

Illinois Statewide School  
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# New School Laws 2016

A digest of state laws affecting Illinois  
public schools enacted in 2015



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# FOREWORD

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This publication is designed to alert school board members, administrators, business officials, and principals to new laws and changes in existing laws. The Alliance lobbying team has made every effort to identify which new acts to include. We recognize, however, that one or more acts may have escaped our attention. This publication, therefore, is not intended as a substitute for either a current version of the Illinois Compiled Statutes or legal counsel.

Please note the synopsis of each act is brief and may or may not encompass the full content or impact of the Act. The synopsis is designed to call attention to statutory changes and additions that may merit further research.

Also included in this publication, where applicable, is the IASB Policy Service (PRESS) information regarding new legislation. If a new law is addressed in PRESS materials, the corresponding PRESS Policy or Procedure code number will follow the public act information.

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Official copies of acts are filed with the Index Division of the office of the Secretary of State. However, all text of public acts, contact information for State government departments and lawmakers are available on the internet at the General Assembly website. The address is: [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).

## How to Use This Document

Act summaries are organized under subject matter categories, and categories are arranged alphabetically as shown in the Table of Contents. In addition, three indexes are provided. These may be used to identify an act by title, bill number, or by the public act number.

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Illinois General Assembly: [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov)

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Illinois Joint Committee on Administrative Rules: [www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/](http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/)

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# BOARDS OF EDUCATION

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## HB 0152

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms

**Sponsors:**

House: Willis-Bourne  
Senate: Manar-McCann

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-20.56 new  
105 ILCS 5/34-18.49 new

**Summary:** The Act requires that carbon monoxide alarms or detectors must be located within 20 feet of a carbon monoxide emitting device, alarms or detectors must be in operating condition and be inspected annually, a school is exempt if it does not have or is not close to any sources of carbon monoxide, and a school must require plans, protocols, and procedures in response to the activation of a carbon monoxide alarm or carbon monoxide detection system. School districts can use fire safety and prevention taxes or bonds to pay for alarms or detectors. Districts may also install battery powered alarms.

**Public Act:** 99-0470

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 4:170, Safety*  
*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 4:170-AP1,*  
*Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan*

## HB 0175

### Open Meetings Act Violations

**Sponsors:**

House: McSweeney-Kay-Franks-Sente  
Senate: Duffy-Althoff-Connelly

**Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 120/3.5

**Summary:** The Act provides that a request for review may be filed not later than 60 days after the discovery of an alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act (instead of 60 days after the alleged violation) if facts concerning the violation are not discovered within 60 days after the alleged violation but are discovered at a later date by a person utilizing reasonable diligence.

**Public Act:** 99-0402

**Effective Date:** August 19, 2015

## HB 0228

### Units of Local Government Formation

**Sponsors:**

House: Franks-McSweeney-Sandack-Sullivan  
Senate: Connelly-Duffy-Althoff-Bush-Morrison

**Chapter Reference:**

25 ILCS 5/3.2 new

**Summary:** The Act provides that until four years after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the General Assembly shall not enact any law creating any new unit of local government, including but not limited to, the division of existing units of local government. Does not include new units created from consolidations.

**Public Act:** 99-0353

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## HB 0800

### Civics Course Effective Date

**Sponsors:**

House: Conroy  
Senate: Cullerton-Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

09900HB4025enr, Sec. 99 new

**Summary:** The Act will add to high school graduation requirements at least one semester of civics education which must be a separate class, but part of the two-year social studies requirement. The Act will move the effective date to July 1, 2016, and allow for a gradual phase-in of the new requirement so current high school students will not be penalized or delayed for not participating in such a class.

**Public Act:** 99-0485

**Effective Date:** November 20, 2015, see HB 4025 for new law details

## HB 1360

### Charter Schools Health & Safety Requirements

**Sponsors:**

House: Gabel-McAsey  
Senate: Biss-Morrison-Bush-Trotter

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27A-5

**Summary:** The Act requires a charter school to comply with all (instead of all applicable) health and safety requirements applicable to public schools under the laws of this State.

