

# Digest of Bills Passed

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General Assembly**



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# FOREWORD

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This summary of bills passed during the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly has been compiled to allow local school officials an opportunity to participate in an important lobbying function. Over the next few weeks the Governor will be considering these bills and will decide whether they merit his signature or veto. Therefore, we submit this digest to you and suggest that you contact the Governor's office regarding any bill that is important to your local district.

The Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance lobbying team has made every effort to identify and include in this publication any bill that affects the schools. We recognize, however, that one or more bills may have escaped our attention. Also, please note that the synopsis of each bill is extremely brief and may or may not encompass the full content or impact of the bill. Rather, the synopsis is designed to call to the readers' attention any proposed statutory changes and additions that may merit further research. For full meaning, it may be necessary to obtain a copy of the complete bill.

Copies of bills may be obtained from the respective enrolling clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives. When requesting a bill, be sure to identify the bill by number and ask for an "enrolled" copy that incorporates all amendments and conference committee changes. The Illinois Legislative Information System has a web site where you can also obtain enrolled bill text. That site is: <http://www.ilga.gov/>

In locating bills of interest to you, note that the bill summaries are organized under subject matter categories arranged alphabetically as shown in the Table of Contents. In addition, two indexes are provided which may be used to identify a bill by title or number. We also include a heading of "Last Action" after each bill description, a section labeled Gubernatorial Action Bills, and a section on Determining Effective Dates; these additions should help you determine where the bill is in the process.

If you have any questions about legislation please call one of the offices of the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance and ask for the governmental relations staff. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding the content and format of this publication.

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# BOARDS OF EDUCATION

## HB 0119 Student Retention Committee

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**Sponsors:**

House: Flowers-Harper-Ford-Mayfield-Welch  
Senate: Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/14-6.01  
105 ILCS 5/34-18.49 new

**Summary:** The bill allows Chicago Public Schools to create a committee on the retention of students which would review the school's decision to retain a student at a grade level and have the final decision on such retention.

**Vote:** House 105-6; Senate 55-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 1052 Private Roadways

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**Sponsors:**

House: Yingling  
Senate: Link

**Chapter Reference:**

605 ILCS 5/6-134 new

**Summary:** The bill allows neighborhood associations to declare that private roadways are public roadways.

**Vote:** House 112-0; Senate 56-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 2262 School Bus Insurance

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**Sponsors:**

House: Mitchell, B  
Senate: Rose-McCarter

**Chapter Reference:**

625 ILCS 5/12-707.01

**Summary:** The bill provides that the minimum amount of \$2,000,000 of liability insurance required for a vehicle with a school bus driver permit may be satisfied by either a \$2 million combined single limit primary commercial automobile policy, or a \$1 million primary commercial automobile policy and a minimum \$5 million excess or umbrella liability policy.

**Vote:** House 105-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 3199 Charter Schools-Truancy

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**Sponsors:**

House: Chapa LaVia-Guzzardi-Sims  
Senate: Collins-Delgado

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27A-5.5 new

**Summary:** The bill requires charter schools to comply with all absenteeism and truancy policies applicable to public schools and defines truancy and dropouts.

**Vote:** House 106-5; Senate 53-1

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 3239 Local School Council Members

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**Sponsors:**

House: Andrade-Davis, M.-Ford  
Senate: Martinez

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/34-2.1

**Summary:** The bill defines "community resident" as it pertains to the election of Chicago Local School Council Members.

**Vote:** House 111-3; Senate 57-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 4379 School Board Expense Policy

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**Sponsors:**

House: McSweeney-Skoog-Sullivan-Franks-Conroy  
Senate: Cullerton-McConchie-Connelly-Landek

**Chapter Reference:**

New Act

**Summary:** The bill creates the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act to require school districts to adopt a policy to regulate travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees including: the types of official business for which the expenses are allowable, maximum allowable reimbursements, and a standardized form for submission of expenses. It requires that such expenses of school board members to be approved by roll call vote in an open meeting and documentation must be received in writing.

**Vote:** House 113-0; Senate 54-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 4606** **Residency Procedures**

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### **Sponsors**

House: Davis, W.-Lilly-Wallace  
Senate: Harris-Collins

### **Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b

**Summary:** The bill makes changes concerning the determination by a school board that a pupil who is attending school in the district on a tuition free basis is a nonresident for whom tuition is required to be charged, including the contents of the notice to the person who enrolled the pupil of the amount of the tuition charged that is due, the hearing to review the determination of the school board, the school board's decision after the conclusion of the hearing, petitioning the regional superintendent of schools to review the school board's decision, the regional superintendent of schools' review of the school board's decision, and the adjustment of State aid payments. The bill also clarifies that references to days in the Section refer to calendar days.

**Vote:** House 95-8; Senate 36-16

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 4630** **Verbatim Recording Access**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Ives-Breen-Bellock  
Senate: Connelly

### **Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 120/2.06

**Summary:** The bill would allow elected or newly appointed board members access to verbatim recordings and minutes of closed meetings. Access to these records shall be granted in the public body's main office or official storage location, in the presences of a records secretary, and administrative official of the public body or any elected official of the public body. No verbatim recordings or minutes shall be recorded or removed from that location except by a vote of the public body or by court order.

**Vote:** House 116-0; Senate 55-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 4715** **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) — Fines**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Bryant  
Senate: Radogno

### **Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 140/2  
5 ILCS 140/11  
5 ILCS 140/11.6 new

**Summary:** The bill allows the court to fine a public body \$1,000 each day the public body fails to comply with a court's order regarding a FOIA compliance violation.

