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SUBJECT: Fall Veto Session This Week

Members of the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will return to Springfield this week to begin their annual fall Veto Session. Both the House and the Senate will be in session Wednesday and Thursday with committee hearings commencing tomorrow. Lawmakers are also scheduled to return to the Capitol the week after Thanksgiving on December 2-4.

The complete agenda for the Veto Session is not yet clear. With voters having approved the advisory referendum calling for a minimum wage increase by a 2-1 margin, movement on [SB 68 \(Lightford, K.\)](#) is certainly possible in the coming weeks. We will continue to meet with key lawmakers to discuss the impact that a minimum wage increase would have on youth employment as well as the need for additional time to allow agencies to budget for any increase.

Another bill that we continue to closely monitor is [HB 924 \(Hoffman, J. / Harmon, D.\)](#). Members will recall that this legislation would require bidders on local government contracts to meet the "responsible bidder" standards under the Illinois Procurement Code, including a requirement to participate in a training / apprenticeship program.

**Both of these bills currently remain in the Senate Assignments Committee, but if they begin to move forward we will update you.**

During the next couple weeks, lawmakers may also consider whether to override Governor Quinn's veto of [HB 3796 \(Currie, B. / Hastings, M.\)](#), which contains two beneficial changes to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

[HB 3796](#) would allow a public body to satisfy a FOIA request for documents that are already available on the public body's website by directing the requester to that website. The legislation vetoed by the Governor also contains important protections for requesters who are unable to reasonably access the record online by requiring the public body to provide copies in those cases.

Another change would provide public bodies relief from "voluminous requests" that can be burdensome to local government operations, particularly under FOIA's time constraints.

The General Assembly can override the Governor's veto of [HB 3796](#) by a three-fifths supermajority vote in each chamber.

As the veto session progresses, you can count on IAPD to keep you updated if developments of

interest to your agency occur. Please check [IAPD's website](#) for the latest information. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding legislation, please contact us at 217/523-4554.