

# EXPEDITE SMALL PAYMENTS IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS - HB4340/SB2843

*Empower State Agencies to Confirm Lapsed Appropriations Claims*

FACT SHEET

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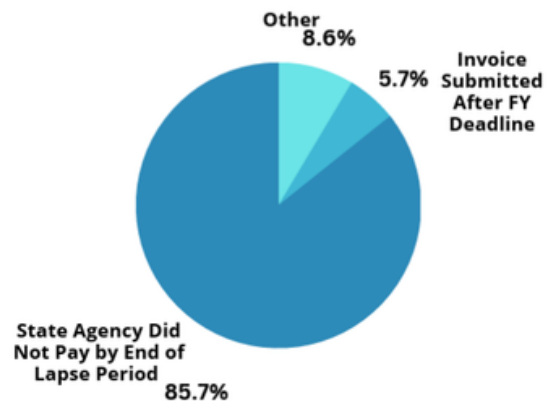
## THE PROBLEM

Community partners that provide health and human services face undue administrative burden from a high volume of small claims in the Court of Claims (CoC). Currently, providers must file claims over undisputed lapsed appropriations ([Process Flow Chart](#)), but the high volume of small claims causes a significant bottleneck for all claims. This backlog results in claims taking an undetermined amount of time ranging from months to years forcing nonprofits to spend administrative time to attain high-risk funding sources, lines of credit and personal loans, to cover funding gaps. Unpredictable cash flow projections place programs at risk and leave children and families underserved.

### Key Bill Features

- Simplify and expedite small claims approval.
  - Save personnel time
  - Reduce administrative burden
  - Improve financial stability for smaller BIPOC-led and serving organizations.
- Provides consistent and predictable lapse periods year over year.
- Clears the CoC docket of small claims, resulting from undisputed lapsed appropriations.

**Over 85% of the pending CoC reported resulted from the State not paying invoice(s) before the end of the lapse period.**



*The Health and Human Services Coalition of Illinois, 2023*

## THE SOLUTION

Improve how the state manages the claims process for nonprofit service providers by **diverting undisputed lapsed appropriations claims of less than \$2,500** out of the CoC. Allows state agencies to pay claims with any appropriated funding source, including current year funds. Applies timelines to every stage of the CoC process. Ensures that Illinois' nonprofit service providers continue to build well-being across their communities, including Illinois' marginalized and underfunded populations.



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## CALL TO ACTION

**Support HB4340/SB2843 (Rep. Jiménez and Sen. Halpin) to empower state agencies to confirm lapsed appropriations claims of less than \$2,500 in the Court of Claims and expedite small claims payments for nonprofit service providers.**

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