**Vote:** House 113-1; Senate 56-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5530** **Food Contracts**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Williams-Sente-Gabel  
Senate: Van Pelt-Hunter

### **Chapter Reference:**

30 ILCS 500/55-20 new  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.21

**Summary:** The bill provides that a school district shall not enter into a contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror if the bidder's or offeror's contract terms prohibit the public entity from donating food to food banks, including, but not limited to, homeless shelters, food pantries, and soup kitchens.

**Vote:** House 112-0; Senate 55-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5556** **Educational Facility Master Plan**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Soto  
Senate: Martinez

### **Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/34-210

**Summary:** The bill requires Chicago Public Schools to submit an Educational Facility Master Plan on July 1, 2016, instead of January 1, 2016.

**Vote:** House 113-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5683** **Open Meetings Civil Action**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Breen-Nekritz-Williams-Andersson-Sandack  
Senate: Nybo

### **Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 120/3

**Summary:** The bill allows a person to bring a civil action in the circuit court within 60 days of the decision by the Attorney General to resolve a request for review by means other than the issuance of a binding opinion.

**Vote:** House 114-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5684** **IMRF — Disclosable Payments**

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### **Sponsors**

House: Breen-Tryon-Nekritz-Ammons-Ives  
Senate: Nybo-McConchie-Bush

### **Chapter Reference:**

New Act  
5 ILCS 120/2  
40 ILCS 5/7-114

**Summary:** The bill provides that employers under IMRF may not pay a disclosable payment to a retiring employee before the expected date of retirement without first disclosing certain information about the payment at a public meeting of the governing body of the employer.

**Vote:** House 100-3; Senate 56-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5729** **Post-Secondary & Workforce Readiness Act**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Burke, K-Chapa LaVia-Crespo-Conroy-Sente  
Senate: Biss-Collins-McGuire-Bush-Rose

### **Chapter Reference:**

New Act  
105 ILCS 5/27-22

**Summary:** The bill creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Various agencies shall, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, jointly adopt and publicize model postsecondary and career expectations for public school students in grades 8 through 12. Also requires ISBE to establish and administer a competency-based high school graduation requirements pilot program with certain school districts. Additionally, various agencies must establish and administer requirements and supports for transitional mathematics instruction, and establish a statewide panel to recommend competencies for reading and communication aligned to applicable learning standards. The bill also creates the ability for public high school graduates to attain College and Career Pathway Endorsements on their high school diplomas.

**Vote:** House 117-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5901** **Assessment Reporting**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Guzzardi-Wallace  
Senate: Martinez-Delgado

### **Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/22-82 new

**Summary:** The bill creates an assessment reporting requirement. Districts must report for each of its schools:

- Every reliable assessment that:
  - measures a certain group or subset of students in the same manner with the same potential assessment items;
  - is scored by a non-district entity;
  - is administered either statewide or beyond Illinois; and
  - will be administered by each school that school year.
- The administration window for each of these assessments
- The entity requiring the assessment (State, school district, network, or principal)
- The grade levels taking the assessment
- The subsets of students, such as English Learners and special education students, taking the assessment
- An estimate of the average time it will take a student to complete the assessment.
- If the results of the assessment are to be used for purposes other than for guiding instruction, what the results of the assessment will be used for, such as promotion, course placement, graduation, teacher evaluation, or school performance ratings.

The language in this bill goes beyond the assessment reporting requirements in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

**Vote:** House 71-41; Senate 54-4

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6131** **Drivers Education-Traffic Stops**

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### **Sponsors:**

House: Hurley-Ford-Manley-D'Amico-Moylan  
Senate: Morrison-Delgado

### **Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27-24.2  
105 ILCS 5/27-24.2a new  
625 ILCS 5/6-419

**Summary:** The bill provides that driver education courses shall include instruction concerning law enforcement procedures for traffic stops, including a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken during a traffic stop and appropriate interactions with law enforcement.

**Vote:** House 113-0; Senate 48-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6252**

### **Special Education Joint Agreement**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Willis-Lilly  
Senate: Harmon-Landek

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-22.31

**Summary:** The bill allows an elementary school district to withdraw from its special education joint agreement program under certain circumstances.

**Vote:** House 80-35-2; Senate 49-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 0345**

### **Insurance Coverage Additions — Autism**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Harmon-Silverstein-Holmes-Collins-Lightford  
House: Hoffman-Currie-Gabel-Bellock-Soto

**Chapter Reference:**

New Act  
215 ILCS 5/356z.14  
215 ILCS 5/356z.24 new

**Summary:** The bill deals with therapy coverage (immune gamma globulin) for patients with Autism. The mandate was removed during the legislative process and the resulting language makes it easier for a person to receive insurance coverage for this treatment.

**Vote:** Senate 55-0; House 117-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 0384**

### **Open Meetings Exceptions — HIPAA**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Munoz  
House: Sims

**Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 120/2

**Summary:** The bill provides that a public body may hold closed meetings to discuss, among other subjects matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 and HIPAA.

**Vote:** Senate 54-0; House 112-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2186**

### **Zoning Compliance**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Althoff  
House: Tryon-Sente-Nekritz-Pritchard-Bennett

**Chapter Reference:**

55 ILCS 5/5-12021 new  
60 ILCS 1/110-70  
65 ILCS 5/11-13-27 new  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.13a

**Summary:** The bill provides that a school district is subject to, and its school board must comply with, any valid local government zoning ordinance or resolution that applies where the pertinent part of the school district is located.

**Vote:** Senate 59-0; House 111-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2227**

### **State Mandates Act — Reports**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Holmes-Bush  
House: Kifowit-Franks

**Chapter Reference:**

30 ILCS 805/7

**Summary:** The bill provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit a bi-yearly review and report on mandates (beginning in 2019) detailing the nature and scope of each existing State mandate enacted the previous two years and another review and report every 10 years (beginning in 2017) on all effective mandates.

