

Advocacy

Supporting Decarceration in the Time of the Corona Virus –

- Our world has changed, but the world is changing much more drastically, for the worse, for those who are incarcerated, especially those who are elderly or physically compromised, for whom continued incarceration in close confinement with others may be a death sentence.
- In addition, failure to release older prisoners now, to allow them to obtain the social distancing that is not available in prison, will most likely result in a local and national public health crisis, as large numbers of them become seriously ill and end up taking a disproportionate share of our limited medical resources.
- By acting now, you can contribute to avoiding these catastrophic results by helping to persuade our State and County officials to reduce the populations of Illinois prisons and the Cook County Jail, by releasing older prisoners NOW.
- To do now:
 - o Writing to Kim Foxx - [sign on here](#) to the letter asking Kim Foxx to exercise her authority to resentence older people who are in the Illinois Department of Corrections, to secure their immediate release. The Illinois Prison Project and Restore Justice have determined that this is the most effective way to get some immediate reduction in the elderly population in Illinois prisons.
 - o Writing and Calling Chief Judge Evans and Sheriff Dart - go here: <https://chicagobond.org/2020/03/16/call-in-to-protect-public-health-through-decaration/> to join more than 70 advocacy, community and legal organizations in phoning and writing Chief Judge Evans and Sheriff Dart this week to demand that they act now to protect the health of all Cook County residents, including those incarcerated in Cook County Jail and in their homes on electronic monitoring, by releasing people from the Cook County Jail, stopping new admissions to the Jail, and loosening movement restrictions for people on electronic monitoring. In writing to Judge Evans please specifically mention your support of the requests set forth in open letter [available here](#) that a number of organizations sent on March 19, 2020 to Chief Judge Evans detailing the actions that he needs to take now. Thus far Judge Evans is resisting taking the actions he has authority to take to reduce the population of the Jail. You can read the [call to action here](#), and you can see the full list of actions that the Chief Judge and the Sheriff Dart need to take here: bit.ly/cookcountyjailcovid19
 - o Writing to Governor Pritzker – go to: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gov/contactus/Pages/VoiceAnOpinion.aspx> to write, asking him to:
 - Immediately grant all pending commutation petitions that seek release based on substantiated terminal illness. ([authority](#))
 - Encourage IDOC to use its discretion to release elderly people with less than 12 months to serve and people serving Class 2-4 felonies who are vulnerable to serious illness or death due to an underlying medical condition. ([authority](#))
 - Commute the sentences of anyone over the age of 60 with less than five years remaining to time served. Commute the sentences of all others over 60 to the judicially imposed term *with* the possibility of *expedited* parole in order to make these prisoners eligible for release after an expedited review by the Prisoner Review Board. ([authority](#))
 - Encourage IDOC and the Prisoner Review Board to expedite credit restoration, implementation of discretionary release programs, and every other step necessary to bring IDOC's population back to capacity. ([authority](#))
 - Immediately release juvenile detainees and expand quarantine friendly services to those remaining in detention, as requested by a large coalition of organizations in this letter: <https://ilyouthprisonscovidresponse.com/our-letter>, which they sent to Governor on Friday March 20.

- o Writing to the Illinois Department of Corrections – go to doc.covid@illinois.gov to write, asking them to:
 - Immediately release elderly people with less than 12 months to serve and people serving Class 2-4 felonies who are vulnerable to serious illness or death due to an underlying medical condition. (authority)
 - Fast-track all requests for earned time credits made by inmates over the age of 60, all inmates who are due to be released within the next 24 months, and all at higher risk due to underlying medical conditions. (authority)

- Additional Information about decarceration efforts – Here are links to additional information, including full details of the efforts of the Illinois Prison Project and Restore Justice, the Marshall Project’s curation of links to information on coronavirus in prisons (updated daily), information and guidance released March 19 by the Vera Institute of Justice, which is working with government and advocacy partners around the country to get people out of jails, prisons, and detention centers whenever possible in response to the COVID 19 crisis, and a March 19 editorial of the Sun-Times calling for mass release of prisoners to deal with the crisis:
 - <https://www.illinoisprisonproject.org/coronavirus-response/#recommendations>
 - [The Marshall Project’s “The Record,”](#)
 - [https://mailchi.mp/vera/brooklyn-773710?e=6f6e47c276;](https://mailchi.mp/vera/brooklyn-773710?e=6f6e47c276)
 - [Dr. Leah Pope interview to Mother Jones;](#)
 - [Emily Bazelon in the New York Times – “Courts and Jails Are Putting Lives at Risk.”](#)
 - <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/3/19/21186898/cook-county-jail-coronavirus-tom-dart-covid-19-social-distancing>

