



SPRINGFIELD UPDATE 2026

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“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” — Ronald Reagan

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OPPOSE

HB 1 – La Shawn Ford (D): Permits sale and possession of hemp cannabinoids (which contain THC). **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 8 – La Shawn Ford (D): Lowers the age from 18 to 17 for a person to circulate election petitions. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 41 – La Shawn Ford (D), SB 1733 – Lakesia Collins (D): Allows an incarcerated felon to vote. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 64 – Sonya Harper (D): Promotes and regulates hemp products including those containing THC. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1055 – Dave Vella (D): Raises the amount of cannabis in possession that would be eligible for expungement of a violation record. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1064 – Daniel Didech (D), SB 78 – Adriianne Johnson (D): Authorizes a public library to construct, repair, operate, maintain, and regulate community mental health facilities. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1065 – Daniel Didech (D): Provides the Illinois Emergency Management Agency can make grants to public libraries. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1073 – Patrick Joyce (D) – *senate sponsor:* Requires college students to provide proof of 3 or more doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccines not more than 10 years prior to enrollment. **Status:** *Signed into law.*

HB 1083 – Changes gender references to gender neutral descriptions in the Religious Freedom Protecting Act, the Civil Unions Act, and the Rights of Married Persons Act. **Status:** *Signed into law.*

HB 1143 – La Shawn Ford (D): Legalizes and declassifies psilocybin, a drug that causes markedly altered sensory perception leading to hallucinations, provides for “service centers” where people can get high. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1227 – Sonya Harper (D), SB 2212 – Willie Preston (D): Requires companies that contract with the state to disclose any past participation, even by a parent company, in slaveholding and be required to provide compensation to a Redress Fund. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1228 – Sonya Harper (D): Classifies cannabis and cannabis-infused products as “prescription and nonprescription medicine and drugs” and removes taxation on products purchased by a cardholder. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1288 – La Shawn Ford (D): After the completion of a convicted felony sentence, that person can be elected to public office. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1374 – Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D): Requires doctors performing health exams on children to question the child on the safe storage of firearms practices within the home. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1398 – Rep. Maura Hirschauer (D): Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to ensure that doctors performing health exams on children be required to question the child on the safe storage of firearms practices within the home. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1429 – Kevin John Olickal (D): Prohibits the state or local governments from imposing fines against homeless individuals for occupying public property. **Status:** *re-referred back to the Rules Committee.*

HB 1442 – Nabeela Syed (D): Provides that election authorities “shall” instead of “may” establish curbside voting during early voting periods. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1601 – Will Guzzardi (D): Authorizes all counties to impose a gasoline tax (rather than only DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will, McHenry). **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1708 – Kam Buckner (D): Municipalities may adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1786 – Maura Hirschauer (D): Creates a task force to study the possibility of implementing ranked-choice voting beginning in 2029. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 1815 – Curtis Tarver (D): Expungement of records of a minor if that minor has committed an act which if committed by an adult would constitute a criminal violation of the Cannabis Control Act or Drug Paraphernalia Control Act. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

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HB 1929 – Camille Lilly (D): Amends the Human Rights Act. Makes it a civil rights violation for any person to inquire into another person's criminal conviction record prior to making a conditional offer to sell, lease, or rent property to that person; and to refuse to sell, lease, or rent the property. **Status:** *rereferrals back to the Rules Committee.*

HB 2381 – Laura Faver Dias (D): Requires 4 hours of LGBTQ+ inclusivity training for all school board members. **Status:** *in the Rules Committee.*

HB 2431 – Nabeela Syed (D): Establishes ranked-choice voting for Illinois executive officers. Provides that votes proceed in rounds until a winner is found. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 2679 – Rep. Margaret Croke (D): Amends the Criminal Code to protect abortion clinics as “vital public facilities” (but **not** churches or pregnancy care centers) from “terrorist acts.” Catholic Vote tracks abortion activist attacks on Catholic churches. They have recorded over 400 since 2020. In the last year 90 pregnancy care centers have been set on fire, firebombed and vandalized. In addition, peaceful protesters have been arrested and sentenced to jailtime. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 2706 – Lisa Hernandez (D), SB 2305 – Omar Aquini (D): Amends the Illinois Trust Act to strengthen, in a number of ways, the ban on Illinois law enforcement officers from cooperating in any way with federal immigration officials. **Status:** *in Rules Committee and Assignments Committee respectively.*

HB 2718 – Maurice West (D), SB 1484 – Omar Aquino (D): Creates the Facilitating Voting By All Eligible Citizens Act. Requires all citizens to vote in a general election regardless of whether they are registered to vote. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 2723 – Abdelnasser Rashid (D), SB 2462 – Mike Porfirio (D): Anti-Israel bills that allow companies boycotting Israel to do business with our pension system that were previously prohibited. **Status:** *in Rules and Assignments Committee respectively..*

