

Legislative priorities for 2022



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On January 12, 2022, the Legislative Committee met via Zoom with (190) members participating to discuss the upcoming legislative session.

It was determined that we will be conducting our Bill Review on February 9 via Zoom. During this meeting we will establish our bill positions and identify our 2022 priority list. All members are invited to participate (more details will be forthcoming).

We will also be advancing several of our own initiatives, including changes to the Body Worn Camera Law to make it easier for departments to enact and comply with mandates; expanded utilization of drones, enhanced penalties for fleeing and eluding and motor vehicle thefts that occur on residential curtilage. Below are the bills we are carrying over from 2021, however we will maintain our previous lists and positions in case others are reintroduced this session.

- **HB 52 Vehicle Security Circumvention Device, Rep. Andrade Jr. (SUPPORT):** Defined as a device capable of obtaining, intercepting, or processing information from a motor vehicle keyless entry system. The bill prohibits those who have been convicted of a felony from buying or owning these devices and stipulates sellers of these devices must run criminal background checks before selling or they face criminal penalties. This bill passed the house in April and was re-referred to assignments.
- **HB 733 Vehicle Relay Box Possession, Rep. Andrade Jr. (SUPPORT):** Defines the term "relay box" as a device designed to capture a signal from the key fob of a motor vehicle to unlock and start the motor vehicle without the use or possession of the motor vehicle key. Sets rules allowing only specific groups – including law enforcement – to possess. Passed the house in April and was re-referred to assignments.

- **HB 1727 Qualified and Tort Immunity, Rep. Tarver (OPPOSE):** Eliminates qualified immunity at state level and creates the “Bad Apples in Law Enforcement Accountability Act.” It was introduced in February and was last re-referred to the House Rules committee. The Qualified Immunity Task Force, in which Ret. Chief Chris Conrad is our representative, has not concluded its work on the various recommendations.
- **HB 1943 Public Duty Rule Codifies the Public Duty Rule, Rep. McCombie (SUPPORT):** Establishes that “a local government entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services.” Introduced last February and re-referred to the House Rules Committee.
- **HB 2402 Theft and Retail Theft Limits, Rep. Buckner (OPPOSE):** Raises the felony threshold amount of “theft of property not from the person” from \$500 to \$2,000 and retail theft from \$300 to \$2,000. Introduced in March and re-referred to the House Rules Committee.
- **HB 2539 Retail Theft Limits, Rep Wang-Stoneback (OPPOSE):** Increases felony threshold for retail theft from \$300 to \$2,000. Removes enhancement of the penalties for retail theft for previous convictions of robbery, armed robbery, burglary, residential burglary, possession of burglary tools, home invasion, unlawful use of a credit card, or forgery. Introduced in February 2021 and re-referred to the House Rules Committee in March.
- **HB 2779 Consent Search Ban, Rep. Slaughter (OPPOSE):** Prohibits search or inspection of a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver, or a passenger solely because the driver or passenger consented to the search. Allows searches of vehicles, drivers, and passengers if there is an arrest, warrant or a probable cause crime has been committed. The bill was introduced in March and re-referred to the House Rules Committee.
- **HB 2865 U of I Scholarship- County Rep. Keicher (SUPPORT):** Establishes that a University of Illinois scholarship be awarded to children of police officers or firefighters killed in the line of duty. Re-referred to the House Rules Committee.
- **HB 3447 Misdemeanor Diversion Rep Ammons/Slaughter (OPPOSE):** Would change the penalties for methamphetamine delivery or possession upon completion of a diversion program and allow for the expungement of arrest records, among other expungement law changes. Passed the House in April and we are still negotiating this one.

Other Bills from the Legislative Meeting Chat that we are monitoring that may or may not be reintroduced this session:

- **HB 28 Crisis Intervention Training (CIT):** Requires 40 hours of CIT training in the academy.
- **HB 29 SRO Prohibition Bill:** Prohibit LE presence on school grounds unless there exists an imminent threat of danger or there is reason to believe that urgent and immediate action is necessary to prevent such danger to students.
- **HB 90 Traffic Ticket Fine Waiver Program:** Creates traffic ticket fine waiver program available to a defendant who is in default or is unable to pay required fines, fees,

costs, or court assessments, or who has a suspended driver's license, resulting from a minor traffic offense under the code or a similar provision of a local ordinance.

- **HB 111 Juvenile Court- Delinquent Minor:** Changes the age of a “delinquent minor” from 19 to 21 for Juvenile Court recommendations.
- **HB 451 Ban No Knock Warrants:** States that no law enforcement officer shall seek, execute, or participate in the execution of a no-knock search warrant.
- **HB 2788 Citizen Safety Act (Use of Force Limits):** Places limitations on when and what types of force can be used. Mandates reporting and intervening while limiting types of military equipment that can be used.
- **SB 2918 Fund the Police Act:** Creates the Police Grant Fund for hiring, overtime, equipment, technology, mental health screenings, etc.
- **SB 2939 Cannabis in Vehicle:** Provides that the odor of cannabis is not probable cause for the search of a motor vehicle.
- **HB 3055 Police Quotas/Points:** Prohibits the use of points systems, quotas, or any related process that tracks or monitors the number of citations or warnings issued by a police officer. The number of traffic stops completed and written warnings are not included (these currently are included) in the definition of “points of contact.”
- **HB 3961 Police Training- Social Work:** No person shall receive permanent appointment as a law enforcement officer unless he or she has obtained a bachelor's degree with a major or minor in social work.
- **HB 4066 Critical Race Theory Academy:** Creates the Critical Race Theory Academy curriculum. All officers would be required to complete the course before graduating from the academy and current police officers would be required to complete continuing education through the Academy yearly.
- **HB 4414 Expressway Camera Act:** Amends the Expressway Camera Act to include several new counties from the Chicagoland and Metro-East areas. Other departments would like to see it expanded to their metro areas.

If there is a bill we missed and should be monitoring, please contact Deputy Director **Kenny Winslow**, kenny@ilchiefs.org.