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Big Issues for Illinois Legislative Session's Final Week Include Public Transit, Pension Reform and Bears.

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers head into the final days of their spring session this week looking for ways to close a substantial gap in the budget while at the same time shoring up ailing public transit operations and taking steps to fix inequities in the state's pension system.

The General Assembly also could move on Gov. JB Pritzker's legislative goals, such as further abortion protections and cryptocurrency regulation. Also still unresolved is whether the state will provide any help for the Chicago Bears' potential relocation to Arlington Heights.

As happens every spring, much of the most serious business in the four-month spring legislative session has been left to the final hours.

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