**Public Act:** 99-0325

**Effective Date:** August 10, 2015

## HB 1498

### Open Meetings Act-School Safety

**Sponsors:**

House: Bennett-Pritchard-Cloonen-Morrison  
Senate: Koehler

**Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 120/2

**Summary:** The Act allows for an Open Meetings Act exemption for school boards to discuss school building safety and security, including safety audits.

**Public Act:** 99-0235

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 2:200,  
Types of School Board Meetings*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 2:220-  
E2, Motion to Adjourn Meeting*

## **HB 2916 IMRF Contributions**

**Sponsors:**

House: Martwick-Andrade  
Senate: Radogno

**Chapter Reference:**

40 ILCS 5/7-172.1  
820 ILCS 320/17

**Summary:** The Act provides that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) may begin enforcement action against employers who have failed to remit contributions to the Fund when the contributions are 60 (rather than 90) days overdue.

**Public Act:** 99-0239

**Effective Date:** August 3, 2015

## **HB 3374 Accessibility Standards**

**Sponsors:**

House: Bellock-Sente  
Senate: Connelly-Delgado

**Chapter Reference:**

410 ILCS 25/4

**Summary:** The Act requires the Capital Development Board (CDB) to adopt and publish the new ADA standards for Accessible Design by January 1, 2017 (instead of 2016).

**Public Act:** 99-0061

**Effective Date:** July 16, 2015

## **HB 3527 Student Passwords for Social Media**

**Sponsors:**

House: Fortner-Ford-Fine-Evans  
Senate: Connelly-Lightford-Van Pelt-Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 75/10  
105 ILCS 75/15

**Summary:** The Act modifies the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act to prohibit an elementary or secondary school from requesting or requiring a student to provide a password or other related account information in order to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social

networking website. It requires the school to provide notification to the student and his or her parent or guardian that the school may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy.

**Public Act:** 99-0460

**Effective Date:** August 25, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:140, Search and Seizure*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:140-E, Letter  
to Parents/Guardians Regarding the Right  
to Privacy in the School Setting*

## **HB 3619 Equal Pay Act**

**Sponsors:**

House: Soto-Currie-Williams-Guzzardi-Martwick  
Senate: Noland-Collins-Lightford

**Chapter Reference:**

820 ILCS 112/5  
820 ILCS 112/30

**Summary:** The Act changes the manner of imposing penalties for violations under the Equal Pay Act. It provides that employers with fewer than four employees are subject to penalties ranging from \$500 for a first offense to \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offense. The Act also provides that employers with four or more employees are subject to penalties ranging from \$2,500 for a first offense to \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

**Public Act:** 99-0418

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## **HB 4025 Civics Course of Study**

**Sponsors:**

House: Conroy-Currie-Fine-Davis, W.  
Senate: Cullerton-Martinez-Collins-Hunter-Harmon

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27-22

**Summary:** The Act adds to high school graduation requirements at least one semester of civics education which must be a separate class, but part of the two-year social studies requirement.

**Public Act:** 99-0434

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016, see HB 0800 for effective date and other changes

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:60, Curriculum Content*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:300, Graduation Requirements*

## SB 0007 Concussion Protocol

### Sponsors:

Senate: Raoul-Kotowski-Silverstein-Rezin-Collins  
House: Mitchell-McAsey-Sente

### Chapter Reference:

New Act  
70 ILCS 1205/8-24  
105 ILCS 5/22-80 new  
105 ILCS 5/27A-5  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.54 rep.  
105 ILCS 5/34-18.46 rep.

**Summary:** The Act requires school boards to appoint a concussion oversight team to establish a return-to-play protocol for a student's return to interscholastic athletics in high school and junior high school and for return to the classroom after the student is believed to have experienced a concussion. The team, must include at least one physician and one school nurse, and the athletic trainer (if employed by the district). Students who have suffered a concussion are not eligible to participate in a sport competition again until the student's parents have signed a form that acknowledges receiving and reading written information that explains concussion prevention and treatment. The Act requires that a student must be removed from an interscholastic game or practice if a coach, physician, game official, athletic trainer, or parent believes that the student might have sustained a concussion and may not return until the student athlete is evaluated by a physician and all school concussion protocols have been implemented. Finally, the Act requires all coaches, a nurse on the concussion oversight team, and game officials to receive training.