Direct Action, On-Line Public Comment, Community Feedback and Petitions

Limiting Cash Bail in Illinois

- Join in the activities of the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice:
 - <https://endmoneybond.org/illinois-network-for-pretrial-justice/>
- Sign petition to the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pretrial Practices at:
 - https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/demand-the-illinois-supreme-court-commission-on-pretrial-practices-recommend-supreme-court-rule?just_launched=true
 demanding that its forthcoming report on pretrial reforms recommend adoption of a proposed Supreme Court Rule to prohibit incarceration due solely to the inability to afford a money bond

Limiting E-Carceration through Electronic Monitoring

- Sign petition to Demand #NoDigitalPrisons in Illinois, organized by The Center for Media Justice, at:
 - <https://centerformediajustice.org/2018/11/13/demand-nodigitalprisons-in-illinois/>

Supporting the Election of Reform Prosecutors Around the Country in 2020

- Join the Accountable Justice Action Fund (AJAF) - <https://accountablejusticeaction.org/> now by writing to Senior Strategic Advisor Chris Maggiano at chris@cormierco.com, to get ongoing access to detailed information about all of opportunities to elect reform prosecutors around the country, and about how to support their election.- **no contribution is required**
- AJAF is a leading group in coordinating and financing support for reform candidates for prosecutor in counties around the country

- AJAF was instrumental in electing at least 6 reform prosecutors in 2019 in counties with a total population of over 2.5 million (nearly 3.5 million if Chesa Boudin wins in San Francisco in a race that is still too close to call), and in 10 such wins last year

Supporting and Expanding Bond Reform in Cook County and the State of Illinois

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- Watch the new video of the Coalition to End Money Bond at:
 - <https://mailchi.mp/endmoneybond/new-campaign-launch-video-pretrial-fairness-now?e=26813fbadd>
- Write to your legislators now (find them here: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/>), asking them to support:
 - Repeal of the use of the use of cash bail in Illinois, as proposed by Governor Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Stratton, and
 - Enactment of the Pretrial Justice Fairness Act, which is being introduced into this spring's session of the Illinois State Legislature
- Get more information:
 - about the Pretrial Justice Fairness Act and creating a just pretrial system in Illinois at: <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/vison-for-a-just-pretrial-system.pdf> and
 - about Governor Pritzker's agenda for criminal justice reform at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/lgt/Documents/JEO%20Report%202020.pdf> and at <https://capitolnewsillinois.com/NEWS/pritzker-puts-criminal-justice-reforms-atop-2020-agenda>

Learning About Pretrial Detention in Cook County and the controversy regarding release pending a trial on the merits of individuals accused of unlawful possession of a firearm who have not been accused of a violent crime:

- [WBEZ Primer on Bail and Pretrial Detention](#)
- May 2019 [report](#) of Chief Judge Evans on the impact of policies and action of the Cook County Circuit Court in releasing those accused of a crime in Cook County pending their trial to determine their guilt or innocence
- President Toni Preckwinkle's [letter](#) of July 16 to Mayor Lightfoot challenging claims by Police Chief Johnson that release of individuals who have been accused of unlawful possession of a firearm but who have not been convicted and have not been accused of violent use of a firearm contributes significantly to gun violence in Chicago
- Mayor Lightfoot's response:
 - <https://www.chicagoreporter.com/lightfoot-blames-bond-court-reform-for-gun-violence/>
- Amy Campanelli Critique's of the Police Department "Gun Offender Dashboard" identifying and classifying those accused (but not convicted) of gun offenses:
 - <http://twitter.com/tahmanbradley/status/1159215848810262533>
- Police Chief Johnson's Defense of the Dashboard
 - <https://home.chicagopolice.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CPDs-Response-to-the-Cook-County-Public-Defenders-Press-Release-Regarding-CPDs-Gun-Offender-Dashboard.pdf>
- Analysis of the Dashboard by Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice:
 - <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/our-blog/cpds-gun-offender-dashboard-contains-disturbing-inaccuracies-that-are-misleading-the-public-about-the-causes-of-violent->

