**Chicago Coalition for the Homeless 2018 Legislative Recap**

**CCH advocated for the following legislation:**

**Senate Bill (SB) 351: College Hunger Bill**

This law allows low-income vocational-track community college students to apply for SNAP food benefits.

* Sponsors: Rep. Litesa Wallace/Sen. Julie Morrison
* CCH partners: Heartland Alliance, Shriver Center
* Status: Signed by Gov. Rauner on July 20, effective immediately. Public Act [100-0620](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0620)

**SB 3115: Creating Opportunities for Illinoisans in Need (COIN) Act**

This bill increases monthly The Aid to Needy Families (TANF) grants to 30% of the Federal Poverty Line ($520 for a family of 3) and equalizes TANF grants statewide.

* Sponsors: Rep. Mary Flowers and Sen. Mattie Hunter
* CCH partners: Heartland Alliance and Shriver Center
* Status: Compromise between the budgetary working groups and the governor. Increase included in the FY19 state budget.

**HB5341: The Fair Access to Employment (FATE) bill**

This law requires that judges cannot consider a person’s fines, fees or outstanding financial obligations when reviewing a petition to seal a criminal record.

* Sponsors: Rep. Jehan Gordon Booth and Sen. Don Harmon
* CCH Partners: Cabrini Green Legal Aid, Community Renewal Society and Heartland Alliance (the RROCI Coalition)
* Status: Signed by the governor on August 10, effective immediately. Public Act [100-0776](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0776)

**House Bill (HB) 5334: Employment Background Fairness Act**

This bill would require that employers may only deny someone a job because of his or her criminal record if: the applicant has been convicted of a crime (an arrest is not enough) and there is a direct relationship between the conviction history and the job duties.

* Sponsors: Rep. Sonya Harper and Sen. Jacqueline Collins
* CCH Partners: Cabrini Green Legal Aid, Community Renewal Society and Heartland Alliance (the RROCI Coalition)
* Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee

**CCH signed in support of the following legislation & resolutions:**

**HB1443: Clarifies the Minor Access to Mental Health**

This law creates a new section in the code for the specific provision providing youth with the opportunity to seek mental health services. The law also includes a section providing social workers are mandated to follow the Social Work Practice Act.

* Sponsors: Rep. Kathleen Willis and Sen. David Koehler
* Status: Governor signed on July 20. Effective date immediately. Public Act [100-0614](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0614)

**HB2624: Limit Short Term Insurance Health Plans**

This bill would limit the sale of short-term health plans in Illinois to 180 days in any given year and would eliminate confusion by requiring insurers who sell these plans in Illinois to have clear, plain language on all sales and marketing materials.

* Sponsors: Rep. Laura Fine and Sen. Heather Steans
* CCH Partners: Protect Our Care Coalition
* Status: Governor vetoed the legislation.

**HB3142: Criminal History in College Applications**

States that public colleges and universities cannot inquire about criminal history during the admissions process. They may inquire about it for housing and extra-curricular activity purposes.

* Sponsors: Rep. Barbara Wheeler and Sen. Pat McGuire
* Status: Referred to Assignments

**HB 4281: School Code: Training - Homelessness**

This bill would require schools to provide additional training for teachers to identify students experiencing homelessness.

* Sponsor: Rep. Robyn Gabel
* Status: Re-Referred to Rules Committee

**HB4323: Wage Lien Act**

Would have created a lien on an employer’s property for the amount of unpaid wages to an employee.

* Sponsors: Rep. Chris Welch and Sen. Kimberly Lightford
* Status: Referred to Assignments

**HB4594: Fines and Fees**

This law provides that a defendant may petition the court for full or partial waiver of court assessments imposed under the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. Provides the court shall grant a full or partial waiver of court assessments if specified conditions are met to any fine, restitution, or forfeiture ordered by the court.

* Sponsors: Rep. Steve Andersson and Sen. John Mulroe
* CCH Partners: John Howard Association
* Status: Governor signed on July 20. Effective immediately. Public Act [100-0987](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0987)

**HB4543: Juvenile Age of Detention**

This bill states that a juvenile 13 years or older (instead of age 10), may be detained in a juvenile facility under certain circumstances. This bill also would have had the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission include recommendations regarding the availability of youth services to reduce the use of detention to prevent future engagement with the criminal justice system.

* Sponsor: Rep. Robyn Gabel
* Status: Referred to Rules

**HB4568: SNAP – Healthy Local Food Incentives Program**

This deletes language that would have repealed the Healthy Local Food Incentives Program.