**Public Act:** 99-0245

**Effective Date:** August 3, 2015, see SB 0219 making implementation deadline changes.

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 2:150-AP,  
Superintendent Committees*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 5:100, Staff Development Program*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:330, Extracurricular Athletics*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:300-E1, Agreement to Participate*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:305, Student  
Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:305-AP, Student  
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## SB 0054 Insurance-Mammograms

### Sponsors:

Senate: Mulroe-Van Pelt-Hastings-Althoff-Morrison  
House: McAuliffe-Gabel-D'Amico-Bellock-Tabares

### Chapter Reference:

215 ILCS 5/356g  
215 ILCS 125/4-6.1  
305 ILCS 5/5-5

**Summary:** The Act, in the Illinois Insurance Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, and the Illinois Public

Aid Code, provides that the term "low-dose mammography" includes (instead of may include) breast tomosynthesis.

**Public Act:** 99-0407

**Effective Date:** Effective Date July 1, 2016; Takes effect if and only if specified conditions are met on or before July 1, 2016

## SB 0100 Student Discipline

### Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford-Van Pelt-Martinez-Hunter-Collins  
House: Davis, W.-Hernandez-Dunkin-Pritchard-Wallace

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.14  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.6  
105 ILCS 5/27A-5  
105 ILCS 5/34-19

**Summary:** The Act requires a school board to provide with the written expulsion or suspension decision, specific reasons why removing the pupil from school is in the best interest of the school and the rationale as to the specific duration of the expulsion or suspension. It also prohibits a school district's use of any "zero tolerance" policy and limits out-of-school suspensions of three days or less to incidents where the student's presence in the school would pose a threat to school safety or a disruption to other students' learning opportunities. The Act would limit out-of-school suspensions of longer than three days or expulsions to cases where all other appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions have been exhausted and the student's continuing presence in school would either pose a threat to the safety of other students and staff or substantially interfere with the operation of the school. It requires that students who are suspended for longer than four school days shall be provided appropriate and available support services to be able to make up work for equivalent academic credit.

**Public Act:** 99-0456

**Effective Date:** September 15, 2016

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:190, Student  
Discipline (February 2016)*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – NEW- Memorandum  
of Understanding (February 2016)*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – NEW- Student  
Re-Engagement Guidelines (February 2016)*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:200, Suspension  
Procedures (February 2016)*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:210, Expulsion  
Procedures (February 2016)*

## SB 0219 Concussion Protocol Implementation Date

### Sponsors:

Senate: Raoul-Harris  
House: Mitchell

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/22-80



**Summary:** The Act will push the implementation date back to the 2016-2017 school years rather than the current school year.

**Public Act:** 99-0486

**Effective Date:** November 20, 2015, see SB 0007 for new law details

## **SB 0224**

### **School District Boundaries**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Bush-McConnaughay-Althoff-Morrison-Duffy  
House: Sente-Sullivan-Jesiel-Pritchard-Yingling

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/7-6  
105 ILCS 5/7-14

**Summary:** The Act, with respect to a petition for a proposed change of school district boundaries, creates standards regarding detachment petitions and clarifies who is liable for bonded indebtedness. It makes changes to provide that the regional board of school trustees may not grant a petition if doing so will increase the percentage of minority or low-income students or English learners by more than 3% at the attendance center where students in the detaching territory currently attend, provided that if the percentage of any one of those groups also decreases at that attendance center, the regional board or boards may grant the petition upon consideration of other factors. The Act states that the regional board of school trustees may consider the difference in the distances from the detaching area to the current attendance centers and the cited annexing district attendance centers only if the difference is no less than 10 miles shorter to one of the cited annexing district attendance centers than it is to the corresponding current attendance center.