HB 2793 – Rep. Nicholas Smith (D): Amends the School Code. Teacher evaluation ratings on record as “unsatisfactory” will be considered “ineffective,” while “excellent,” “proficient,” or “needs improvement” will be considered “effective.” **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 2827 – Terra Costa Howard (D): Homeschooled students must register with the local public school; requires proof of immunizations, parent teachers must prove a high school education. Failure could result in fines and jailtime. **Status:** *passed out of committee but the sponsor was unable to get the 60 votes needed at this time to call it for a vote in the House.*

HB 2904 – Rep. Dagmara Avelar (D): Creates the Health Care Transparency Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall identify reproductive health care services, LGBTQ health care services, and end-of-life health care services and develop an education and awareness program regarding how denial of care may negatively impact health care access and quality. (Ironically, the aforementioned services end life, not provide access to quality healthcare.) **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 2929 – La Shawn Ford (D): Collect research and data on the effectiveness of “Overdose Prevention Sites” that actually offer “pre-obtained substances;” … “sterile injection or other substance use supplies” and “safer smoking and safer snorting kits.” Grants immunity from civil and criminal liability. Why would immunity be needed?! **Status:** *passed out of committee, but was rereferrals back to the Rules Committee.*

HB 2960 – Rep. Laura Faver Dias (D): Requires public school health education courses to include instruction in mental health and keeps pupil's health or mental health information confidential from everyone, which would include parents. The bill states that students would be given instruction on how to find help from professionals within the school. Are these the same professionals that are telling students they can be a girl or a boy? Or they can have sex with whomever they choose? The same ones that are keeping from parents when a student wants to change genders (as if that's even possible)? Or using the student's name and pronouns of their choice without the parent's knowledge? **Status:** *passed out of committee, but was rereferrals back to the Rules Committee.*

HB 2992 – Rep. Theresa May (D): Creates the Healing Opportunities through Psilocybin Equity Pilot Program Act. Psilocybin is a hallucinogenic found in a certain variety of mushrooms. It produces hallucinations. Notice the name of the bill. It's straight out of the “medical” marijuana playbook. HB 2992 provides immunity from criminal and civil liability for licensees with respect to manufacturing, delivery, and possession of psilocybin products. If this is good for Illinois, why would they need an immunity from liability clause? **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 3023 – Margaret Croke (D): Allows for a \$10,000 award and attorney fees for private cause of action to be filed by a person who merely “fears that, … violence will be committed against them...” **Status:** *passed out of committee, but was rereferrals back to the Rules Committee.*

HB 3049 – Mary Edly-Allen (D) – senate sponsor: Allows 2 people to marry themselves without an officiant. **Status:** *passed in House; in Senate Assignments Committee.*

HB 3055 – Barbara Hernandez (D): Prohibits denial of a state grant or scholarship to an illegal student. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

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HB 3057 – Sonya Harper (D): DEI policies to be implemented in State-supported institutions of higher learning. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 3061 Sonya Harper (D), HB 3513 Justin Slaughter (D), SB 1772 – Kimberly Lightford (D): Allows for counties/municipalities to be issued a temporary event license to sell marijuana and cannabis paraphernalia. **Status:** *House bills in Rules Committee, Senate bill was rereferred back to Assignments Committee.*

HB 3163 – Jaime Andrade (D): Makes it a Class 3 felony for anyone to disclose personal information of an abortionist. **Status:** *passed out of committee but was rereferred back to Rules Committee.*

HB 3247 – Karina Villa (D): prohibits public schools from denying free education and programs to students that are here illegally; allows aggrieved parties to file civil lawsuits and be awarded damages. **Status:** *Signed into law.*

HB 3279 – Anna Moeller (D), SB 1846 – Graciela Guzman (D): Provides state covered abortion services to illegals. **Status:** *in Rules and Assignments Committees respectively.*

HB 3287 – Hoan Huynh (D), HB 3780 – Barbara Hernandez (D): Provides healthcare for all. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 3315 – Rita Mayfield (D): Prohibits mental health professionals from counseling adults who want to overcome same-sex attraction and gender identity confusion. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 3355 – Carol Ammons (D): Election authorities may mail all qualified voters vote by mail ballots. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 3489 – Rachel Ventura (D) *senate sponsor:* Redefines the “practice of pharmacy” to include assessment and consultation of patients and the dispensing of emergency contraception, otherwise known as the morning after pill, an abortifacient, and be paid for by tax dollars through Medicaid. **Status:** *Signed into law.*

HB 3518 – Will Guzzardi (D), SB 2391 Celina Villanueva (D): Decriminalizes/legalizes prostitution and expunges criminal records. **Status:** *in Rules and Assignments Committee respectively.*

HB 3626 – Justin Slaughter (D): Permits expungement of prostitution charges. **Status:** *in Rules Committee.*