**Vote:** Senate 53-0; House 117-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2393**

### **Breakfast Program**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Harmon-Lightford-Collins-Silverstein-Nybo  
House: Pritchard-Davis, W.-Cavaletto

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 126/16 new

**Summary:** The bill requires school districts to provide breakfast to students if 70 percent or more are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, are classified as low-income, or can be claimed for free or reduced-price meals. Districts may determine the service model that best suits its students, and are exempt if 70 percent or more of free or reduced-price eligible students are being served through existing breakfast programs or if the expense reimbursement would not cover the costs of implementation.

**Vote:** Senate 58-0; House 113-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses



**SB 2823**  
**Student Constructed Homes**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Koehler

House: Unes

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/5-22

**Summary:** The bill, in the case of a residential property constructed or renovated by students as part of a curricular program, allows a school board, by a resolution adopted by at least two-thirds of the board members, to engage the services of a licensed real estate broker to sell the property for a commission not to exceed 7 percent, contingent on the sale of the property within 120 days.

**Vote:** Senate 57-0; House 115-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

**SB 2970**  
**Gifted Education**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Lightford-Martinez-Harmon

House: Lilly-Sosnowski-Harper-Gordon-Booth-Wallace

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/14A-30

**Summary:** The bill adds requirements districts must comply with when they apply for funds for the education of gifted and talented children, including using assessments that 1) are equitable to and inclusive of underrepresented groups, 2) assess both demonstrated achievement and potential for achievement, and 3) use score ranges that are appropriate for the school or district population.

**Vote:** Senate 57-0; House 112-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

**SB 2974**  
**School Bus Licenses**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Cunningham

House: Hurley-Moylan-D'Amico-Welch

**Chapter Reference:**

625 ILCS 5/3-806.3

625 ILCS 5/3-808.1

**Summary:** The bill provides that, beginning with the 2017 registration year, permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued, for a one time fee of \$8, to vehicles that do not require a school bus driver permit to operate, and are owned by a public school district from grades K-12 or a public community college.

**Vote:** Senate 57-0; House 112-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

# ELECTIONS

## SB 1529 Elections Changes

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### Sponsors:

Senate: Link  
House: Currie

### Chapter Reference:

10 ILCS 5/1-3  
10 ILCS 5/1-12  
10 ILCS 5/1013 new  
10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5  
10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8  
10 ILCS 5/1A-50 new  
10 ILCS 5/4-8  
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10 ILCS 5/20-10  
10 ILCS 5/21-1  
10 ILCS 5/24C-12  
10 ILCS 5/29-5  
10 ILCS 5/20-6 rep.  
60 ILCS 1/45-20  
105 ILCS 5/9-10

**Summary:** Omnibus elections bill that among many provisions, clarifies that school board nomination papers are filed with the county clerk or county board of election commissioners of the county and no longer with the school district. Also removes the language calling for the county clerk or county board of election commissioners to review nominating petitions and required filings for compliance.

**Vote:** Senate 53-5; House 115-3

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

# PERSONNEL

## HB 4036 Family Medical Leave Act

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### Sponsors:

House: Lilly-Wallace-Harper  
Senate: Hutchinson-Collins-Hunter

### Chapter Reference:

820 ILCS 180/10  
820 ILCS 180/20

**Summary:** The bill extends the Family Medical Leave Act to all employers for employee leave related to domestic violence.

**Vote:** House 73-42; Senate 40-14

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 4996 Department of Children & Family Services Liaison

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### Sponsors:

House: Welch  
Senate: Lightford

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.58 new  
105 ILCS 5/34-18.50 new

**Summary:** The bill allows a school board to appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Family Services when enrolling

in or changing schools. Sets forth the qualifications for preferential appointment. Liaisons are encouraged to build capacity and infrastructure within the school district to support students in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Family Services.

**Vote:** House 113-0; Senate 55-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 4999 Privacy in the Workplace

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### Sponsors:

House: Guzzardi  
Senate: Connelly-Collins

### Chapter Reference:

725 ILCS 168/5  
820 ILCS 55/10

**Summary:** The bill prohibits an employer or prospective employer from requiring an employee to access a personal online account in an employer's presence, invite the employer to join an online group affiliated with a personal online account, or join an online account established by an employer. The bill also prohibits an employer from requiring username and passwords for personal online accounts.

**Vote:** House 105-1; Senate 56-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5576** **Insurance Coverage Additions** **— Contraceptives**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Nekritz-Wallace-Tabares  
Senate: Hutchinson-Lightford-Steans-Collins-Bush

**Chapter Reference:**

215 ILCS 5/356z.4

**Summary:** The bill requires insurance plans to cover all contraceptive drugs, devices and other products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**Vote:** House 61-52; Senate 35-22

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6021** **Pension Survivor Benefits**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Yingling-Sullivan-Ammons-Willis-Nekritz  
Senate: Biss-Noland

**Chapter Reference:**

40 ILCS 5/7-154  
40 ILCS 5/7-159  
40 ILCS 5/15-139  
40 ILCS 5/15-145  
40 ILCS 5/15-154  
40 ILCS 5/16-143.2

**Summary:** The bill provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated.

**Vote:** House 102-4; Senate 49-3

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6162** **Employee Sick Leave Act**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Skoog-Lang-Hoffman-Flowers  
Senate: Collins-Murphy, L.-Koehler-Lightford-Hunter

**Chapter Reference:**

New Act

**Summary:** The bill provides that employees may use personal sick leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to an illness, injury, or medical appointment of the employee's child, spouse, sibling, parent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, or stepparent, for reasonable periods of time as the employee's attendance may be necessary, on the same terms upon which the employee is able to use sick leave benefits for the employee's own illness or injury.

