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2024 SESSION CALENDAR



The 2024 election year has a great deal of influence over the General Assembly, stifling any potential for controversial debates or significant legislative action.

Lawmakers are cautious, preferring to avoid contentious issues that could jeopardize their standing with constituents.

Under the direction of legislative leadership, agendas are tightly focused, aiming only to fulfill the bare minimum obligations before adjourning.

The bulk of attention in April and May is monopolized by the budget, which dominates discussions and appropriations committee hearings.



2024 SESSION CALENDAR CONTD.



Despite the introduction of thousands of bills, only a fraction will see the light of day beyond committee chambers.

While the avoidance of controversy may frustrate some, these sessions serve a crucial purpose in allowing various interest groups to test the waters with new proposals.

Ultimately, it's the budget, a Medicaid omnibus, the BIMP, and a select few other key bills that take precedence as May approaches, illustrating the adage of the tortoise triumphing in the slow and steady race of legislative proceedings.



PRITZKER PROPOSALS



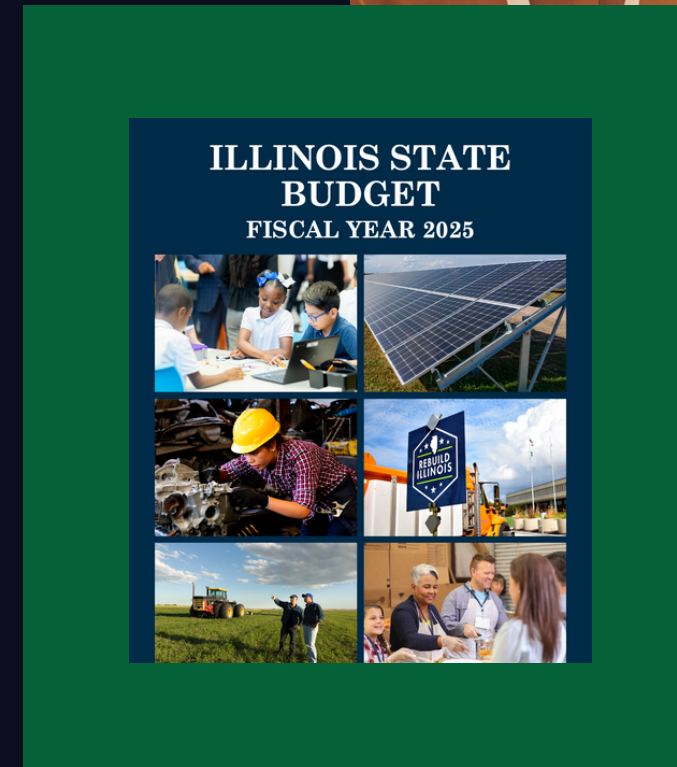
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BUDGET, SMART START



- Fiscal Year 2025 Budget continues Illinois' historic fiscal progress, maintaining balanced budgets, nine credit rating upgrades, a \$2B Rainy Day Fund, and eliminating the bill backlog while achieving a GDP exceeding \$1 trillion.
- Record funding for human services and Illinois' social safety net, and ensures access to healthcare and food to uplift families out of poverty.
- In 2023, Governor Pritzker launched the Smart Start Illinois Initiative, a multi-year investment in early childhood education and care services.
 - \$75 million to the Early Childhood Block Grant to eliminate preschool deserts, creating around 5,800 new preschool spots in 2024 with a pledge to add 20,000 more over four years
 - Dedicating nearly \$200 million to innovative Child Care Workforce Compensation Contracts to support providers and increase wages for child care workers, and expanding investments in early intervention and home visiting programs.





