

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BOMA/SUBURBAN CHICAGO

February 22, 2019

The House and Senate resumed action on Tuesday. With the filing deadline complete Friday, the General Assembly spent the greater part of the week focused on committee work.

On Wednesday, the Governor introduced his recommended Fiscal Year 2020 spending proposal in address to the General Assembly. Pritzker's proposed budget includes \$38.9 billion in revenue and \$38.75 billion in expenditures. More details can be found below.

The House resumes Session on Tuesday, February 26, while the Senate will return Tuesday, March 5.

ADDED TO BILL REPORT THIS WEEK

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| ➤ HB2771 | ➤ HB3058 | ➤ SB30 |
| ➤ HB2772 | ➤ HB3102 | ➤ SB1379 |
| ➤ HB2864 | ➤ HB3150 | ➤ SB1707 |
| ➤ HB2879 | ➤ HB3207 | ➤ SB2063 |
| ➤ HB2919 | ➤ HB3532 | |
| ➤ HB3047 | ➤ SB7 | |

UPCOMING DATES

- February 26 – Consolidated Primary Election
- March 22 – Senate Bills out of Senate Committee Deadline
- March 29 – House Bills out of House Committee Deadline
- April 2 – Consolidated Election
- May 10 – House & Senate Bills Out of Committee Deadline

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED FY 2020 BUDGET

Pritzker's proposed budget includes \$38.9 billion in revenue, a \$1.493 billion, or 4.0%, increase from FY2019 revised base estimates, and \$38.75 billion in expenditures, with a projected surplus of \$155 million.

The governor's plan includes an estimated \$1.1 billion in new revenue through the sales of 20 sports betting licenses at \$10 million a piece and selling "thousands" of marijuana business licenses for a one-time fee of \$100,000.

Other revenue streams include raising taxes on a pack of cigarettes from \$1.98 to \$2.30 and taxing e-cigarettes at a 36.5 percent rate, the same as all other tobacco products. The administration is also pushing for a 5 percent statewide plastic bag tax.

Should that new revenue package fail, the administration would propose a 4 percent cut to all state agencies.

K-12 Education

- An increase for the Evidence-Based Funding Formula (EBF) of \$375 million
- Additional funding of \$3.8 million for the federal Preschool Development Birth through Five grant
- Increased funding for Career and Technical Education Programs of \$5 million

Higher Education

- An Increases the Monetary Award Program (MAP) funding by \$50 million
- Increases funding for public universities by \$52.2 million
- Increases funding for community colleges by \$13.9 million
- Provides \$3.8 million for a new student support program directed at improving the retention and graduation rates of low-income and minority students at community colleges and public universities

Social Services

- Provides \$30 million in additional support to increase the income eligibility threshold in the Child Care Assistance Program from 185 percent to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Includes \$9.8 million to fund an additional 126 direct service staff within the Department of Children and Family Services, including Child Protection Specialists and Child Welfare Specialists
- Provides a \$31.3 million increase to support nearly 700 new placements for developmentally disabled individuals transitioning to less restrictive or community home settings under the Ligas consent decree
- Adds \$250,000 for homelessness prevention programs.
- Proposes funding of \$3.2 million for behavioral health and other medical program staff to coordinate implementation of the Section 1115 Behavioral Health Waiver
- Provides \$2 million in grants to agencies to assist with Department on Aging clients with dementia and Alzheimer's and to address social isolation issues with older adults

Public Safety

- Increases funding for Community-Based Violence Prevention Programs by \$2 million
- Funding for two Illinois State Police cadet classes at \$7.6 million
- Funding of \$5 million for the new Firearm Dealer License Certification Program

Public Infrastructure

- Provides \$2.5 million in new funding for a technology-based grant program
- Adds \$20 million in new capital funding for the Illinois Century Network, to repair and expand the broadband network for schools
- Includes \$750 million in new funds for the Capital Development Board to address built up deferred maintenance at state facilities and institutions of higher education
- Includes \$1.8 billion in capital funding for the State's annual Road Program

GOVERNOR NAMES DHS, IDNR, IDFPR DIRECTORS

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Grace Hou will serve as Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). Hou is currently the president of Woods Fund Chicago, a grant-making foundation that funds organizations that draw on the power of communities to fight the brutality of poverty and structural racism.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Colleen Callahan will serve as Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Callahan currently manages her own communications consulting firm after spending over seven years as state director for USDA Rural Development in Illinois.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Deborah Hagan will serve as Secretary of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). For over 36 years, Hagan has been a strong and exemplary advocate for consumer protection in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

- Mario Treto, Jr. will serve as Director of Real Estate at IDFPR.
- Francisco Menchaca will continue to serve as Director of Financial Institutions at IDFPR.
- Jessica Baer will continue to serve as Director of Professional Regulation at IDFPR.