

2019 State Mandates Report

New Mandates on Counties Enacted in 2019

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One of the foremost challenges confronting local governments in Illinois is the annual enactment of new requirements uncoupled from the funding necessary to defray the additional costs.

All mandates are not created equal. Some are minor while others are far more substantial. Even so, the annual enactment of unfunded mandates that result from new laws creates a cumulative cost burden on counties and other local governments.

It is probably unrealistic to expect the General Assembly to cease-and-desist in imposing any new mandates on local governments. However, it isn't unreasonable to expect legislators to recognize the financial consequences of these actions with the objective of encouraging them to pause to ask, "what will this cost the local governments in our districts?"

The objective of this report, and future such reports, is to generate awareness about the types of new laws that impose costs on county governments and to remind legislators that someone needs to pay for the mandates imposed. That someone is the local taxpayer. In this respect, voting for state mandates is a hidden tax or service cut, depending on what action a local government must take to offset the added cost.

This report identifies several new laws enacted in 2019 that impose unfunded state mandates on counties. According to the Illinois State Mandates Act (30 ILCS 805), there are five types of mandates:

- Local Government Organization and Structure Mandates
- Due Process Mandates
- Service Mandates
- Tax Exemption Mandates
- Personnel Mandates

In the most general sense, however, a mandate can be defined as something a person or entity is compelled to do without having any real choice in the matter. The new laws listed within this report certainly fit this definition.

The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) will generally oppose new unfunded state mandates. ISACo recognizes some mandates are intended to achieve an important public policy purpose and some mandates are relatively innocuous with respect to impact. In the case of the former, we ask that the General Assembly either provide county governments with the financial resources to defray the cost or work with counties to resolve the issue without the need to compel a costly solution.

Respectfully,



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New State Mandates – Enacted in 2019

Bill	Title	Nature of Mandate	P.A. Number
County Facilities			
HB 3711	Equitable Restrooms – Baby Change	Costs associated with facility modification	101-0293
SB 556	Equitable Restrooms – All Gender	Costs associated with Installation of signage	101-0165
Government Operations			
HB 137	Community Water Supplies and Bridge Infrastructure	Personnel cost increase	101-0226
SB 2090	Jails/Prisons Voting	Personnel and equipment costs	101-0442
Health Care			
HB 2433	Hospital – Blood Pressure	Costs associated with inventory requirement	101-0091
HB 2846	Health Insurance Coverage Mandate	Costs associated with increased coverage	101-0488
HB 2895	Birthing Facilities – Education	Costs associated with education and compliance requirements	101-0390
HB 3435	Insurance Code – Epinephrine Injector	Costs associated with increased coverage	101-0281
HB 3487	Hospital – Health Insurance Post	Costs associated with staff time	101-0117
HB 3503	Hearing Aids	Costs associated with increased coverage	101-0393
Personnel & Pensions			
HB 252	Human Rights Definition	Reduction of county authority	101-0430
HB 834	Equal Pay Act – Wage History	Reduction of county authority	101-0177
HB 2557	Video Interview Act	Costs related to staff time	101-0260
HB 2766	Suicide First Responders	Personnel cost increase	101-0375
HB 2830	Mandatory Employee Leave	Personnel cost increase	101-0486

HB 3263	IMRF – Public Information	Costs related to staff time	101-0504
SB 1	Minimum Wage/Income Tax Credit	Personnel cost increase	101-0001
SB 75	Workplace Transparency Act	Costs related to staff time and training requirement	101-0221
Public Safety & Law Enforcement			
HB 92	Arrest Waiver Delay	Costs associated with new procedure	101-0039
HB 2134	Freedom from Location Surveillance Act	Reduction of county authority	101-0460
HB 2767	Police Training – Mental Health	Costs associated with training requirement	101-0215
SB 131	Registration of Inoculated Cats	Costs associated with staff time	101-0299
Reports, Notifications, & Meetings			
HB 3	Hospital Report Card Act	Additional reporting requirement	101-0446
HB 2266	Comptroller Reports & Funds	Additional reporting requirement	101-0034
SB 90	Drainage Districts – Dissolution	Petition filing requirement	101-0298
SB 1041	Lessee Property Tax Liability	Additional notification requirement	101-0198
SB 1134	Foreclosure Publication/Notice	Additional notification requirement	101-0539
SB 1411	Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act	Information tracking requirement	101-0377
SB 1568	Coroner – Sudden Infant Death	Additional reporting requirement	101-0338
Revenue & Finance			
HB 833	Property Tax – Senior Homestead	Costs associated with staff time	101-0453
HB 2209	TIF Information on Tax Bill	Costs associated with new requirement	101-0134