**Public Act:** 99-0475

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## **SB 0665**

### **Teacher Union Notification**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Steans  
House: Currie-Jackson

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25f

**Summary:** The Act requires school districts to notify the bargaining representative with a 5-day notice when the district has been identified as a priority district for state intervention.

**Public Act:** 99-0203

**Effective Date:** July 30, 2015

## **SB 0672**

### **Financial Literacy**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Lightford-Collins-Forby  
House: Beiser

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27-12.1

**Summary:** The Act adds the subjects of consumer debt, higher education student loans, and identity-theft security to the list of subjects that are required to be included in the financial literacy component of consumer education.

**Public Act:** 99-0284

**Effective Date:** August 5, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:60, Curriculum Content*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:300, Graduation Requirements(February 2016)*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:300-E2, State Law Graduation Requirements (February 2016)*

## **SB 1102**

### **Indemnification/Tort Immunity**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Connelly  
House: Anthony

**Chapter Reference:**

5 ILCS 350/2  
745 ILCS 10/2-302

**Summary:** The Act provides that a local public entity may reimburse the employee for reasonable defense costs only if the criminal action was instituted against the employee based upon an act or omission of that employee arising out of and directly related to the lawful exercise of his or her official duty or under color of his or her authority and that action is dismissed or results in a final disposition in favor of that employee.

**Public Act:** 99-0461

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2017

## **SB 1591**

### **Charter School Criminal Background**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Collins-Delgado  
House: Martwick-Guzzardi-Drury-Tabares

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27A-7

**Summary:** The Act requires a charter school proposal to include disclosure of any known active criminal or civil investigation by a law enforcement agency into the individual or organization submitting the charter school proposal or any member of the governing body of that organization.

**Public Act:** 99-0334

**Effective Date:** August 10, 2015

## **SB 1781**

### **Workers Compensation**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Haine  
House: Rita-Davis, M.

**Chapter Reference:**

215 ILCS 5/537.2

**Summary:** The Act provides that obligations arising under an insurance policy written to indemnify a permissibly self-insured employer under the Workers' Compensation Act for its liability to pay workers' compensation benefits in excess of a specific or aggregate retention, shall be subject to the applicable per-claim limits.

**Public Act:** 99-0368

**Effective Date:** August 14, 2015

## **SB 1793** **Suicide Awareness Policy**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Hastings-Delgado-Manar-McCann-Hutchinson  
House: Kifowit-Hurley-Conroy-Wallace-Flowers

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

**Summary:** The Act requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention policy that includes certain components that school districts are required to adopt in a policy on suicide awareness beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

**Public Act:**99-0443

**Effective Date:** August 21, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 2:250-E2, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 5:100,  
Staff Development Program*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:290-AP, Resource Guide for Implementation of Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program*

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## **ELECTIONS**

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### **SB 0082** **At-Large Board Elections**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Sullivan  
House: Hammond-Wheeler

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-10.5

**Summary:** The Act regarding school board elections, permits a congressional township comprising the territory of a school district to pass, by a 2/3 vote of all voters voting on the question, a proposition to elect board members at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district.

**Public Act:** 99-0091

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

### **SB 0248** **Campaign Expenditures**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Morrison-Murphy  
House: Currie

**Chapter Reference:**

10 ILCS 5/9-10

**Summary:** The Act provides that a political committee that makes independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more shall file a report electronically with the Illinois State Board of Elections within five business days after making the independent expenditure, except that the report shall be filed within two business days after making the independent expenditure during the 60-day period before an election.

**Public Act:** 99-0437

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

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## **PERSONNEL**

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### **HB 1665** **Bus Driver Permit Holder**

**Sponsors:**

House: Sullivan-Sandack  
Senate: Jones

**Chapter Reference:**

625 ILCS 5/6-106.1

**Summary:** The Act provides that a private carrier employer of a school bus driver permit holder, having satisfied applicable employer requirements, shall be held to a standard of ordinary care for intentional acts committed in the course of employment by a bus driver permit holder.

