

Health Science Librarians of Illinois Legislative Committee Report
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Covering: November 2017 to September 2018

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2. Illinois Updates

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

- The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum is asking for financial support to keep precious Lincoln artifacts in the collection. They are running a gofundme campaign to pay off debt for the previous purchase of the Taper Collection. The debt is due October 2019. For more information:
 - [Article from the State Journal-Register](#)
 - [Gofundme link](#)

Legislative Items

- [HB5332](#): Establishes the Healthy Food Program
 - Legislan Summary = “Creates the Healthy Food Program Development Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture may coordinate with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish a Healthy Food Development Program to expand access to healthy foods in eligible areas in the State by providing assistance to grocery stores, corner stores, farmers markets, and other small food retailers. Provides that the benefits provided shall be awarded to grocery stores, corner stores, farmers markets, and other small food retailers in eligible areas on a competitive basis, with priority given to projects with the greatest potential impact on expanding access to healthy foods in eligible areas that are underserved by retail sales of healthy food in the State. Provides requirements for participation in the program. Provides that the Department shall designate a grocery ambassador to assist retailers of healthy foods in this State by: (1) providing research and data on eligible areas with insufficient grocery access; (2) coordinating with the Department and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and other relevant State agencies; (3) providing assistance to small grocery retailers in this State, including obtaining and expediting regulatory procedures; and (4) providing other assistance as needed. Provides that the Department, in coordination with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, shall convene a working group to develop a plan for establishing a commercial distribution system, for fresh produce and healthy foods to corner stores and other small food retailers.”
- [HB5235](#): Amends the Freedom of Information Act
 - Legislan Summary = “Deletes language making records and information provided to a residential health care facility resident sexual assault and death review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse Prevention Review Team Act exempt from inspection and copying. Deletes language making records and information provided to an independent team of experts under Brian's Law (which is the Developmental Disability and Mental Health Safety Act) exempt from inspection and copying. Makes corresponding changes in the Abuse Prevention Review Team Act. Amends the

Community-Integrated Living Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, all investigative reports made by the Office of Inspector General regarding community-integrated living arrangements and individuals living in community-integrated living arrangements shall be available to the public for inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act and any addresses of community-integrated living arrangements in those reports shall be disclosed and may not be redacted.”

- Current status = referred to Rules Committee
- [HB4278](#): Amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act.
 - Legiscan Summary = “Requires that, if an Illinois Veterans Home administrator or a member of the administrative staff is notified that, within one month or less, 2 or more persons residing within the Veterans Home are diagnosed with an infectious disease by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches; a hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act or organized under the University of Illinois Hospital Act; a long-term care facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act; a freestanding emergency center licensed under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act; a local health department; or any other State agency or government entity, then, within 24 hours after the facility is notified of the second diagnosis, the Illinois Veterans Home must: (1) provide a written notification of the incidence of the infectious disease to each resident of the facility and the resident's emergency contact or next of kin; (2) post a notification of the incidence of the infectious disease in a conspicuous place near the main entrance to the Illinois Veterans Home; and (3) provide a written notification to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Health of the incidence of the infectious disease and of compliance with the notification requirements concerning residents and the resident's emergency contact or next of kin. Requires that, in addition to the initial written notifications, the Veterans Home must provide written notifications of any updates on the incidence of the infectious disease and any options that are available to the residents. Provides that the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Health must post the notification of the incidence of the infectious disease, any updates, and any options that are available to the residents on their websites. Effective immediately.”
 - Current status = Sent to Governor
- [SB2727](#): Amends the Illinois Local Library Act
 - Legiscan Summary = “Makes a technical change in a Section concerning penalties.”
 - Current status = Re-referred to Rules Committee
- [SB2849](#): Creates the Prescription Drug Repository Program Act
 - Legiscan Summary = “Requires the Department of Public Health to, by rule, establish a prescription drug repository program, under which any person may donate a prescription drug or supplies needed to administer a prescription drug for use by an individual who meets eligibility criteria specified by the Department. Sets forth requirements that prescription drugs or supplies must meet in order to be accepted and dispensed under the program. Provides that no drugs or supplies donated under the prescription drug repository program may be resold. Provides that nothing in the Act requires that a pharmacy or pharmacist participate in the prescription drug repository program. Provides for civil and criminal immunity for drug and supply manufacturers and individuals in relation to the donation, acceptance, or dispensing of prescription

drugs or supplies under the prescription drug repository program. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act, the Wholesale Drug Distribution Licensing Act, the Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, and the Cannabis and Controlled Substances Tort Claims Act to provide that persons engaged in donating or accepting, or packaging, repackaging, or labeling, prescription drugs to the extent permitted or required under the Prescription Drug Repository Program Act are exempt from provisions of those other Acts that might prohibit or otherwise regulate such activity.”

