

United Counties Council of Illinois - Legislation Summary/Crime Package Bills
HB4736/SB4202 (April 1, 2022 Introduction)

[House Bill 4736](#) (Peters)

Crime Reduction Task Force

- House Bill 4736 would create a Crime Reduction Task Force to develop and propose ways to reduce crime across the state.
- The Crime Reduction Task Force would be made up of a bipartisan group of senators and representatives, alongside law enforcement, legal and criminal justice professionals, crime victims and witnesses.
- The group would review research and best practices while taking expert and witness testimony. It would then submit a report detailing its findings, recommendations and needed resources to the General Assembly and governor by March 1, 2024.

Anonymous reporting hotline

- House Bill 4736 would work to set up statewide tip hotlines to allow people to anonymously report crime in their communities.
- Under the measure, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information authority would establish a grant program open to organizations and units of local government to assist in the creation of creating anonymous tip hotlines or other systems to crime victims and witnesses.
- The grant program would help provide cash rewards for tips which lead to arrest.

Violent Crime Witness Protection Program

- House Bill 4736 would reconstitute and fund the Gang Crime Witness Protection Act as the Violent Crime Witness Protection program.
- The program would provide funding assistance for emergency or temporary living costs, moving costs, security deposits, mental health treatment and lost wage assistance.

[Senate Bill 4202](#) (Villanueva)

- Senate Bill 4202 would provide investments into a number of community-based programs. The programs include:

- o Early Childhood Education: \$598 million, an increase of \$54.4 million
- o Parents Too Soon program: \$7.7 million, an increase of \$850,000
- o Healthy Families Illinois program: \$10.8 million, an increase of \$850,000
- o Teen REACH After-School Program: \$19.6 million, an increase of \$5.1 million
- o Child Care Assistance Program: \$3 billion, an increase of \$41.1 million
- o Redeploy Illinois Program: \$14.3 million, an increase of \$8 million
- o Monetary Award Program: \$529 million, an increase of \$50 million
- o After school programming: \$45 million, an increase of \$25 million

*increase compared to FY 22

[Senate Bill 4203](#) (Peters)

- Senate Bill 4203 would allocate \$20 million for the Witness Protection Program and \$1 million for the anonymous tip program.

[House Bill 1360](#) (Gordon-Booth)

- House Bill 1360 would create the Co-Responder Unit Pilot Program at police departments in East St. Louis, Peoria, Springfield and Waukegan.
- The co-responder units would employ social workers and focus on serving communities by focusing on mental and behavioral health, substance use disorder services and homelessness issues. In particular, the proposed units would work to connect violence survivors with needed services, including trauma-informed crisis intervention and counseling.