**Public Act:** 99-0148

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

### **HB 1790** **Teacher Licensure-Endorsements**

**Sponsors:**

House: Cavaletto-Pritchard-Reis-Ammons  
Senate: McCarter

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/21B-20

**Summary:** The Act provides that the career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations may be renewed and, for individuals who were issued the endorsement on or after January 1, 2015, the license may be renewed if the individual passes a test of basic skills.

**Public Act:** 99-0035

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## HB 2502

### Chicago Teacher Pension Code-Charters

**Sponsors:**

House: Burke-Dunkin  
Senate: Sandoval

**Chapter Reference:**

30 ILCS 805/8.39 new  
40 ILCS 5/17-114  
40 ILCS 5/17-132  
40 ILCS 5/17-149

**Summary:** The Act provides that any earned sick pay which is payable by an employer shall be considered pensionable earnings as provided by Section 17-134 and the charter school shall certify the number of sick days being paid.

**Public Act:** 99-0176

**Effective Date:** July 29, 2015

## HB 2657

### Teacher Licensure-Reciprocity

**Sponsors:**

House: Winger-Pritchard-Verschoore-Harris  
Senate: Bertino-Tarrant-Bivins-McCarter-Bush-Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/3-12  
105 ILCS 5/21B-20  
105 ILCS 5/21B-25  
105 ILCS 5/21B-30  
105 ILCS 5/21B-35  
105 ILCS 5/21B-40  
105 ILCS 5/21B-45  
105 ILCS 5/21B-50  
105 ILCS 5/21B-60  
105 ILCS 5/21B-80  
105 ILCS 5/27-9  
105 ILCS 5/27-17

**Summary:** The Act is intended to facilitate teaching license reciprocity. It authorizes the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to use moneys in specified funds to support the recruitment and retention of educators. It also makes changes concerning specific endorsements for chief school business officials and other administrator and teaching licenses.

**Public Act:** 99-0058

**Effective Date:** July 16, 2015

## HB 2807

### Professional Development

**Sponsors:**

House: Mitchell-Lilly  
Senate: Connelly

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/21B-45

**Summary:** The Act provides that any Illinois museum, providing state superintendent of education approval, shall be approved for professional development activities for teacher licensure renewal.

**Public Act:** 99-0130

**Effective Date:** July 24, 2015

## SB 0706

### Criminal History Checks

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Cunningham-Bertino-Tarrant-Collins-Lightford  
House: Fine

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25o  
105 ILCS 5/10-21.9  
105 ILCS 5/34-18.5

**Summary:** The Act requires non-public schools to perform criminal background checks on student teachers.

**Public Act:** 99-0021

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## SB 1761

### State Prohibited Transactions

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Silverstein-Connelly-LaHood-Althoff-Morrison  
House: Feigenholtz-McSweeney-Lang-Sente-Drury

**Chapter Reference:**

40 ILCS 5/1-110.16 new

**Summary:** The Act establishes the Illinois Investment Policy Board and restricts Illinois Pension fund investments in companies from specific countries.

**Public Act:** 99-0128

**Effective Date:** July 23, 2015

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# SCHOOL FINANCE

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## HB 0318 Disabilities Education Act

### Sponsors:

House: Madigan-Durkin-Currie-Flowers  
Senate: Steans-Radogno-Cullerton-Kotowski

### Chapter Reference:

5 ILCS 100/5-45  
20 ILCS 3005/7.2  
30 ILCS 105/8.50 new  
30 ILCS 105/13.2  
105 ILCS 5/18-8.05  
305 ILCS 5/5-5b.1 new  
305 ILCS 5/5-5e  
305 ILCS 5/5A-2  
305 ILCS 5/5A-10  
305 ILCS 5/14-12

**Summary:** The Act provides that for payments made for State fiscal year 2015, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) shall, for each school district, calculate that district's pro-rata share of a minimum sum of \$13,600,000 or additional amount as needed from the total net General State Aid funding that shall be deemed attributable to the provision of special educational facilities and services in a manner that ensures compliance with maintenance of State financial support requirements under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It provides that each school district must use such funds only for the provision of special educational facilities and services and must comply with any expenditure verification procedures adopted by the ISBE.