**Vote:** House 78-35; Senate 38-19

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6181** **Professional Development Hours**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Willis-Manley-Scherer-Welch-Pritchard  
Senate: Martinez-Delgado-Hastings

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/21B-45

**Summary:** The bill allows educators to earn professional development hours during the final three months of the school year and enter those professional development hours into the Educator Licensure Information System.

**Vote:** House 115-0; Senate 51-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6299** **Educational Support Personnel Recall**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Andrade-Martwick-Moeller-Welch-Scherer  
Senate: Bush

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-23.5

**Summary:** The bill provides that if Educational Support Personnel are dismissed as a result of a Reduction In Force and the employee accepts re-employment with the same district, the employee maintains any rights accrued during the previous service with the school district.

**Vote:** House 75-31-1; Senate 41-13

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2137** **Teacher Institutes — ADA Training**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Morrison-Anderson-Lightford-Holmes  
House: Cabello-Lilly

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/3-11

**Summary:** The bill requires teacher training, at least once every two years, on the federal Americans with Disabilities Act during teacher institutes.

**Vote:** Senate 50-0; House 96-16

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2433**

### **Clinical Psychologist Licensure**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Althoff  
House: Zalewski

**Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 80/4.27  
5 ILCS 80/4.37 new  
225 ILCS 15/2  
225 ILCS 15/2.5 new  
225 ILCS 15/3  
225 ILCS 15/6  
225 ILCS 15/7  
225 ILCS 15/10  
225 ILCS 15/11  
225 ILCS 15/15  
225 ILCS 15/15.2  
225 ILCS 15/16  
225 ILCS 16/1  
225 ILCS 15/19  
225 ILCS 15/20  
225 ILCS 15/21  
225 ILCS 15/23  
225 ILCS 15/15.4 rep.

**Summary:** Among many changes to the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act, the bill provides that no individual shall offer to render, or render, clinical psychological services without a license.

**Vote:** Senate 56-0; House 116-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2440**

### **Principal Endorsement**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Bertino-Tarrant-Van Pelt-Noland  
House: Pritchard-Crespo

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/21B-25

**Summary:** The bill extends the allowance of a Principal Endorsement if a person has four total years of teaching or working as school support personnel to June 30, 2021.

**Vote:** Senate 53-0; House 113-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2613**

### **Child Bereavement Leave**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Bertino-Tarrant-Collins-Connelly-Murphy, L.  
House: Manley-Hurley-Flowers-Walsh-Scherer

**Chapter Reference:**

New Act  
30 ILCS 105/5.875 new

**Summary:** The bill provides that an employee who is eligible under the Family and Medical Leave Act, may use up to two weeks of unpaid bereavement leave to grieve the death of the employee's child, attend services in relation to the death of the employee's child, or make arrangements necessitated by the death of the employee's child.

**Vote:** Senate 49-2; House 108-1

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2894**

### **Pension Code Retroactive Survivor Benefits**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Clayborne-Martinez  
House: Martwick-Ammons-Chapa LaVia-Franks-Wallace

**Chapter Reference:**

40 ILCS 5/7-155

**Summary:** The bill eliminates the 1-year limit on backdating a survivor benefit. Annuity payments for periods before the application date shall be paid without interest based on late payment.

**Vote:** Senate 56-0; House 112-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2896**

### **IMRF Annuitants**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Althoff-Martinez-Clayborne  
House: Andrade-Harris, D.

**Chapter Reference:**

30 ILCS 805/8.40 new  
40 ILCS 5/7-144  
40 ILCS 5/7-172

**Summary:** The bill, in response to Alliance concerns, was amended to provide annual notice to Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) annuitants that they must report employment with an IMRF employer. Reimbursement to the fund is shared when a violation occurs, and for employers only when they have knowingly failed to notify IMRF to suspend the annuity. The reimbursement provisions do not apply if the annuitant returned to work with the employer for less than 12 months.

**Vote:** Senate 57-0; House 110-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2918** **Pesticide Operator License**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Cunningham  
House: Reis-Pritchard

**Chapter Reference:**

415 ILCS 60/4  
415 ILCS 60/9  
415 ILCS 60/10  
415 ILCS 60/11.1  
415 ILCS 60/12  
415 ILCS 60/13

**Summary:** The bill provides that if specified notice is submitted then an employer may request that the unused portion of a terminated licensee's pesticide applicator or operator license term be transferred to a newly certified or re-certified individual (rather than only a newly certified individual).

**Vote:** Senate 58-0; House 82-29

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2964** **Prevailing Wage**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Harmon-Holmes  
House: Hoffman-Scherer-Walsh-Phelps

**Chapter Reference:**

820 ILCS 130/2  
820 ILCS 130/4  
820 ILCS 130/7  
820 ILCS 130/9  
820 ILCS 130/10  
820 ILCS 130/8 rep.

**Summary:** The bill provides that the prevailing wage shall not be less than the rate that prevails for similar work performed under collective bargaining agreements in the locality provided that the agreements cover at least 30 percent of the workers. If bargaining agreements do not exist in the locality, the Department of Labor shall ascertain the prevailing wage to be paid under the Act. Applies to public works performed without a written contract. Requires that the Department of Labor publish prevailing wages schedules on its website.

**Vote:** Senate 38-17; House 72-40-2

**Last Action:** Sent to Governor – May 26, 2016

## **SB 2972** **IMRF Separation Benefit**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Harmon-Martinez-Clayborne  
House: Davis, W.