[crime/?fbclid=IwAR3pZm58U-heU4CQH08pcvkKqIUKEmmPx9sex58Z7YHKcD6OT2JDsVSHefM](https://www.facebook.com/1wAR3pZm58U-heU4CQH08pcvkKqIUKEmmPx9sex58Z7YHKcD6OT2JDsVSHefM)

Commentary: Data Alone Won't Stop Chicago Gun; Cook County Needs a Public 'Violence Reduction Dashboard', by Paula Wolff in the Chicago Tribune, August 7, 2019

- <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-opinion-cpd-gun-offender-dashboard-20190807-oauk7hgvs5ai5kthk3qmn45iy-story.html>
- Commentary suggesting that the County's use of "Public Safety Assessment" scores to assess "high risk" of pretrial violence, and to deny pretrial release, overstates the risk:
<https://theappeal.org/how-a-tool-to-help-judges-may-be-leading-them-astray/>

Writing and calling Sheriff Tom Dart to ask that he obey the law and stop refusing to release accused people that the courts have ordered to be released pending trial: at (312) 603-6444, sheriff.dart@cookcountyil.gov, or 50 W. Washington St. Chicago 60602

See: *Dart's Misguided Approach to Jail Reform* at:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-perspec-dart-misguided-jail-reform-tonipreckwinkle-0313-story.html>

and *No need for Tom Dart to be gun-shy on bail reform* at

<http://www.chicagoreporter.com/no-need-for-tom-dart-to-be-gun-shy-on-bail-reform/>

Task Force To Cut Female Prison Population in by Half in Illinois

See developments related to this initiative at <https://womensjustice.net/wji-news> and

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-women-prison-population-20180711story.html>

Learn more about the Task Force at: <https://womensjustice.net>

Supporting Basic Human Rights of Incarcerated People

Going to the following link to sign a petition supporting the demands of prisoners participating in last year's prison strike for an end to penal enslavement and other human rights violations in prisons:

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-basic-humanrights-for-incarcerated-people?detail=emailactionLL&link_id=0&can_id=5704777eccbe23910611b0d58fa9f3cd&source=email-its-going-down-largest-prison-strike-in-us-history-continues-sign-and-send-thepetition&email_referrer=email_413003_subject_520398&email_subject=usa-the-country-thatincarcerates-25-of-the-worlds-population-sign-and-send-the-petition

See also:

<https://therealnews.com/stories/prisoners-strike-across-america-canada-to-end-penal-enslavement>

Advocacy with the Illinois State Legislature

Illinois Criminal Justice Reform Legislation on hold – In response to the Corona virus, the Legislature is limiting its spring sessions in a way that appears likely to prevent any criminal justice reform legislation from being considered in Illinois at least until the fall.

Justice Reform Initiatives in the Illinois Legislature – Illinois Senate forms a New Special Senate Committee on Public Safety to set legislative priorities on Criminal Justice Reform – See press release of February 6, 2020 - <http://illinoisenedemocrats.com/caucus-news/8079-senate-dems-unveil-public-safety-priorities?platform=hootsuite>

Find your Senator's and Representative's names and addresses here to register support or opposition to a bill: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/>.

(You can find details about the content and status of Senate and House Bills by number at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp>)

Partial List of 2020 Illinois Bills to Support (in addition to the Pretrial Fairness Act discussed above):

Write johnmclees@outlook.com to get draft letters that you can use to support Illinois House Bill 1615, to limit the scope of prosecution for Felony Murder: Illinois House Bill 1115, to greatly reduce the use of electronic monitoring for those who have completed their term of incarceration (under consideration in the Senate)

Contact Yaacov Delaney of the Community Renewal Society at ydelaney@communityrenewalsociety.org

to learn more about the following Bills and how you can support them:

The Violent Offender Registry Reform Bill (to reduce the time a person is on a public registry, to de-felonize all penalties, and to remove automatic 10 year penalty extension) and

The Restorative Sentencing Bill (to grant program sentencing credit eligibility for people sentenced under Truth in Sentencing)

The Employee Background Fairness Bill (to create reasonable standards in the hiring process for people with records) and

The Public Housing Access Bill (to minimize local housing authority restrictions/bans for people with records).