* Sponsors: Rep. Tim Butler and Sen. Don Harmon
* Status: [Public Act 100-0636](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0636)

**HB4572: Human Rights Act – All Employers**

This bill would have applied the Human Rights Act to all places of employment (currently only applies to workplaces with more than 15 employees).

* Sponsors: Rep. Will Guzzardi and Sen. Cristina Castro
* Status: Governor vetoed

**HB4581: Juvenile Justice Commission**

This bill states that the Juvenile Justice Commission in its annual report to the governor and General Assembly shall include recommendations on the inclusion of emerging adults into a justice system that is developmentally appropriate that will reduce recidivism. Increases the age of who is considered a minor.

* Sponsor: Rep. Laura Fine
* Status: Referred to Rules

**HB4741: Visits in Correctional Facilities**

This bill increases the number of visits to seven per month for individuals who are incarcerated.

* Sponsors: Rep. Justin Slaughter and Sen. Elgie Sims
* Status: [Public Act 100-0677](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0677). Effective January 1, 2019

**HB4760: Eviction Sealing - Pre-Adjudication**

Records of new eviction filings would be impounded, and court records would with some exceptions only be made available to the parties in the case. If the eviction case is decided against the tenant, the court record would generally be released to the public after 30 days. Certain other cases would remain permanently impounded, including cases of tenants who are joined in an eviction action as part of a foreclosure case, and a condominium association eviction against a tenant due to unpaid assessments by the owner when both parties agree to impoundment.

* Sponsors: Rep. Theresa Mah
* Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB4848- Medical Records for Homeless Veterans**

This provides a health care facility or health care practitioner shall provide without charge one complete copy of a patient's records if (1) the patient is an indigent homeless veteran and (2) the records are being requested by the patient or a person, entity, or organization presenting a valid authorization for the release of records signed by the patient or the patient's legally authorized representative, for the purpose of supporting a claim for federal veterans' disability benefits.

* Sponsors: Rep. Daniel Swanson and Senator Pamela Althoff
* Status: Governor signed on August 13. Effective January 1, 2019. Public Act [100-0814](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0814)

**HB4951: Clarify 2017 Changes to Security Deposit Return Act**

The bill addresses concerns by tenant advocates that the recent change in state law could be used by landlords to make deductions from security deposits for ordinary wear and tear, inflate the cost of damages and/or use security deposits to improve the rental unit beyond the condition of the unit at the time the lease begins.

* Sponsors: Rep. Michael Halpin and Sen. Kwame Raoul
* CCH Partners: Housing Action Illinois
* Status: Signed by the governor July 31. Effective immediately. Public Act [**100-0654**](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0654)

**HB4968: Eviction Sealing**

This bill states that if a tenant has not been found to have breached the lease, the eviction court file shall be sealed and impounded.

* Sponsor: Rep. Litesa Wallace
* Status: Referred to Rules

**HB5104: Medical Care Co-pay for Incarcerated Individuals**

This bill would have no longer required incarcerated individuals to pay a $5 co-pay in order to receive medical or dental care for non-emergency services.

* Sponsors: Rep. Carol Ammons and Sen. Elgie Sims
* Status: Amendatory Veto

**HB5311: Re-Entry Information**

This bill would have mandated the Department of Corrections give individuals, 45 days prior to their release, information on how to obtain a state ID card, voter registration information, job listings, housing information, and a directory of their elected officials.

* Sponsors: Rep. Camille Lilly
* Status: Referred to Rules

**HB5508: Homelessness Bill of Rights, Amendment 1**

The bill would require local municipalities to offer permanent supportive housing to people experiencing homelessness if they are removed from public spaces.

* Sponsor: Rep. LaShawn Ford
* Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB5535: Private Prisons**

State of Illinois would no longer be allowed to contract with any for-profit correctional companies for community correctional supervision for the Departments of Corrections or Juvenile Justice.

* Sponsors: Rep. Kelly Cassidy
* Status: Referred to Rules Committee

**HB5868: Residential Recovery Services**

This law permits a group or individual policy for accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act to provide coverage for residential extended care services and supports for persons suffering from alcoholism or other drug addiction.

* Sponsors: Rep. LaShawn Ford and Sen. Antonio Munoz
* CCH Partners: A Safe Haven
* Status: Governor signed on August 24. Effective January 1, 2019. Public Act [100-1065](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-1065)

**HB5877: Racial Discrimination Impact**

This would require that every bill which has or could have a disparate impact on racial and ethnic minorities, upon the request of any member, shall have prepared for it before second reading in the house of introduction, a brief explanatory statement or note that shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated impact on those racial and ethnic minorities likely to be impacted by the bill.

