



The Senate Democrats and Republicans filed a series of bills that would provide for a framework to end the current budget impasse. Each piece of legislation includes language that requires each of these bills to become law in order for all others to become effective. Among the proposals in the package include:

Education Reform (SB 1) – No introduced language available.

Minimum Wage Increase (SB 2) – Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2017 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2021, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage.

Local Government Consolidation (SB 3) – Expands the Local Government Reduction and Efficiency Division statewide (currently only DuPage, Lake and McHenry Counties) to allow counties to consolidate units of local government. Provides for other local government consolidation measures.

Bill Backlog (SB 4) – Authorizes the state to borrow \$7 billion to help pay down the backlog of unpaid bills, which is currently at \$11 billion.

Chicago Teacher Pension Relief (SB 5) – Provides pension relief to the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund.

FY 17 Budget (SB 6) – Makes budget appropriations for the remainder of the FY 17 budget.

Gaming Expansion (SB 7) – Provides for the creation of a Chicago casino and six new additional casinos, establishes internet lottery, and authorizes video gaming terminals at horse racing tracks.

Procurement Reform (SB 8) – Provides for procurement reform.

Omnibus Tax Bill (SB 9) – Contains several tax provisions including:

- Imposition of a \$.01 per ounce tax on sugar-sweetened beverage
- Increases the individual income tax rate from 3.75% to 4.95%
- Increase the corporate income tax rate from 5.25% to 7%
- Elimination of the foreign and domestic dividend subtraction
- Reinstatement of the research and development credit
- Decouples from the federal Domestic Production Activities Deduction (DPAD)
- Elimination of the unitary business group non-combination rule
- Increases the amount of earned income tax from 10% to 15% of the federal credit

Local Government Borrowing (SB 10) – Allows a home rule municipality may enter into an agreement to assign, sell, transfer, or otherwise convey its interest in all or part of any revenues or taxes that it receives from the State Comptroller, the State Treasurer, or the Department of Revenue, and sets for the requirements for such agreements.

Pension Reform (SB 11) – Would establish the so-called “consideration” pension reform plan. In addition, would eliminate the General Assembly Retirement System for future lawmakers.

Workers’ Compensation Reform (SB 12) – Workers’ compensation reform.

Property Tax Freeze (SB 13) – Would provide for a two-year property tax freeze on all taxing districts.