Contact Betsy Clarke or Luis Klein of the Juvenile Justice Initiative at

bcjuv@aol.com or lkjustice@gmail.com

to learn more about the following Bills and how you can support them:

Illinois House Bill 4613, to reform juvenile detention law to change the standard for detention to ensure it is last resort, and require the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission to include recommendations regarding the availability of youth services to address the use of detention in its annual report

Illinois House Bill 4610, to raise the minimum age for incarcerating children in juvenile detention from 13 to 14

Illinois Senate Bill 239, to expand the initial jurisdiction of Juvenile Court to include all young adults charged with misdemeanors (first defined as those 18 or younger and moving over time to those 20 and younger)

Illinois House Bill 4295, to establish a privilege for communications made during restorative justice proceedings

Illinois House Bill 4609, to expand the category of youth who must be accompanied by lawyers in any interrogation, up from 15 at present

Transfer Reform, to require a hearing in juvenile court to decide whether to prosecute a child under age 18 in adult criminal court.

ACLU's 2019 Illinois Legislative Wrap Up, with suggested Action Items for supporting enactment of the proposed License to Work Act, legislation to Ban the Box in Higher Education, and legislation for Defelonization of Drug Possession and for Increasing the Felony Thresholds for Property Crimes:

<https://www.aclu-il.org/en/news/2019-aclu-illinois-legislative-wrap>

ACLU October 29, 2019 Report on the passage of the Illinois License to Work Act (SB 1786)

<https://www.aclu-il.org/en/legislation/sb-1786-license-work-act>

Legislative Action in the Spring of 2019 –

Before adjourning on May 31, in response to the hard work of many advocates, the Illinois General Assembly passed and sent to Governor Pritzker the following legislation making several important improvements our criminal justice system:

(thanks to Evan Freund of the Interfaith Criminal Justice Task Force for compiling the results of the legislative session):

Resources for Impacted Communities

HB 1438 legalizing the personal use and sale of Marijuana – will devote 25% of the revenue raised by the cannabis tax to communities defined by high levels of violence, of people returning from prison or jail and of childhood poverty
(Thanks to everyone who contacted their representative after the Senate added this provision to the House bill!)

(See a conversation about that important initiative between Sharone Mitchell of the Illinois Justice Project and Anna Lee of the Chicago Community Trust at:

<https://www.cct.org/2019/07/how-illinois-cannabis-laws-aim-to-reduce-violence-and-restore-communities/?fbclid=IwAR2sD1OIM5NHYUIXz0W0VgNLDu-vJGT1qbT3g-GwndZMg3u2k3Avt5pZIEU>)

HB1587 – provides harm reduction services to addicts

Driver's License Revocation

HB 3005/SB 1786 – License to Work Act – will limit driver license suspensions for nonpayment of fees, civil penalties or taxes - For discussion of the bill, see: <https://www.license2work.org/>

Policing

HB 0051 – Requires notice on default of fine 30 days prior to issuance of a warrant

HB 1613 – Combats racial profiling by maintaining data collection re traffic and pedestrian stops– see: <https://www.aclu-il.org/en/publications/racism-rear-view-mirror>
and: <https://www.aclu-il.org/en/legislation/hb-1613-continue-traffic-and-pedestrian-data-collection-law-enforcement>

Definition of Offenses and Sentencing

HB 0094 – Grants sentencing credits for those convicted of offenses prior to 1998

HB 1587 – To reduce sentences for non-violent felonies -with probation, supervisory release

Pretrial Considerations

SB1609 – Increases “bail credit” compensation (deducted from fines) for pretrial incarceration to \$30 per day

Incarceration

HB2040 – Prohibits for-profit correctional institutions in Illinois

HB 2045/HB 2288 – Eliminates inmate co-payments for medical care

Post Release

HB 3061 – Enables initiation of background check prior to offer of employment in health care jobs

