

August 23, 2019

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House,
101st General Assembly:

Today, I return House Bill 3222 with specific recommendations for change. Among other provisions, the legislation directs that the Illinois Medical District Commission – a public corporation – execute and deliver a quitclaim deed for valuable property it owns at no cost.

Granting this land conveyance would not be the best policy for Illinois or taxpayers. Allowing this conveyance would amount to unfair practice to the other organization that use property in the Illinois Medical District. I am returning this bill with specific recommendations to address these concerns, while still ensuring the remaining land transfers continue per the intent of the General Assembly.

Let me be clear: the recipient organization (Urban Autism Solutions) does important and valuable work, and my administration is strongly committed to working with this and the other worthy nonprofits located in the Illinois Medical District to support their viability and efforts to continue their work.

However, transferring public property with a significant fair market value at no cost to a single private foundation – no matter how worthy – is unfair to other nonprofit organizations located in the Illinois Medical District who are paying full cost for their property. The proposed transfer of this property lacked the safeguards that the State typically uses to ensure a fair deal.

Other provisions of House Bill 3222 that my administration supports include authorizing the Department of Human Services to grant and convey a permanent conservation easement to the Chicago Park District; authorizing the Director of the Department of Natural Resources to terminate the State's interests in an agreement between the State and the City of Pana, for the purpose of funding the construction of a dam and water reservoir to create the Pana Lake Project; and authorizing the Director of the Department of Natural Resources to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to the Forest Preserve District of Will County .

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(e) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 3222, entitled "AN ACT concerning civil law," with the forgoing objections and with the following specific recommendations for change:

On page 36, immediately below line 10, by deleting the following:

~~Section 4-5. The Illinois Medical District Commission, on behalf of the State of Illinois, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Julie and Michael Tracy Family Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, doing business as Urban Autism Solutions, a not-for-profit organization organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, of the County of Cook, State of Illinois, a quitclaim deed to the following described real property, comprising approximately 1.1 acres, commonly known as the Growing Solutions Farm:~~

~~Lot 1 in Campbells Subdivision of Block 2 in Morris and other's subdivision of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 39, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County Illinois (Parcel 17-18-306-028-0000)~~

~~Lot 2 of the subdivision of Lot 12 in Campbells Subdivision of Block 2 in Morris and other's subdivision of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 39, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County Illinois (Parcel 17-18-306-017-0000)~~

~~Lot 3 of the subdivision of Lot 12 in Campbells Subdivision of Block 2 in Morris and other's subdivision of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 39, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County Illinois (Parcel 17-18-306-016-0000)~~

~~Lot 13 in Campbells Subdivision of Block 2 in Morris and others' subdivision of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 39, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County Illinois (Parcel 17-18-306-015-0000)~~

~~Lot 14 in Campbells Subdivision of Block 2 in Morris and others' subdivision of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 39, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County Illinois (Parcel 17-18-306-014-0000)~~

~~Lot 15 in Campbells Subdivision of Block 2 in Morris and others' subdivision of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 39, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County Illinois (Parcel 17-18-306-013-0000)~~

~~Lot 16 in Campbells Subdivision of Block 2 in Morris and others' subdivision of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 39, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County Illinois (Parcel 17-18-306-012-0000)~~

~~Section 4-10. The conveyances of real property authorized by Section 4-5 are subject to: (1) existing public utilities, existing public roads, and any and all reservations, easements, encumbrances, covenants,~~

and restrictions of record; and (2) the express condition that if said real property ceases to be used for public purposes, it shall revert to the State of Illinois, Medical District Commission.

~~Section 4-15. The President of the Illinois Medical District Commission shall obtain a certified copy of the portions of this Act containing the title, the enacting clause, the effective date, the appropriate Section or Sections containing the land descriptions of the property to be conveyed, and this Section within 60 days after its effective date and shall record the certified document in the Recorder's office in the county in which the land is located.~~

With these changes, I will approve House Bill 3222. I respectfully request the General Assembly accept these recommendations.

Sincerely,

JB Pritzker