HEALTHCARE & INSURANCE

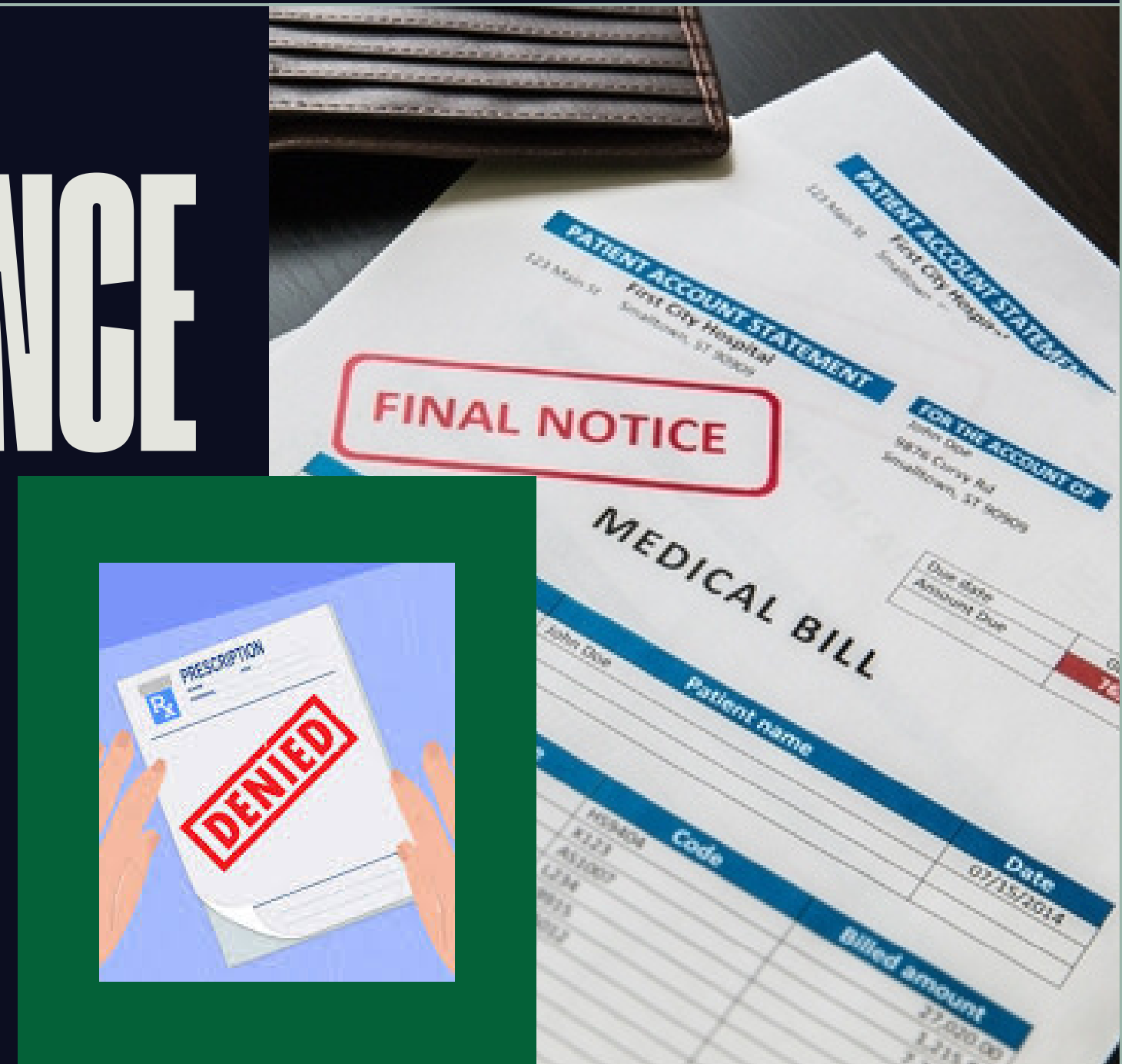
Medical Debt Relief – Funding for a multiyear initiative to alleviate medical debts owed by low-income residents. This investment will be used to eliminate medical debt for over 300,000 Illinoisans.

Healthcare – \$440 million for the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors programs.

Food Deserts – \$10 million in new funding for the Illinois Grocery Initiative, to address food deserts

Food Sanitation – IDPH will not provide \$5 million in grants directed to local health departments for food sanitation and other related purposes.

Junk Insurance – prohibit insurance companies from selling Short Term Limited Duration plans, also known as junk insurance





REVENUE



To achieve the forecasted budget, the Executive Budget suggests the following adjustments:

1. Increase the **Sports Wagering** tax from 15% to 35%, allocating 15% to the Capital Projects Fund and 20% to General Funds. Expected increase in general funds receipts: \$200 million.
2. Raise the **corporate net operating loss deduction** threshold to \$500,000 until tax year 2027. This change aims to mitigate the negative impact on corporate income tax receipts, resulting in an estimated additional \$526 million in general funds revenues for FY 25.
3. Implement a \$1,000-per-month **cap on the Sales Tax Retailers' Discount**, affecting only a negligible percentage of retailers. Expected increase in general funds receipts: \$101 million for FY 25, with a corresponding rise in revenues for local governments by \$85 million.
4. Propose a **\$175 million Road Fund offset** for deposit into the Public Transportation Fund, effective July 1, 2024, reducing reliance on general funds.





SENATE BILL 2637

(SEN. WILLIE PRESTON, D-CHICAGO)

Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2027, a person or entity shall not manufacture, sell, deliver, distribute, hold, or offer for sale a food product for human consumption that contains brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, or red dye 3. Provides that a person or entity that violates the prohibition shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first violation and not to exceed \$10,000 for each subsequent violation. Makes a conforming change.

NATIONAL
Nutrition
MONTH



HOUSE RESOLUTION 640

(REP. TERRA COSTA HOWARD, D-LOMBARD)

Declares March 2024 as Nutrition Month in the State of Illinois.



HOUSE BILL 5249

(REP. NORMA HERNANDEZ, D-MELROSE PARK)

Provides that subject to federal approval, within 12 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, nutrition care services and medical nutrition therapy provided by a registered dietitian shall be covered under the medical assistance program.

Provides that the covered services may be aimed at prevention, delay, management, treatment, or rehabilitation of a disease or condition and include nutrition assessment, nutrition intervention, nutrition counseling, and nutrition monitoring and evaluation.

Permits the Department to adopt any rules, including standards and criteria, necessary to implement the amendatory Act.



MEDICAID WORKGROUP

The Medicaid Working Group is tasked with making recommendations on all legislation that would appropriate funds for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' (HFS) Medicaid program. The group is also responsible for holding hearings on any bill that would make changes to eligibility, benefits, provider rates, or other aspects of the program. In short, the Medicaid Working Group is one of the most important groups in Springfield when it comes to shaping Illinois' Medicaid program.



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