



Open Government Agenda

Government transparency checks corruption, promotes fiscal responsibility and allows for greater, more meaningful participation in our democratic system. Democracy works best with a responsible, informed, and active citizenry. Illinois can make important progress towards open and accountable government by adopting the following bills which promote open government and citizen participation and by rejecting those that limit the public's access to public information.



Civic Education

HB4024: Providing for civic education professional development opportunities for Illinois teachers. **Support**

HB4025: Require Civic Education in Illinois High Schools. **Support**

Freedom of Information Act

HB0303: Clarifies/Emphasizes that severance agreements of positions funded with public money are public records. **Support**

HB3621: Exempts municipalities from revealing key financial information about contracts and events held at publicly owned venues, including convention and entertainment centers. **Oppose**



Open Meetings Act

HB0175: Allows for request for review within 60 days of discovery of violation rather than from date of violation itself. **Support**

HB0248: Where an Open Meetings Act violation has occurred, allows a court to void a final vote taken in open session (currently can only do so if the vote is taken in closed session). **Support**



Local Records

SB0026: Requires local governments that maintain a website to publish notices, agendas, records, or other information that is required to be published in a newspaper by law to their website as well. **Support**

Citizen Privacy

HB3289: Limits the use of automatic license plate readers, requires the destruction of collected data after 30 days unless there is a retention request, and takes other steps to protect citizen privacy. **Support**