HB 3227/SB 1780 – prohibits landlords from using arrest records and records ordered expunged and sealed in rental decisions

HB 1438 legalizing the personal use and sale of Marijuana – will result in expungement of the individual's records for some minor drug offenses, after review by prosecutors

Other Criminal justice reform bills considered in the 2019 session of the General Assembly:

Violence Prevention

HB 0327 – to provide Chicago Violence prevention targeted grants

Policing

HB 2519 – to repeal gang data base

(Passed the House, re-referred to the Senate Assignment Committee)

HB 0021 – to end practice of requiring sworn affidavit as basis for a policing complaint

HB 1616 – to require that police grant anyone taken into custody the right to three completed phone calls within one hour after arrival at the station

(2nd reading ,re-referred to the Rules Committee)

HB 0056 – to regulate police officer accountability

Restorative Justice

HB 1458 – to create a new “privilege” to prevent statement made in restorative justice proceedings from being used in court proceedings
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee, held on calendar)

Definition of Offenses and Sentencing

SB 1610 – Guilty plea – Alien admonition

SB 1968 – Modifications for Class 3 and 4 Non-Violent Crimes < 4 months electronic Monitoring/Adult Transition Center

HB 1614 – to increase the felony dollar threshold for retail theft
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee)

HB 1615 – to modify the level of responsibility required for conviction of felony murder
See: “5 Teens Charged Under a Rule That Must Change” by Dahleen Glanton in the Chicago Tribune, Aug 15, 2019

http://digitaledition.chicagotribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=61853e92-45c7-484e-bfc8-27319961046d

HB 2039 – to allow those serving time for a crime for which the penalties have been subsequently reduced to petition the trial court for an equivalent reduction
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee)

HB2620 (see HB0094 above)– to provide sentencing credit for truth in sentencing offences
(Amendment re-referred to Rules Committee)

HB 0055 – to limit imposition of sentence higher than documented pretrial offer

HB 1587 – to reduce sentences/probation/supervision for non-violent felonies

Pretrial Considerations

SB 1188 – to provide for diversion of mentally ill from the justice system pretrial
(Passed the Senate, sent to the House Judiciary/Criminal Law Committee)

HB 2046 (see SB1609 above) – to provide for incarceration credit compensation (deducted from fines) to \$30 per day for unbailed incarceration
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee)

HB 2689 – Pretrial Data Act – to require monthly reporting by counties of Pretrial Orders, Pretrial Bail Proceeds, and Pretrial Custody and Release

HB 3347 – Equal Justice for All Act – to abolish money bail and govern pretrial proceedings

Juvenile Justice

HB1478 – to raise the minimum age that one can be held in juvenile detention from 10 to 13
(2nd reading)

- HB 2305 – to raise the minimum age to 14 for a youth to be incarcerated in Illinois

HB 1465 – to expand the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for young adults charged charged with misdemeanors

HB 1615 – to limit agency responsibility for murder for juveniles

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HB 2644 – Best Interest of the Child Act

HB 2922 – to require a lawyer for children in interrogation in any case that could be transferred to adult court

Incarceration

SB 1158 – to repeal indemnification by prisoners for prison costs
(2nd reading in the Senate, re-referred to Judiciary/Criminal Committee)

HB 0182 – to limit the use of solitary confinement

HB 2620/SB 2054 – Restorative Sentencing Act – to enact a program of sentence credit for prisoners

who participate in programs contributing to their rehabilitation to reduce time served to below the 85% or 100% of the prescribed sentence as otherwise required by law

HB 2649 – Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents

HB 2925 – to establish a separate Ombudsman Bureau within the Department of Corrections

HB 3090 – to require prompt investigation and reporting of all deaths of people while in custody – For discussion of this bill, see:
<https://www.wbez.org/shows/wbez-news/new-bill-would-force-transparency-on-how-people-die-in-prison/58b387b8-667c-4295-a76d-90337a3e9f2f>

HB 1617 – to regulate use of vending machines in prison facilities

HB 3060 – to provide sentencing credit for home detention and to include electronic home monitoring in the definition of “custody”