**Chapter Reference:**

40 ILCS 5/7-166

**Summary:** The bill amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code to allow a participant who is terminating service to elect a separation benefit rather than a retirement annuity if his or her annuity would be less than \$100 (now \$30) per month.

**Vote:** Senate 58-0; House 108-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2975** **Agriculture Education Teacher Grants**

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**Sponsors**

Senate: Cunningham-Holmes  
House: Costello-Phelps-Jimenez-Bradley-Moffitt

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.80b new  
110 ILCS 947/65.25

**Summary:** The bill provides that, subject to appropriation, there is created an agriculture education teacher grant program to fund personal services costs for agriculture education teachers in school districts. Provides that a school district may apply for a grant to fund 50 percent of the personal services cost for an agriculture education teacher; however, a school district that is creating a new agriculture education program may apply for a grant to fund 100 percent of an agriculture teacher's personal services cost in the first and second year of the new agriculture education program and 80 percent of an agriculture teacher's personal services cost in the third and fourth years of the new agriculture education program.

**Vote:** Senate 58-0; House 111-1

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## SCHOOL FINANCE

### HB 4397 Energy Efficiency Grants

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**Sponsors:**

House: Costello-Bryant  
Senate: Luechtefeld

**Chapter Reference:**

30 ILCS 705/5  
105 ILCS 230/5-200

**Summary:** The bill extends the deadline for school energy efficiency grants awarded in 2014 to four years from the date the funds were distributed.

**Vote:** House 113-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

### HB 5529 Interfund Transfers

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**Sponsors:**

House: Crespo-Pritchard  
Senate: Sullivan, J.-Bertino-Tarrant

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/17-2.11  
105 ILCS 5/17-2A

**Summary:** The bill extends the expiration date of the law that allows for school districts to make interfund transfers of funds for three more years.

**Vote:** House 108-4; Senate 44-8

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

### SB 0238 Early Childhood Education Block Grants

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Lightford-Collins  
House: Chapa LaVia-Crespo-Welch-Pritchard-Gabel

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/1C-2

**Summary:** The bill provides that not less than 14 percent of the Early Childhood Education Block Grant allocation of funds (instead of not less than 20 percent of the grant) shall be used to fund programs for children ages 0-3. Provides that, beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, at least 25 percent of any additional Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding over and above the previous fiscal year's allocation shall be used to fund programs for children ages 0-3 and once the percentage of grant funding allocated to programs for children ages 0-3 reaches 20 percent of the overall grant allocation for a full fiscal year, thereafter in subsequent fiscal years the percentage of grant funding allocated to programs for children ages 0-3 each fiscal year shall remain at least 20 percent of the overall grant allocation.

**Vote:** Senate 55-0; House 114-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH

### HB 4365 Concussion Reporting

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**Sponsors:**

House: Welch-Sente-Hurley-Breen-D'Amico  
Senate: Raoul-Delgado

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 25/1.20 new

**Summary:** The bill, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, requires Illinois High School Association to require all member schools that have certified athletic trainers to complete a monthly report on student-athletes who have sustained a concussion. In subsequent years the Illinois High School Association must file a report to the General Assembly with this data.

**Vote:** House 105-0; Senate 52-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

### HB 4462 Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

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**Sponsors:**

House: Mussman-Madigan-Manley-Hurley-Conroy  
Senate: Nybo-Mulroe-Cullerton-Trotter

**Chapter Reference:**

New Act  
20 ILCS 2610/40 new  
30 ILCS 805/8.40 new  
50 ILCS 705/10.19 new  
105 ILCS 5/22-30  
410 ILCS 620/3.21

**Summary:** the bill extends the opportunity for the self-administration and self-carry of asthma medication and epinephrine auto-injectors to students while being transported to and from school and adds school bus drivers to the list of who can be "trained personnel."

**Vote:** House 115-0; Senate 55-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HR 0797** **Meningococcal Disease Information**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Gabel-Wheeler

**Summary:** The resolution urges private and public high schools, colleges, and universities to provide information to all students and parents about meningococcal disease, explaining the different disease serogroups, symptoms, risks, treatments, and the availability, benefits, risks, and limitations of all meningococcal vaccines. Also urges each private and public high school, college, and university in the State to recommend that current and entering students receive meningococcal vaccines in accordance with current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices guidelines.

**Last Action:** Adopted

## **SB 2835** **Public School Highways**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Manar

House: Scherer-D'Amico-Moylan-Riley-Manley

**Chapter Reference:**

625 ILCS 5/11-1414

**Summary:** The bill requires a vehicle to stop before meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus stopped on a highway, roadway, private road, parking lot, school property, or at any other location, including, without limitation, a location that is not a highway or roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils.

**Vote:** Senate 57-0; House 110-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2956** **Environmental Barriers — IDEA Accessibility**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Holmes-Harmon-Collins-Martinez-Link

House: Williams

**Chapter Reference:**

410 ILCS 25/2

410 ILCS 25/3

410 ILCS 25/4

410 ILCS 25/5

410 ILCS 25/6

410 ILCS 25/7 rep.

410 ILCS 25/8

**Summary:** The bill makes numerous changes to the Environmental Barriers Act related to individuals with disabilities accessibility including provisions regarding enforcement and other penalties.