HB 3637 – Karina Villa (D) – *senate sponsor:* Amends numerous health care laws. Prohibits the Illinois Department of Health from taking disciplinary action against a person who has had their license, registration, and/or permit revoked from another state as a result of violating the state’s laws against certain procedures, such as abortions. Additionally, a drug *not* approved by the Food & Drug Administration, but one that has been recommended by the World Health Organization shall *not* be deemed an adulterated drug, even if the drug’s labelling reflects prior approval that is no longer in effect. **Status:** *Signed into law.*

HB 3709 – Celina Villanueva (D) – *senate sponsor:* Mandates that public colleges and universities provide access to health care professionals who prescribe contraception and abortion pills; allows university pharmacies to dispense contraception and abortion pills. Removes the requirement that the university pharmacy enter into a referral agreement with a tertiary medical care facility with obstetrics and gynecological services in the event of complications. **Status:** *Signed into law.*

HB 4596 – Dave Vella (D): creates “health misinformation response units” consisting of people recruited and trained by the government through government grants to identify “health misinformation” and correct it with a government-approved narrative. Subsequent violations could land you 5 years in prison and up to \$25K in fines.

HB 4606 – Laura Faver Dias (D): creates an invasive statewide newborn home-visiting program for short-term services and parenting advice.

HB 4714 – Will Davis (D): a companion bill to the mandatory mental health screening in public school bill that has been signed into law, SB 1560. It requires that those involved in screening children “reflect a diversity of sexual orientation.” It also expands youth representation by mandating inclusion of LGBTQ students.

SB 9 – Linda Holmes (D): Termed “End-of Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act,” it legalizes lethal drugs by a physician for the purpose of ending one’s life. **Status:** *See SB 1950*

SB 20 – Kimberly Lightford (D): Regulates the manufacturing and sale of “hemp-derived intoxicating products” .. “after which the product is considered cannabis.” **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 42 – Curtis Tarver (D) – *house sponsor:* Prohibits law enforcement from stopping and inspecting a car based on the odor of cannabis; removes the requirement of storing cannabis in an odor-proof container. **Status:** *passed in the Senate and out of a House Committee, but was sent back to the Rules Committee.*

SB 1224 – Lakesia Collins (D): Creates the Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Act as another way to expand and tax gambling. **Status:** *rereferred back to the Assignments Committee.*

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SB 1259 – Graciela Guzman (D): Mandates insurance coverage for standard fertility preservation services such as IVF. **Status:** *rereferred back to the Assignments Committee.*

SB 1266 – Karina Villa (D): An illegal immigrant can file a petition, with no time limitations, to void a conviction or sentence due to his/her inability to understand the adverse immigration consequences of the conviction. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 1516 – Mike Simmons (D): Fees for a State ID shall be waived for a transgender person and family from out of state fleeing persecution. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 1520 – Kimberly Lightford (D): Provides state loans and grants for cannabis businesses, including loan forgiveness, to “social equity applicants.” **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 1560 – Lindsey LaPointe (D): requires students in grades 3-12 to be screened for mental health issues in public school. Many of the professionals in the organizations that will do the screenings are those that believe a boy can be a girl. **Status:** *Passed and signed into law.*

SB 1565 – Mary Edly-Allen (D): Allows civil action including libel and defamation for distribution of political materials to affect the outcome of a campaign. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 1638 – Adriane Johnson (D): Allows expungement or sealing of certain criminal offenses to prevent extradition to another state. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 1810 – Willie Preston (D): Training opportunities for educators to teach Black English. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 1881 – Karina Villa (D): Bans schools and employees from cooperating with federal immigration officials. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 1950 (House Floor Amendment 2) – Robyn Gabel (D): Legalizes physician-assisted suicide by lethal drugs. **Status:** *Passed both Houses and sent to Governor Pritzker.*

SB 1995 – Graciela Guzman (D): Prohibits a data collector from disclosing immigration status of an Illinois resident. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 2004 – Laura Murphy (D): Allows ranked-choice voting. **Status:** *rereferred back to the Assignments Committee.*

SB 2033 – Celina Villanueva (D): The Attorney General shall publish policies that limit assistance with immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible, and provides “safe zones” which include schools, libraries, hospitals, nursing homes. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 2065 – Karina Villa (D): Provides free education for illegals. Prohibits the school from disclosing immigration status to immigration agencies. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 2158 – Rachel Ventura (D): Any 2 candidates, regardless of party affiliation, who receive the most votes in a primary election shall proceed to the general election ballot. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 2251 – Ram Villivalam (D): Amends the Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on immigration status. **Status:** *in Assignments Committee.*

SB 2897 – Celina Villanueva (D): prevents companies from collecting, storing, or sharing immigration or citizenship status data.

SB 3105 – Mary Edly-Allen (D): prohibits state funding for “conversion therapy” which is counseling therapy for those who suffer from unwanted same-sex attraction or gender confusion. ♦



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