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Health Policy Legislative Update

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Economic Access, Equity & Opportunity Reform was split into three bills that passed the Legislature: The 4th Pillar did not pass

HB 3653- Criminal Justice Reform- Eliminate the cash-bail system by 2023 and allows judges discretion to keep those charged -in custody. It reduces drug possession penalties, create a police certification and a decertification system, requires the use of body cameras by 2025 and bans chokeholds.

HB 2170 - Education Reform- Provides early intervention services, and that K-12 classes and higher education reflect a more equitable system for minority students. Changes high school graduation requirements starting 2024 / 2025 year to include 2 years of a foreign language, one year of computer literacy, and two years of a laboratory science.

SB 1480- makes it a civil rights violation for employers to use conviction records in recruitment, hiring, promotions, renewal, training discharge, tenure, or conditions of employment. Unless there is a substantial relationship between the offense and the employment or some other unreasonable risk.

SB 1792 Requires a disparity study among farmers and cannabis license holders. It requires the personal care products industry supplier to study disparities between those of color and whites as well. Also creates the predatory loan prevention Act by amending various acts regarding interest rates, periods of loans, collateral, etc.

SB 1608- sets goal and percentages for diversity and underrepresented groups regarding the awarding of State contracts and State Procurement.

SB 1980- requires Illinois Housing Authorities to collect information about denials based on criminal history records.

March 29, 2021

The legislature passed the 4th pillar legislation HB 3840/SB 558 known as the Health Care and Human Services Reform.

HB 158, The 4th pillar healthcare Reform Bill Passed both houses in Springfield. This was the the 4th pillar legislation by the Illinois black caucus. The legislation did not pass during the lame-duck session but with lots of work by the Senate and the House the bill passed. HB 158 is on the way to the Governor's desk to be signed into law. The Governor is ready to sign the Bill. Go to the general assembly website to review the Bill.

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Go on the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association website to review the Factsheets on the following legislation.

HB 580- Nursing Compact- Sponsors Representative Zalewski and Senator Feigenholtz in the Senate. **OPPOSE**

SB 1990- Nurse Practice Act Delegation **Support**

HB 3871 INA/NNU staffing bill **Support**