Public Act: 99-0002

**Effective Date:** March 26, 2015

## HB 3093 Federal Impact Aid

### Sponsors:

House: Durkin-Sandack  
Senate: Radogno

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.44

**Summary:** The Act allows any high school district eligible for Federal Impact Aid whose territory is in two counties, to make a one-time declaration as to interest income not previously declared from 1998 through 2011 in the debt service fund, prior to June 30, 2016.

**Public Act:** 99-0404

**Effective Date:** August 19, 2015

## HB 3159 North Shore SD 112 & Sandoval CUSD 501 Bonds

### Sponsors:

House: Cavaletto  
Senate: Morrison

### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/19-1

**Summary:** The Act allows North Shore School District 112 to issue \$150,000,000 in bonds with certain stipulations including allowing them to be paid off over 30 years. Also allows Sandoval CUSD 501 to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds, exempting the debt limit, with certain stipulations and only for those projects approved by the voters March 20, 2012.

**Public Act:** 99-0390

**Effective Date:** August 18, 2015

## HB 3763 Appropriations for Education FY 2016

### Sponsors:

House: Madigan-Davis, W.-Scherer-Cloonen  
Senate: Manar-Forby-Sullivan-Kotowski

### Chapter Reference:

**Summary:** Regarding elementary and secondary education, the Act provides for an overall increase in funding of about \$240 million over FY 2015 funding levels. Approximately \$206 million would be allocated for General State Aid which would result in a proration level of 92%. An additional \$85 million would be available for distribution to the neediest of school districts through a supplemental grant to entities that receive General State Aid to limit the loss per student due to proration. The grant would be paid based on the districts with the greatest loss per student.

**Public Act:** 99-0005

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015

# SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH

## HB 0001

### Heroin Crisis Act

#### Sponsors:

House: Lang-Anthony-Wallace-Yingling  
Senate: Kotowski-McGuire-Cullerton-  
Bertino-Tarrant-Noland

#### Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/22-30  
105 ILCS 5/22-80 new

**Summary:** The Act makes many changes calling for dispensing opioid antagonists to combat the growing U.S. rise in opioid-related deaths.

- For schools, allows administration of an opioid antagonist by a school nurse or trained personnel, in good faith, believes a person is having an opioid overdose.
- The school nurse or trained personnel may administer the opioid antagonist while in school, while at a school-sponsored activity, while under the supervision of school personnel or before and after normal school activities.
- The school may maintain a supply of opioid antagonist in a secure location where an individual may have an opioid overdose.
- The school district is required to activate the EMS system and notify a student's parent, guardian, or emergency contact if an opioid antagonist is administered; within 24 hours must notify the health care professional who provided the prescription; and, within 3 days must notify the board of education.
- Personnel eligible to administer an opioid antagonist must provide proof of completion of a training curriculum and hold certification in CPR and AED administration.
- The Act also requires the school district to maintain records regarding training curriculum and trained personnel.
- The school board shall report by October 1 each year, identifying the frequency and circumstances of opioid antagonist administration during the previous year.

The State Board of Education and Department of Human Services shall establish a three year heroin and opioid drug prevention pilot program that will provide educational materials and instruction on heroin and opioid abuse to all school districts. School districts participating in the pilot project shall be reimbursed by the Department of Human Services for any costs.

**Public Act:** 99-0480

**Effective Date:** September 9, 2015

## HB 1453

### Speed Limits in School Zones

#### Sponsors:

House: Walsh  
Senate: Mulroe

#### Chapter Reference:

625 ILCS 5/11-605  
625 ILCS 5/11-605.1  
730 ILCS 5/5-6-1

**Summary:** The Act creates the offense of aggravated special speed limit while passing schools. A person commits the offense when he or she drives a motor vehicle at a speed that is 26 miles per hour or more in excess of the applicable special speed limit.

