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Modified criminal justice reform bill passed, Pritzker to sign

Gov. J.B. Pritzker is expected to sign legislation that came under heavy public criticism, but which authors say reforms Illinois' criminal justice system.

Formerly named HB 163, legislators approved the Second Floor Amendment to HB 3653. After passing the House, the 764-page bill was approved at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday.

The bill will go into effect July 1, with some provisions become effective at later dates. Those dates will be indicated in parenthesis below.

The bill does not eliminate qualified immunity for police officers, which would have made it easier for police to be sued personally for work-related action. Nor does it eliminate the ability of departments to bargain collectively. Anonymous complaints against officers would be allowed, removing the sworn affidavit currently required of accusers (January 1, 2023).

It does, however, eliminate the need for criminal defendants to post cash bail in most circumstances. Exceptions include cases in which a judge determines a risk to public safety or a risk the defendant would flee before trial. The bill maintains that victim safety will be considered in setting the conditions of a defendant's release, but it removed language denying or fixing the amount of bail (January 1, 2023).

Those in custody will have the right to make three phone calls under the bill, being able to retrieve phone numbers from their cell phones.

As soon as is practical, and no later than July 1, the Illinois Secretary of State must rescind the suspension, cancellation or prohibition of renewal of a person's driver's license that was canceled before the effective date of the legislation, due to the person failing to pay any fine or penalty for traffic violations, automated traffic law enforcement system violations or abandoned vehicle fees.

When the bill is signed, it will require police officers to be licensed by the state (January 1, 2022). The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) will be required to set minimum standards for

regular mental health screenings for probationary and permanent officers, while keeping counseling sessions and screenings confidential.

Probationary officers will have at least 12 hours of hands-on, scenario-based role-playing; at least six hours of instruction on the use of force techniques, including using de-escalation strategies to prevent or reduce the need for force, when it is safe to do so; specific training on officer safety techniques; and at least six hours on high-risk traffic stops. It also adds emergency response and crisis intervention training, officer wellness and mental health to the list of in-service training requirements

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officers must successfully complete annually. Additionally, ILETSB will be required to adopt rules and minimum standards for in-service training requirements, with at least 30 hours of training every three years. All law enforcement agencies will be mandated to have officer-worn body cameras. For Hoopeston and other municipalities with fewer than 50,000 people, this requirement is effective January 1, 2025.

Agencies complying with the requirements will be given preference by ILETSB in grant awards under the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act. The criminal code will be amended, changing conditions under which officers may use any force, including deadly force and prohibits the use of force by using restraint above shoulders. The legislation also prohibits the use of kinetic impact projectiles (rubber or plastic bullets) and all non– or less-lethal projectiles, into a person’s head, pelvis or back or to discharge them into a crowd. Using tear gas, pepper spray or other chemical agents prior to issuing an order to disperse is also prohibited. Law enforcement agencies’ reporting standards will be expanded to include the new provisions in monthly reports.

Under the new provisos, sheriffs’ departments and police departments are prohibited from requesting or receiving specified equipment from any military surplus program. Those who do make requests must publish notice of the request on a publicly-accessible website maintained by the department or municipality within 14 days of the request. After passage, Prizker issued a statement saying he has “long held that an essential mark of good governance is a willingness to change the laws that have failed the people of Illinois.” This bill provides “the opportunity to shape our state into a lesson in true justice for the nation by abolishing cash bail, modernizing sentencing laws, instituting a certification and decertification system for police officers statewide, requiring body cameras, reforming crowd control response, and am-

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:34 a.m. Wednesday for an activated carbon monoxide detector in the 900 block of South Second Ave. The detector was beyond its life cycle. No carbon monoxide was detected and there were no reports of injury or illness.

Briefly

Change in food cupboard schedule
Grant Township Food Cupboard will be closed January 18.

Bulk garbage
Hoopeston bulk garbage day will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. This is for items too big for the blue totes. It is for Hoopeston residents only. Identification will be checked.

Historical society meeting canceled
Hoopeston Historical Society will not meet this month. The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. February 15 at First Christian Church fellowship hall. A presentation will be given on the Floral Hill Chapel. All are welcome. Please wear a mask.

Weather

Chance of rain/snow today. High 34. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 26. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of sprinkles/flurries. High 35, low 25. Sunday, chance of snow. High 30, low 21. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

plifying law enforcement training standards. “I have long pledged my support to the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus in their efforts to pass not just criminal justice reform and police accountability measures, but also to truly root out the systemic rac-

ism that pulses through all our nation’s institutions by pursuing greater equity in healthcare, higher goals in education, and deeper investments in economic opportunity for communities that have for too long been left out and left behind.”

Classifieds

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2 bedroom first floor apartment, washer & dryer hook up, fresh paint, garbage paid, \$500 month 217-495-2274

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Mustard Seed Christian Daycare has an opening for a full time cook. Requirements: Must be 19 years old, must be able to follow recipes and successfully cook/bake according to the recipe, must be able to pass a background check, must be willing to obtain Food Service Manager License, must be available from 6:30am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday, must be able to lift objects up to 20lbs and stand for most of the shift. Application information can be requested by emailing Terri Bush at mustardseed.kitchenstaff@gmail.com.

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Line Mechanics. Interested candidates can apply online at silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/11205/0

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Cade’s Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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