**Vote:** Senate 58-0; House 102-6

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **HB 4343** **Attendance Commission Report**

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**Sponsors**

House: Chapa LaVia

Senate: Collins-Delegado

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.164

**Summary:** The bill extends the deadline for the first report of the Illinois Attendance Commission to March 15, 2016.

**Vote:** House 113-0; Senate 57-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 4352** **Dyslexia Definition**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Bellock-Lilly-Jesiel-Chapa LaVia-Crespo

Senate: Bush-Althoff-Cunningham-Delgado

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.161

**Summary:** The bill creates a definition of dyslexia in the School Code.

**Vote:** House 113-0; Senate 56-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 4360** **Educator Qualifications**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Cassidy-Davis, W.  
Senate: Van Pelt-Martinez-Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-21.9  
105 ILCS 5/21B-15  
105 ILCS 5/21B-80  
105 ILCS 5/34-18.5

**Summary:** The bill provides that no one may be licensed to teach or supervise in public schools, who have been convicted of certain drug offenses, until seven years following the end of the sentence for the offense.

**Vote:** House 64-47-1; Senate 31-17-3

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 4367** **Reading Advisory Group**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Bellock-Lilly-Jesiel-Chapa LaVia  
Senate: Bush-Althoff-Cunningham

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.161

**Summary:** The bill requires the Illinois State Board of Education to reestablish the reading instruction advisory group and it should complete its work by December 31, 2016.

**Vote:** House 114-0; Senate 57-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5025** **Regional Superintendents — Cook County ESCs**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Welch-Nekritz-Jones-Durkin-Fine  
Senate: Lightford

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/3-2.5

**Summary:** The bill provides that references to “regional superintendent” and assistants shall also include a chief administrative officers and assistant administrative officers of Cook County educational service centers and provides a formula for calculating their salaries.

**Vote:** House 103-10-1; Senate 51-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5566** **Illinois P-20 Council**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Sims-Welch-Kifowit-Gordon-Booth  
Senate: Trotter-McGuire

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/22-45

**Summary:** The bill allows the chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council to create a working group to focus on tuition, financial aid, and other issues related to keeping postsecondary education affordable for Illinois residents.

**Vote:** House 105-0; Senate 53-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5668** **Youth Unemployment Task Force**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Sims-Riley-Dunkin-Ford  
Senate: Harris-Collins-Trotter

**Chapter Reference:**

New Act

**Summary:** The bill creates a Youth Unemployment Task Force to examine the State-wide youth unemployment crisis and its particular effect on young people of color, including recommendations.

**Vote:** House 117-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 5720** **Computer Science Education**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Andrade-Fortner  
Senate: Bennett

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.167 new

**Summary:** The bill establishes a task force on Computer Science Education to analyze the current computer science education programs, highlight best practices and recommend to the General Assembly. An appointment to the task force is reserved for the Illinois Association of School Boards and either the Illinois Principals Association or the Illinois Association of School Administrators.

**Vote:** House 100-7; Senate 102-14

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses



## **HB 5918**

### **Charter School — Renewal Timeline**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Thapedi-Wheeler-Hernandez-Demmer-Wallace  
Senate: Martinez-Delgado

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27A-9  
105 ILCS 5/27A-11.5

**Summary:** The bill provides that a charter shall be granted for a period of five school years (instead of may be granted for a period not less than 5 and not more than 10 school years) and may be renewed in incremental periods not to exceed ten (instead of five) school years.

**Vote:** House 103-1; Senate 49-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6333**

### **Asthma Action Plan**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Gabel-Hernandez-Sims-Walsh-Lilly  
Senate: Koehler-Trotter-Delgado

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/22-30

**Summary:** The bill requires a school district to request an asthma action plan from the parents or guardian of a pupil with asthma. It requires the Illinois State Board of Education and an asthma advocacy group to develop model asthma emergency response protocols. Also requires school personnel who work with pupils to receive training every two years.

**Vote:** House 116-1; Senate 50-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HR 0967**

### **Career & Technical Education Month**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Cloonen

**Summary:** The resolution designates February 2016 as Career & Technical Education Month.

**Last Action:** Adopted

## **HJR 0127**

### **Bilingual Advisory Task Force**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Chapa LaVia-Lilly-Fortner-Ammons  
Senate: Martinez-Cullerton, T

**Summary:** The resolution directs the Bilingual Advisory Task Force (created by House Joint Resolution 36) to study the feasibility of professional certification standards for foreign language educational interpreters in public schools; if the Task Force determines that certification standards are needed, directs it to recommend procedures for school districts pertaining to when and how to access a language interpreter. It adds two additional members to the Task Force and extends the deadline for reporting its findings and recommendations to December 15, 2016.

**Last Action:** Adopted

## **SB 2906**

### **Public Aid-Student Employability**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Stadelman-Collins-Harris  
House: Wallace-Ammons-Jackson-Harper

**Chapter Reference:**

305 ILCS 5/9A-8

**Summary:** Under the Illinois Public Aid Code's employability plan, the bill allows the Department to treat participation in high school and high school equivalency programs as a core activity and count participation in high school and high school equivalency programs toward the first 20 hours per week of participation.

**Vote:** Senate 54-0; House 109-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SJR 0049**

### **Mandate Waivers Report**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Delgado  
House: Crespo

**Summary:** The resolution denies a request made by Paxton-Buckley-Loda CUSD 10 to waive a mandate dealing with the school building code. The resolution acknowledges the withdrawal of the waiver request made by Oswego CUSD 308 regarding Physical Education. The resolution approves all other requests on the waiver report.

# STUDENTS

## HB 4327 Guardianship of Minors-Military

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### Sponsors

House: Bellock  
Senate: Althoff-Lightford

### Chapter Reference:

755 ILCS 5/11-5.4  
755 ILCS 45/1A-4 new

**Summary:** The bill provides that members of the armed forces may appoint a short-term guardian for no longer than 365 days if on active duty or the term of active duty plus 30 days.