HB 0179 – to address claims for wrongful incarceration of innocent individuals

Children and Family Considerations

HB 2444 – Best Interest of the Child Act – to require a Family Impact Statement and consideration of alternatives to incarceration in sentencing a parent or guardian

HB 2649 – to require recognition of the rights of children to maintaining their relationship with parents who are incarcerated

Parole

HB 3214 – to implement parole in Illinois for all prisoners other than sex offenders and those who have committed two or more murders

Post Release

HB2474 – to limit reasons for denials of professional licensing to those convicted of crimes (deadline extended – hold for 2nd reading)

HB0097 – to expand expungement of criminal records (to be reintroduced)

HB 01115 – Limiting electronic monitoring with Mandatory Supervised Release or Parole (Passed House, re-referred to Senate Assignment Committee)

HB 3056 – Employee Background Fairness Act – to regulate how employers take into account prior criminal records of job applicants

HB 0044 – to regulate publication of Criminal records – innocent, sealed or expunged

HB 0932 – to provide for non-violent probationer to attend job training and pre-employment session

HB 3332 – to provide a tax credit for landlords who rent to people with a conviction record

Bills opposed by criminal justice reform advocates as steps backwards:

- HB0221 – to allow counties to opt out of bail reform
- HB0244 – to impose life imprisonment for all First Degree murders
- HB0287 – to deny Internet use to paroled sex offenders
- HB2244 – to place additional conditions on parole, to limit associations

Other bills on which the Legislature did not complete action in 2018:

SAFE ACT (2017 Illinois House Bill 5308), which passed the Senate but not the House in 2017 This legislation would mobilize state economic development and social service agency outreach to the communities most damaged by violence.

- For more information on the SAFE Act introduced in 2017, including a fact sheet and a supporters list, please visit www.iljp.org/thesafeact/.

Sentencing Reform:

2017 Illinois House Bill 3355 – To Implement Recommendations of the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform
Learn more from: Ben Ruddell - bruddell@ACLU-il.org

Juvenile Justice:

2017 Illinois House Bill 4473 - to require that a juvenile be brought before a judge within 24 hours of arrest to determine whether he or she should be further held in pre-trial custody

Learn more at: jjj@jjustice.org

2017 Illinois House Bill 4543 - to implement youth support services to provide alternatives to detention and to prevent deeper criminal involvement

Learn more from: <http://www.uuani.org/>

Prisoner Rights and Opportunities:

2017 Illinois House Bill 4505 - to authorize Illinois to participate in the Federal Prison Industry Enhancement Certification ("PIE") Program, which would provide Federal funds to develop training programs for inmates in Illinois Prisons (details attached here)

Learn more from: Patrick Simon patrick.simon@illinois.gov or Michael Lane michael.r.lane@illinois.gov at the Illinois Dept. of Corrections

2017 Illinois House Bill 4741 - to safeguard prison visiting rights

Learn more from: Jobi Cates: jcates@restorejustice.org

2017 Illinois House Bill 4888 - to require improvements in conditions, treatment, accountability and communication and structural changes in the operation of the Department of Corrections, and collection and sharing of information and data

Learn more from Jennifer Vollen-Katz: jvollen@thejha.org

Restrictions on Rights and Opportunities of Former Inmates and those convicted of a crime: 2017

Illinois Senate "Path To Restoration" Bill 3489 - to allow individuals that are subject to registration after release from prison in the Violent Offender Against Youth Registry to amend incorrect information and appeal their inclusion in the database.

Learn more at <https://www.imacentral.org/support-path-restoration/>

2017 Illinois House Bill 3142 - to prohibit colleges, universities, and trade schools from asking or considering an individual's criminal record for purposes of admissions

Learn more from: Samantha Tuttle : stuttle@heartlandalliance.org

Records of Eviction Proceedings

2017 Illinois House Bill 4968 - to provide for sealing and impoundment of a court file for an ----- eviction action in which the court does not find that a tenant or an occupant has materially breached the lease

Learn more from Bob Palmer at bob@housingactionil.org

Availability and Allocation of Resources

Legislation to redirect budget priorities toward social services and away from incarceration See:

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/opinion/recognition-of-budget-cuts-not-enough-time-tofund-up/>

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