**Public Act:** 99-0212

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## HB 3930

### Vandalism in Schools

#### Sponsors:

House: Yingling-Cassidy-Williams  
Senate: Biss-Delgado

#### Chapter Reference:

720 ILCS 5/12-7.1  
720 ILCS 5/21-1.2  
730 ILCS 5/5-5-3.2

**Summary:** The Act adds to the offense of institutional vandalism infliction of damage on certain buildings and grounds including schools, educational facilities, because of the actual or perceived sexual orientation of another person or group. In the statute concerning institutional vandalism, provides that the proscribed acts must be committed by reason of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or national origin of another individual or group of individuals, regardless of the existence of any other motivating factor.

**Public Act:** 99-0077

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## SB 0009

### Powdered Caffeine Control

#### Sponsors:

Senate: Bertino-Tarrant-Landek  
House: Kifowit-Hernandez-Manley-Sente

#### Chapter Reference:

410 ILCS 647/1  
410 ILCS 647/5  
410 ILCS 647/10  
410 ILCS 647/15  
410 ILCS 647/20  
410 ILCS 647/25

**Summary:** The Act prohibits any person from selling, offering to sell, giving away, or providing free samples of powdered pure caffeine to any person under age 18.

**Public Act:** 99-0050

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:190, Student Discipline (February 2016)*

## **SB 1256**

### **Liquor Sale Near Church & School**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Hunter-Van Pelt  
House: Dunkin-Turner

**Chapter Reference:**

235 ILCS 5/6-11

**Summary:** The Act authorizes the sale of alcoholic liquor at a specific theater located within 100 feet of a church or school in the City of Chicago, authorizes the same for a restaurant within 100 feet of a church and school in the City of Chicago.

**Public Act:** 99-0477

**Effective Date:** August 27, 2015

## **SB 1684**

### **PANDA Disorder**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Cullerton-Althoff-Bertino-Tarrant-Morrison-Manar  
House: Conroy-Fine-Wallace

**Chapter Reference:**

20 ILCS 2310/2310-676 new  
20 ILCS 2310/2310-677 new

**Summary:** The Act creates an advisory council on pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder (PANDA) associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome to advise the Director of Public Health on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to the disorder and syndrome.

**Public Act:** 99-0320

**Effective Date:** August 7, 2015

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# **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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## **HB 0163**

### **Performance Standards**

**Sponsors:**

House: Flowers  
Senate: Delgado-Collins-VanPelt

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25a

**Summary:** The Act, with regard to recognition standards for student performance and school improvement, prohibits the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) from having separate performance standards for students based on race or ethnicity.

**Public Act:** 99-0084

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## **HB 1490**

### **Young Adult Employment Plan Act**

**Sponsors:**

House: Ford-Kifowit-Conroy-Flowers-Welch  
Senate: Martinez-Van Pelt-Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

New Act

**Summary:** The Act creates the Commission on Young Adult Employment Act directing Chicago State University to provide administrative support and requires the commission to consult with school boards, State agencies, communities, and higher

education to identify issues concerning the readiness and ability of young adults to find employment.

**Public Act:** 99-0338

**Effective Date:** August 11, 2015

## **HB 2683**

### **Accountability Measure**

**Sponsors:**

House: Davis-Chapa LaVia-Fortner-Riley-Kitowit  
Senate: Delgado-Lightford-Collins-Bertino-Tarrant

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25a  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.25c  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d-5 new  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.25e-5  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.25f  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.136  
105 ILCS 5/7-8  
105 ILCS 5/10-17a  
105 ILCS 5/10-29  
105 ILCS 5/11E-120  
105 ILCS 5/21B-70  
105 ILCS 125/2.5  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.25m rep.