**Vote:** House 115-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 4330 Biliteracy State Seal

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### Sponsors:

House: Wheeler-Soto-Chapa LaVia-Batinick-Sente  
Senate: Martinez-Althoff

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.159

**Summary:** The bill requires state colleges and universities to accept the "State Seal of Biliteracy" as equivalent to two years of foreign language coursework taken during high school and establishes a process for the creation of course content for students seeking the designation.

**Vote:** House 114-0; Senate 57-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 4432 Excused Absence-TAPS

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### Sponsors:

House: Moffitt-Costello-Anthony-Meier-Frese  
Senate: Weaver-Cullerton, T.-McConchie-Steans

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/26-1

**Summary:** The bill allows a child in any of grades 6-12 to be absent from a public school on a particular day for the purpose of sounding "Taps" at a military honors.

**Vote:** House 110-0; Senate 58-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 4983 Global Scholar Certification

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### Sponsors:

House: Soto-Chapa LaVia-Sente-Currie  
Senate: Lightford-Bennett-Martinez-Holmes-Harmon

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.167 new

**Summary:** The bill establishes the State Global Scholar Certification Program to recognize public high school graduates who have attained global competence, sufficient for meaningful use in college and a career.

**Vote:** House 106-5; Senate 54-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 5902 Student Journalists

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### Sponsors:

House: Guzzardi-Andersson-Martwick-Breen  
Senate: Biss-Stadelman-Collins-Harris

### Chapter Reference:

New Act

**Summary:** The bill provides that a student journalist has the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in school-sponsored media, regardless of whether the media is supported financially by the school district or by use of school facilities or produced in conjunction with a class in which the student is enrolled. School officials, defined as the school principal or designee, shall determine and notify students of any limitation of student expression under this Act.

**Vote:** House 117-0; Senate 51-1

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## HB 6044 Balanced Accountability

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### Sponsors:

House: Chapa LaVia  
Senate: Rezin

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25a  
105 ILCS 5/7-2a  
105 ILCS 5/7-14A  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.22b  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.22c  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.22d  
105 ILCS 5/11E-110  
105 ILCS 5/18-12  
105 ILCS 5/21B-30  
105 ILCS 5/125/9

**Summary:** The bill delays beginning implementation of the Balanced Accountability Model until 2017-2018 and full implementation by 2022-2023.

**Vote:** House 112-0; Senate 51-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6086**

### **Prioritization of Needs**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Kifowit-Wallace-Scherer-Mussman-Cloonen  
Senate: Cullerton, T.-Morrison-Holmes-Murphy, L.

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163

**Summary:** The bill requires the Department of Human Services to consider the length of time spent on the prioritization of Urgency of Need waiting list when selecting individuals on the list for services. It also requires the Illinois State Board of Education to inform patients and guardians about this consideration.

**Vote:** House 110-5; Senate 50-2

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6136**

### **At-Risk Students Advisory Council**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Wallace-Davis, W.-Welch  
Senate: Lightford-Collins-Hunter

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.167 new

**Summary:** The bill creates the Advisory Council on At-Risk Students within the Illinois State Board of Education.

**Vote:** House 114-0; Senate 51-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **HB 6167**

### **Voting Rights — Eligible 17 Year Olds**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Sente-Sullivan-Costello-Franks-Soto  
Senate: Link-McConchie-Bush

**Chapter Reference:**

10 ILCS 5/3-6  
10 ILCS 5/4-8.5 new  
10 ILCS 5/5-8.5 new  
10 ILCS 5/6-35.5 new

**Summary:** The bill allows a person who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus or consolidated primary election, and who is otherwise qualified, to vote at that consolidated primary if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the immediately following consolidated election for which candidates are nominated at that primary. Also allows the eligible voter to circulate petitions and serve as deputy registrar.

**Vote:** House 110-7; Senate 54-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 1582**

### **Transportation of Students**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Nybo-Murphy, M.-Mulroe  
House: Durkin

**Chapter Reference:**

625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1

**Summary:** The bill allows students with IEPs who attend certain private day schools to be transported in a multi-functional school activity bus.

**Vote:** Senate 36-9-1; House 111-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2505**

### **International Baccalaureate Diploma**

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**Sponsor:**

Senate: Steans-Harris  
House: Ammons-Welch

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 302/30

**Summary:** The bill provides that scores of four or higher on International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme examinations shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions of higher education.

**Vote:** Senate 58-0; House 113-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2777**

### **Juvenile Justice Act**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Raoul-Righter-Lightford-Althoff-Van Pelt  
House: Nekritz-Sandack-Turner-Tryon-Wheeler

**Chapter Reference:**

720 ILCS 5/21-1  
720 ILCS 5/21-1.01  
720 ILCS 5/21-1.3  
720 ILCS 5/26-1  
720 ILCS 5/31-4  
720 ILCS 5/5-8A-5

**Summary:** The bill makes numerous changes to the Juvenile Justice Act including a provision that disallows commitment of a guilty minor for a Class 4 felony of criminal trespass to a residence, criminal damage to property, criminal damage to government supported property, criminal defacement of property, disorderly conduct, or obstructing justice.

**Vote:** Senate 56-0; House 65-45-1

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2840** **High School Equivalency**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Silverstein-Morrison-Delgado  
House: Franks-Wallace-Jackson-Harper-Ammons

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/3-15.12

**Summary:** The bill requires a regional superintendent of schools to waive required fees for GED testing for an

applicant who qualifies as a homeless person, child, or youth as defined in the Education for Homeless Children Act, has not attained 25 years of age as of the date of the scheduled test, and can verify his or her status as a homeless person, child, or youth.

