



The 2015 Spring Legislative Session

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Legislative Accomplishments

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- **HB 1004 (Ford/E. Jones)**
 - *Extends the African American HIV/AIDS Response Act to 2026, amends the AIDS Confidentiality Act to make testing more routinized.*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate unanimously, sent to the Governor June 11.*
- **HB 2812 (C. Mitchell/Biss)**
 - *Ban on the dissemination of Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) for Sensitive Services to Medicaid recipients*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate unanimously.*

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- **HB 2731 (Hernandez/Steans)**
 - *Mandates that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) report enrollment statistics for Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate unanimously.*
- **HB 217 (Cassidy/Biss)**
 - *Ban on the practice of Conversion Therapy for those 18 years of age or younger*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate.*

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- **HB 218 (Cassidy/Noland)**
 - *Cannabis Penalties, makes possession of up to 16 oz of cannabis punishable by a ticket of \$50-\$150.*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate.*
- **HB 1335 (G. Harris/Connely)**
 - *Right to Try Act, allows for terminal patients can request the use of a drug not yet approved by the US Food and Drug Administration*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate.*

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- **SB 661(Mulroe/McAulliffe)**
 - *Mandates testing for Hepatitis C if an individual was born between 1945 and 1965*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate.*
- **SB 1847(Biss/Gabel)**
 - *Expands SNAP benefits to those at or below 165% of the Federal Poverty Limit*
 - *Passed both the House and Senate.*

Spring 2015 Legislative Accomplishments



- HR 128(T. Jones)
 - *Created the African American HIV/AIDS Day in Illinois*
 - *Resolution Adopted by the House*



The FY 16 Budget Proposals

FY 16 Budgeting



•Governor Rauner Fiscal Year 16 Proposal

- *Governor Rauner in February proposed a budget that appropriated \$20 million to the HIV Lump Sum, representing a 25% decrease from FY 15*
- *The proposal also appropriated \$500,000 to the African American HIV/AIDS Response Act, a 66% reduction from FY 15*

FY 16 Budgeting



•Democratic Fiscal Year 16 Spending Plan

- *The House and Senate, with only Democratic votes, passed a budget that appropriated \$23 million to the HIV Lump Sum, a 20% reduction*
- *The proposal also appropriated \$1.25 million to the African American HIV/AIDS Response Act, an almost 10% reduction from FY 15*
- *This budget is being sent to the Governor, who it is assumed will veto it*



The Springfield Stalemate

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Springfield Stalemate



- The Legislature passed their own budget in May and sent it to the Governor June 17
 - *The budget contains across the board cuts, but is still at least \$3 billion short of our revenue projections*
 - *The Governor will likely veto the bill*
 - *Governor Rauner has said he will compromise on revenue if the legislature enacts his Turnaround Agenda*

ADAP At Risk

- Without a Budget on July, ADAP payments cannot be made
 - *The state will lack appropriation authority*
 - *AFC is working to have ADAP declared an essential service so that payments can be made without a budget*
 - *There are over 9,000 Illinoisans currently enrolled in ADAP*

Key Dates

- July 1 – Beginning of new Fiscal Year
 - *State enters a Government Shutdown*
- July 15 – State makes last payment of FY 15 bills
- August 10 – State payments to schools due
 - *If this deadline is not met, schools will likely be unable to open on time*



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AFC Direct Advocacy



- AIDS Foundation Advocacy Days
 - *AFC held three Advocacy Days during the Spring Session and two Community Events*
 - Virtual Advocacy Day on March 18
 - Northside Budget Town Hall April 8
 - Springfield Advocacy Day April 15
 - Community Budget Workshop May 2
 - Springfield Advocacy Day May 13
 - *Nearly 700 individuals participated in these events*

Revenue



- Illinois does not have enough revenue
 - *2011 Income Tax Increase expired, creating a \$6 billion budget hole*
 - *Demand for services exceeds the state's revenue*
- Illinois needs increased revenue to fund all the services for our most in-need citizens
- Revenue increases need political will to be enacted

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