has been referred to Assignments.

**Issues GCSI is Working With the Village:**

**Status of LGDF (Local Government Distribution Fund):**

The Governor, in his desire to pass a budget for FY19, has indicated that cuts to the LGDF are on the table.

**Capital and Grants:**

Grants awarded in 2014, but not yet disbursed in the State of Illinois:

- 15 - 203343
- 14 - 203037

- 15 - 203046
- 14 - 203484

“Invest in Cook County” program, under Cook County Board applied for \$240K for the resurfacing of 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 159<sup>th</sup> Street to 171<sup>st</sup> Street.

### **CMS / Howe Property:**

Monitoring the situation and conducted meetings with CMS, regarding the process and possibility of the Village acquiring the closed Howe Mental Hospital, that is located in Tinley Park.

### **Cook County:**

- **Highway Department:**

In discussions to try and reverse denied access to the 300,000 SF Hillwood Spec Building off Prosperi to Ridgeland Avenue. This is problematic for us in that it means their only access is from Prosperi via a shared private access with the First Hillwood 915,643 SF building. Truck traffic would need to circle their building and exit the same way they entered. The Tinley Park Fire Department has expressed some life and safety concerns.

- **Tax Incentive Ordinance 17-9977 Amendment:**

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO ITEM 17-9977 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TAX INCENTIVE ORDINANCE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 74 TAXATION, ARTICLE II REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, DIVISION 2. - CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR ASSESSMENT:

Section 74-75 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows: Sec. 74-75 - Incentive Classification Affidavit Requirement Waiver. (a) This Section shall apply to existing incentives classifications, pending applications and eligibility/renewal applications submitted during the 2017 and 2018 assessment year. The Assessor's Office shall liberally construe this Section to effectuate its intent as set forth in subsections (b) and (c) below. (b) Compliance with the existing affidavit requirements of Sections 74-71(b)(2), 74-72 and 74-74 (b) and (d) shall be waived for the 2017 and 2018 assessment years. Such waiver shall be lifted at the beginning of the 2019 assessment year and the affidavit requirements of Section.

Sponsor: Toni Preckwinkle (President)

In Control: Business and Economic Development Committee

Last Action: Committee Reports (11/9/2017)

- **Property Class Tax Classification:**

Discussing a 7B-7D Classification for certain parcels of property.