**Vote:** Senate 57-0; House 110-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

# **TAXATION**

## **HB 4423** **TIF Oak Forest**

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**Sponsors:**

House: Davis, W.-Rita-Riley  
Senate: Harris-Hastings

**Chapter Reference:**

65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3.5

**Summary:** The bill creates a tax increment allocation financing extension for an ordinance adopted on June 11, 2002 by the City of Oak Forest.

**Vote:** House 109-0; Senate 55-1

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2427** **Homestead Exemption Errors**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Jones  
House: Riley-Rita

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/9-275  
35 ILCS 200/15-175

**Summary:** The bill, requires residential property owners in Cook County who are no longer living in the residence to notify the assessment officer by April 1 so as not to be fined for the purposes of erroneous homestead exemptions applied.

**Vote:** Senate 58-0; House 116-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both House

## **SB 2517** **Assessment Books**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Manar  
House: Sullivan

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/9-245

**Summary:** The bill requires chief county assessment officers to return assessment books to the board of review before the 3rd Monday in June of the assessment year or before the 90th day following the certification of the final township assessment.

**Vote:** Senate 55-0; House 112-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2593** **Property Tax Appeal Board — Email Petitions**

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**Sponsors**

Senate: McConnaughay  
House: Andersson

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/16-180  
35 ILCS 200/16-185

**Summary:** Regarding property tax appeals, the bill allows a copy of the appellant's petition to the board of review whose decision is being appealed to be sent by electronic means (currently, by mail only).

**Vote:** Senate 54-0; House 112-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2612** **Wind Farm Assessment**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: Koehler-Althoff  
House: Demmer-Skoog-Smidly-Anthony-Ammons

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/10-610

**Summary:** The bill extends by five years the sunset date for the mechanism for assessing wind energy devices.

**Vote:** Senate 50-0; House 111-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

## **SB 2889** **Property Tax Electronic Service**

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**Sponsors:**

Senate: McGuire  
House: Fortner

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/16-55

**Summary:** Regarding serving a copy of a petition on all taxing districts when a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more is sought, the bill provides that the service may be by electronic means if the taxing district consents to electronic service and provides the board of review with a valid email address for the purpose of receiving service.

**Vote:** Senate: 52-0; House 111-0

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

**SB 3149**  
**Public Private Venture Lease**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Clayborne-Althoff-Hastings

House: Hoffman-Jackson

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/10-385 new

**Summary:** The bill provides that a taxable Public Private Venture lease that (i) encumbers exempt real property

located within a county of less than 600,000 inhabitants and (ii) is related to taxable real property used for military housing purposes may be assessed and valued pursuant to the terms of a real property tax assessment settlement agreement executed between the local county assessment officials and the taxpayer.

**Vote:** Senate 55-0; House 111-1

**Last Action:** Passed Both Houses

**GUBERNATORIAL ACTION ON BILLS**

Section 9 of the Illinois Constitution provides that every bill passed by the General Assembly shall be presented to the Governor within 30 calendar days of its passage. The Governor then has 60 days from that date in which to act on a bill by either signing or vetoing the legislation. If the Governor chooses not to act on the legislation it automatically becomes law after the 60 day period.

Below is a chart to indicate the appropriate action that follows gubernatorial action:

GOVERNOR'S ACTION	LEGISLATURE'S OPTIONS	VOTE REQUIRED IN EACH CHAMBER	RESULT
Sign the Bill	—	—	Bill Becomes Law
Do nothing for 60 days	—	—	Bill Becomes Law
Veto the bill	Override	3/5	Bill becomes law as originally passed
Amendatory Veto	Fail to override	—	Bill dies
	Override	3/5	Bill becomes law as originally passed
	Accept Veto	Majority	Bill becomes law with governor's changes
	Do Nothing	—	Bill dies
Reduce item of appropriation	Override	Majority	Item becomes law at original amount
	Fail to override	—	Item becomes law at reduced amount
Veto an item of appropriation	Override	3/5	Item becomes law at original amount

# DETERMINING EFFECTIVE DATES

To determine a bill's effective date, four elements are important:

1. Is the effective date given in the bill itself?
2. On what date did final passage of the legislation occur?
3. If the legislation passed after May 31, how many votes did it get in each chamber of the General Assembly?
4. On what date did the governor sign the legislation?

After you have identified these four things, the Illinois Compiled Statutes (5 ILCS 75/1), Section 10 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution and Rules of the General Assembly establish a procedure to determine effective dates. The following is a brief description of these rules:

## **Bills Passed Prior to June 1**

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A bill passed prior to June 1 of a calendar year that does not provide for an effective date in the bill shall be effective January 1 of the following year or upon signing, whichever is later.

A bill passed prior to June 1 of a calendar year that does provide for an effective date in the bill shall become effective on that date if that date is the same as the signing date or after the signing date.

A bill passed prior to June 1 of a calendar year that does provide for an effective date in the bill shall become effective on the date that it is signed if the effective date provided in the bill occurs before the date of signing.

## **Bills Passed After May 31**

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A bill passed after May 31 of a calendar year that does not provide for an effective date in the bill shall become effective June 1 of the following year or upon signing, whichever is later.

A bill passed after May 31 of a calendar year that does provide for an effective date in the bill and passes the General Assembly with a 3/5 majority (at least 71 in the House and 36 in the Senate) shall become effective on the date that is defined in the bill if that date occurs on or after the date of signing.

A bill passed after May 31 of a calendar year that does provide for an effective date in the bill and passes the General Assembly with a majority of those voting (at least 60 in the House and 29 in the Senate) shall become effective on June 1 of the next calendar year.

A bill passed after May 31 of a calendar year that does provide for an effective date in the bill and passes the General Assembly with a 3/5 majority (at least 71 in the House and 36 in the Senate) shall become effective on the date of signing if that date occurs after the effective date stipulated in the bill.

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