



SENATOR MELINDA BUSH'S 2015 LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

Economic Development

SR 576 - Resolution supporting full access to I-94 at Route 173
Demonstrating support for access from Route 173 to Interstate 94

SB 1427 – EDGE (Economic Development for a Growing Economy) Credit Reform
Reforms the way we incentivize business, allowing us to better compete with other states

SB 659 – New Business Permitting Portal
Creates a website to help individuals create new businesses or relocate to Illinois

SB 680 – Lower business (LLC) filing fees
Reduces the fee required to file with the Secretary of State as a new business

SB 544 – Impact / Host Fees for Communities Storing Nuclear Waste
Requires nuclear facility owner to pay an impact fee to communities hosting decommissioned reactors and storing the related nuclear material.

Ethics and Good Government

SB 1430 – Consolidating township assessors
Allows counties to consolidate township assessors by referendum or resolution

SB 791 – Forest Preserve leasing rights
Allows forest preserves to lease unused office space, saving taxpayers money

SB 792 – Truth in Taxation notices
Requires taxing bodies with websites to give online notice of proposals that alter tax rates

SB 1291 – Golden Parachute reform
Severely limits golden parachutes for education administrators, and ensures the parachute is not pensionable

SB 1444 – Reforming Per Diems
Ensures state boards that receive reimbursements per meeting cannot abuse the system

SJR 28 - Introduction of Lake County Working Group on Local Government Consolidation
Looks at how units of Lake County local government may be consolidated or dissolved



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Environment

SB 1202 – No Fracking on Public Lands
No new permits for fracking on or under state owned land

Public Health & Safety

SB 1466 – “Lali’s Law”
Allows pharmacies to carry life-saving heroin overdose medication, and expands access to families

SB 10 – Expansion of Good Samaritan protections
Expands Good Samaritan protection to first responders who apply life-saving overdose medication

SB 1426 – Alzheimer’s’ Disease awareness & prevention lottery ticket
Creates a lottery ticket and directs proceeds to Alzheimer’s awareness & prevention fund

SB 1846 – State Police “Silver Alert”
Creates statewide emergency alert system for when someone with Alzheimer’s or dementia is reported missing

HB 3848 – Protecting sexual assault survivors
Ensures victims of rape aren’t billed for their own rape kits

2015 Legislative Committees

Commerce and Economic Development – Vice Chair
Education
Education Subcommittee on Charter Schools
Environment and Conversation
Environment & Conservation Subcommittee on EPA 111(d) Requirements
Human Services
Revenue
State Government & Veterans Affairs