

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
500 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE
AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

500 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 & Via WebEx

**February 27, 2026
12:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 27, 2026 Joint Finance & Legislative and Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Sean Smoot via WebEx.

II. ROLL CALL ~ ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM (VIRTUAL MEETING)

Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar.

Members in Attendance:

Sean Smoot
John Idleburg
Nora Gomez
Brendan Kelly
Ghida Neukirch
Richard Watson

Designees in Attendance:

Elias Voulgaris for Mariyana Spyropoulos

Members Absent:

Kwame Raoul

Others Present:

Samantha Brill

III. REVIEW OF PENDING LEGISLATION

A. HB 4645: Juvenile Officers (Rep. Hirschauer):

This bill establishes a specialty certification program for juvenile officers, with continuing training requirements and background checks. Director Calloway stated the Board has the authority to move forward and set a curriculum without the bill. It was determined that staff will watch the bill during this session and bring it to the June Board meeting if necessary.

B. HB 4775: Illinois State Police (ISP) Reciprocity Training (Rep. Vella):

This bill exempts retired state troopers from the Board's review and any mandates or training. It also requires that the Board give the trooper an automatic certification and waiver. Keigher noted that the SAFE-T Act requires certification for everyone, and staff continues to have extreme difficulty obtaining training records for these officers from ISP. Calloway stated the standards are set and every officer under the Board must meet them, with no exceptions. Staff are preparing an alternate amendment for this bill.

C. HB 5517: SAFE-T Act Trailer (Rep. Slaughter):

This version of the bill has to do with items involving ILETSB, mainly certification. The main item being when a discretionary decertification happens the officer or their attorney can introduce mitigatory evidence. However, there is no option for the Board to go with a mitigated option. They want the Board to create a new division for certification with a new Deputy Director. Staff are opposing this bill even though some of their suggestions have been added.

Director Brendan Kelly joined the meeting.

D. HB 4249: Trauma Informed Training (Rep. West)

E. HB 4234: Epilepsy Training (Rep. Briel)

F. SB 3306: Epi-Pen Training (Sen. Koehler)

In reference to items D, E, & F, all three of these bills have merit, but they are trying to wedge them all into the triannual mandates which becomes a burden for the chiefs. HB 4249 bill relates more to officer wellness. It will require mandates and environmental safety components for officers. Staff would prefer these three to be included with existing mandates which place the burden on ILETSB. Staff are looking to write amendments for these three.

G. Other Bills of Interest

- *SB 4043 (Sen. Preston):* ILETSB staff drafted this. It is Section 7, which is where all of the mandates are located. This is a much-needed clean-up of the section, Keigher and Janetzke discussed a few of the changes and noted this is mostly a reorganization.
- *SB 2350 (Rep. Johnson):* This was filed last year and has been reinvigorated. It allows camera grant funds to be used for auxiliary officers.
- *HB 5137 (Rep. DeLuca):* This would allow the Comptroller's office to create a police department.
- *SB 3697 (Sen. Feigenholtz):* This is the Hate Crimes Bill which stalled in the House last year, but the Senate has picked it up. Staff are comfortable with this version of the bill.
- *HB 3053 (Rep. Mayfield):* This bill, which may be reactivated from last year, aims to add two seats to the ILETSB Board; two members from a statewide lodge (FOP members).
- *HB 4920 (Rep. West):* This bill creates a universal licensing scheme for Illinois. It would streamline reciprocity with other states, great idea, however, police training is very different than other trainings so staff will be watching this one.
- *SB 3798 (Sen. Peters/Rep. Cassidy):* CESSA Bill. This bill proposes injecting CESSA training into the Board's CIT course.

- *SB 2819 (Sen. Bryant)*: This bill proposes to allow IDOC corrections officers to qualify for IROCC. The Board has no access to monitor or track IDOC officers so staff would have some complications with this.
- *SB 3564 (Sen. Johnson)*: This bill requires the Board to set statewide policy for facial recognition technology in law enforcement. Smoot recommended instead of creating a mandate, maybe create a model policy.

Smoot then gave Director Kelly a chance to weigh in on HB 4775. Director Kelly stated he is waiting for clarification from his people on a few items and will then be in contact with Director Calloway. Kelly did note that this bill is not coming from ISP, it comes from the Illinois Chiefs of Police, and a few chiefs who are former Illinois State Police.

IV. NEXT STEPS

Keigher mentioned the Board meeting is next week. He noted with the SAFE-T Act material settled he and his staff are working on Rules to present at the meeting. Smoot stated he could not attend the upcoming Board meeting but could be available by phone if needed. Director Calloway mentioned staff are meeting with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association next week after the Board meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Neukirch, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