* Sponsors: Rep. Litesa Wallace and Sen. Kimberly Lightford
* Status: Referred to Assignments

**SB211: Lottery - Homelessness Prevention**

This law creates a new scratch-off lottery ticket. The funds will go to homelessness prevention program funds.

* Sponsors: Rep. Martin Moylan and Sen. Laura Murphy
* Governor signed on August 24. Effective immediately. Public Act [100-1068](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-1068)

**SB2411: License Suspension**

The Secretary of State would no longer suspend licenses or deny vehicle registrations due to non-moving violations (e.g. parking tickets).

* Sponsors: Sen. Omar Aquino and Rep. Carol Ammons
* Status: Referred to Rules

**SB2925: School Resource Officer Training**

Creates additional training standards for school resource officers including the following topics: trauma-informed care, crisis intervention training, child psychology.

* Sponsors: Sen. Kimberly Lightford and Rep. Sonya Harper
* Governor signed on August 19. Effective January 1, 2019. Public Act [100-0984](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0984)

**SB3103: Immigrant Tenant Protection**

Would create the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act, which would not allow a landlord to intimidate, harass, or evict a tenant based on immigration/citizenship status.

* Sponsors: Sen. Cristina Castro and Rep. Theresa Mah
* Status: Governor vetoed

**SB3388: Redeploy Illinois Eligibility**

Allows individuals who are classified as violent offenders and probation-eligible to participate in the Adult Redeploy Illinois program. Effective January t, 2019.

* Sponsors: Sen. James Clayborne and Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth
* Governor approved Aug. 20. Effective January 1, 2019. [Public Act 100-0999](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0999)

**SB3466: Supports for Truant Students**

This bill requires appropriate support services be made available for teachers to be able to promote student attendance and engagement. It does not allow school districts to refer truant or chronically absent students to local public entities to issue fines/fees as a punishment for school absences. For children experiencing homelessness, a meeting with the student, their guardian, and a homeless liaison must occur to discuss attendance barriers to ameliorate those barriers.

* Sponsors: Sen. Kimberly Lightford and Rep. William Davis
* Governor approved August 10. Effective January 1, 2019. [Public Act 100-0810](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0810).

**SB 3081: Applicants Have a Right to Know their Public Housing Waiting List Status**

This law ensures people who have applied to a Public Housing Authority (PHA) for housing – either a public housing unit and/or a Housing Choice Voucher – can find out their status on the waiting list within 10 business days, so that they can plan other parts of their life accordingly. Waiting lists can be months or years long. Knowing whether you are close to the top of the list or not may impact other life decisions, such as whether to move to a new town or not.

* Sponsors: Rep. Martin Moylan and Sen. Laura Murphy
* CCH Partners: Housing Action Illinois and Shriver Center
* Governor signed on August 21. Effective date January 1, 2019. Public Act [100-1021](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-1021)

**CCH signed in opposition to these bills:**

**HB4254: Non-traditional shelter liability**

This bill would violate the Homeless Bill of Rights and permit organizations that are not traditional shelters to act as such but remove any liability if something occurred, injuring the person experiencing homelessness.

* Sponsor: Rep. Lindsey Parkhurst
* Status: Bill failed in Judiciary Committee

**HB5508: Homelessness Bill of Rights**

This bill would violate the Homeless Bill of Rights, permitting officers and municipal employees to arrest or commit people experiencing homelessness present in the public way.

* Sponsor: Rep. LaShawn Ford
* Status: Re-Referred to Rules Committee

**HB5660: Medicaid Fraud**

Increases the criminal and civil penalties for medical assistance fraud committed by individuals and corporations.

* Sponsor Rep. Jim Durkin
* Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB5659: Medicaid Defraud Commission**

This bill uses much needed funding for Medicaid on creating a commission to study Medicaid fraud.

* Sponsor: Rep. Peter Breen
* Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee

**SB2339: Minors and Carjacking**

This bill would have toughened the sentences on minors accused of carjacking. Unfortunately, the mere presence of or being in possession of a stolen car would leave the minor liable.

* Sponsors: Rep. Jaime Andrade and Sen. Antonio Munoz
* Status: Re-referred to Assignments

**SB2562: Drone Use at Large Events**

This bill would allow the Chicago Police Department to use drones to monitor large public events, greatly expanding police surveillance powers.

* Sponsors: Sen. Martin Sandoval and Rep. John D’Amico
* Status: Referred to Assignments

**SB3104: Public Indecency**

This bill would create a public indecency charge for those confined within an adult prison or jail. Someone convicted of two or more public indecency charges while incarcerated would be convicted of a class 4 felony, making them subject to sex offender registration.

* Sponsors: Sen. Bill Cunningham and Rep. Bob Rita
* Status: Referred to Rules