- Current status = Re-referred to Assignments (previously assigned to Judiciary)
- [SB 851](#): Amends the Illinois Local Library Act / property tax freeze proposal
 - Legiscan Summary = “Provides that a library board of trustees' statement of financial requirements necessary for the next year and any amount the library board believes will be necessary to levy taxes for the library's next fiscal year shall be submitted to the governing board of the municipality no less than 60 days prior to when the tax levy must be certified under the Property Tax Code (rather than 60 days after the expiration of the fiscal year). Effective immediately.”
 - Current status = Referred to Assignments
- Equal Rights Amendment
 - Passed Senate
 - [HJR0138](#): Referred to the Rules Committee and adding sponsors

Other Shared News

- [Illinois finances now 'stable' according to Moody's](#). (State Journal-Register 7/19/2018) : “The ratings agency revised the state’s outlook from “negative” to “stable,” something attributable in part to the state income tax increase.”
- [Teens encouraged to sign up for organ donation registry](#) (State Journal-Register 4/11/2018): “Secretary of State Jesse White encouraged Springfield high school students to become organ donors as part of his tour to promote a new law that allows 16- and 17-year-olds to become donors.”
- [Illinois House panel OKs net neutrality proposal](#) (State Journal-Register 4/11/2018): “The Cybersecurity, Data Analytics and IT Committee voted 6-2 Wednesday for Chicago Democratic Rep. Ann Williams’ net neutrality legislation. The legislation moves to the House floor.”
- [Statehouse bill would gut law protecting biometric data, opponents say](#) (State Journal-Register 4/11/2018): “Illinois’ Biometric Information Privacy Act has been called one of the strictest laws of its kind in the nation and has turned the state into a hotbed of lawsuits over alleged misuses of data from facial, fingerprint and iris scans.”
- Democratic candidates for the Governor of Illinois are gearing up for the primaries in March. View the [January 23 Forum](#), which gave all 6 candidates an opportunity to speak and answer questions.
- The Illinois Library Association’s (ILA) Illinois Advocacy Committee has just re-booted the [Illinois Libraries Matter](#) blog.
- The ILA published the article [“Legislative Successes: Governor Signs Two Bills”](#) (8/16/2018).
- ILA published a [Legislative Update](#) (9/6/2018)

- Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) published their [legislative overview for Spring 2018](#).

3. Federal Updates

Funding

- FY18 appropriations bill passed in March 2018:
 - NIH will receive \$37 billion, an 8.8% increase from FY17 funding.
 - NLM will receive \$428.5 million, an increase of 5% from FY17 levels.
 - The IMLS will receive \$240 million, up 3.9% from FY17.
- FY19 appropriations will need to be approved before Oct 1, 2018. Initial bills have passed, recommending:
 - NIH increase by \$1.25 billion (House) to \$2 billion (Senate).
 - NLM increase by \$13 million.
 - IMLS increase by \$2 million.
 - Level funding for libraries (Library Services and Technology Act \$186.3 million; Innovative Approaches to Literacy program \$27 million).
- The Museum and Library Services Act of 2017 (S. 2271) would reauthorize the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The IMLS administers funding for libraries via the Library Services Technology Act.

Access to government-funded research

- Congressional Research Service reports, prepared for members and committees of Congress, will soon be available on a free public website within 90 days of creation. Prior to this, groups like the Federation of American Scientists and Demand Progress have been maintaining online repositories for these reports. Medical librarians might be especially interested in the [CRS Health Policy reports](#).
- Representatives on the Committee on House Administration have approved the Federal Depository Library Program Modernization Act of 2018 (H.R. 5305), which would improve public access to and preservation of digital government information.

National Guideline Clearinghouse

The ECRI Institute will take over hosting of the National Guideline Clearinghouse. This news came shortly after the announcement that the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality would no longer be maintaining the NGC citing lack of funding. The ECRI Institute has been involved in developing and maintaining NGC since it began 20 years ago.

Net neutrality

The FCC repealed net neutrality on December 14, 2017, and this repeal is slated to go into effect June 11, 2018. Earlier this month, though, the Senate voted to block the FCC's vote, and while 160 Congresspeople support the CRA, the House still needs to vote on the action. ALA and the Association of Research Libraries, along with other proponents of net neutrality, have filed legal briefs against the FCC vote to roll back net neutrality rules.

EPA proposed regulations

The MLA and AAHSL oppose the EPA's Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science rule. If the EPA rule is instated, loss of information including important datasets on the health impacts

of lead, asbestos and other toxic chemicals may result. The EPA's Science Advisory Board voted on May 31, 2018 to review this proposal, made by EPA administrator Scott Pruitt. The public comment period, initially slated to close on May 30, is now open until Aug 16. The rule is now under review by the EPA's inspector general's office.

Marrakesh Treaty

The Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Act (S. 2559) would make 350,000 accessible books available to people in the United States who have print disabilities.

National Library Legislative Day

The priorities for National Library Legislative Day this year (May 7-8) were:

- Reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act (S. 2271).
- Fully fund LSTA and IAL for FY 2019.
- Visit a library, see broadband access in action.