**Summary:** The Act requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to develop recognition standards for school

improvement for all school districts and their individual schools which must be an outcomes-based, balanced accountability measure. The student performance component of the measure (focusing on student outcomes and closing the achievement gaps within each district and school) shall count for 30% of the total balanced accountability measure and the professional practice component (focusing on the implementation of evidence-based, best professional practices and exhibiting continued improvement) shall count for 70%. The student performance component shall consist of achievement status, achievement growth, and Annual Measurable Objectives. The professional practice component shall consist of compliance, evidenced-based best practices, and contextual improvement. The Act establishes “priority” schools and school districts (generally, the lowest performing 5%) and requires the ISBE to perform a needs assessment for the district, and “focus” schools and school districts (generally lowest performing 10% with high school graduation rates less than 60%).

**Public Act:** 99-0193

**Effective Date:** July 30, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:15, School Accountability*

## **HB 2781 E-Learning Program**

**Sponsors:**

House: Fortner-Willis

Senate: Connelly-Harmon-Van Pelt-Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-19

105 ILCS 5/10-20.56 new

105 ILCS 5/10-29

105 ILCS 5/18-8.05

105 ILCS 5/18-12

**Summary:** The Act requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to implement a pilot program for up to three school districts to adopt a program for e-learning that shall permit students to receive instruction electronically, and not while physically present at school.

**Public Act:** 99-0194

**Effective Date:** July 30, 2015

## **HB 3197 Attendance Commission**

**Sponsors:**

House: Chapa LaVia-Tabares-Dunkin-Franks-Ammons

Senate: Collins-Van Pelt-Delgado-Hunter

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

**Summary:** The Act creates the Attendance Commission within the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to study chronic absenteeism and make recommendations for strategies to prevent chronic absenteeism. IASB, IASA, and IPA each has a representative on the Commission.

**Public Act:** 99-0432

**Effective Date:** August 21, 2015

## **SB 0220 School for the Deaf**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: McCann-Manar

House: Davidsmeyer

**Chapter Reference:**

20 ILCS 415/4d

**Summary:** The Act provides that all positions within the Illinois School for the Deaf and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired requiring licensure by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) are exempt from jurisdictions A, B, and C of the Illinois Personnel Code.

**Public Act:** 99-0045

**Effective Date:** July 15, 2015

## **SB 0226 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS)**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Lightford-Kotowski

House: Welch-Ford-Mussman-Lilly-Sente

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

**Summary:** The Act requires the Department of Human Services and Illinois State Board of Education ( ISBE) to develop and implement a training program designed to screen and register kids for the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) waiting list for services, subject to appropriation.

**Public Act:** 99-0144

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## **SB 1319 Obsolete Language**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Martinez

House: Chapa LaVia

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/1A-10

105 ILCS 5/1C-4

105 ILCS 5/2-3.12

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25o

105 ILCS 5/2-3.39

105 ILCS 5/2-3.60 rep.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64b rep.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.62

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5

105 ILCS 5/2-3.120 rep.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.137 rep.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.147 rep.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.162

105 ILCS 5/3-1

105 ILCS 5/3-2.5

105 ILCS 5/3-11

105 ILCS 5/3-11.5 rep.

105 ILCS 5/3-15.6  
105 ILCS 5/3-15.10  
105 ILCS 5/3-15.17  
105 ILCS 5/10-17a  
105 ILCS 5/14-8.02  
105 ILCS 5/14-9.01  
105 ILCS 5/14C-1  
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105 ILCS 5/14C-3  
105 ILCS 5/14C-5  
105 ILCS 5/14C-7  
105 ILCS 5/14C-9  
105 ILCS 5/14C-11  
105 ILCS 5/22-65 rep.  
105 ILCS 5/22-75 rep.  
105 ILCS 5/27A-5  
105 ILCS 5/34-2.4  
105 ILCS 5/34-8.17  
105 ILCS 110/5

**Summary:** The Act makes clarifications and deletes obsolete language in the School Code.

**Public Act:** 99-0030

**Effective Date:** July 10, 2015

## **SB 1340**

### **School Security Standards Report**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Anderson-Bush  
House: Sims-Acevedo-Bellock

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.160  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.161

**Summary:** The Act requires the School Security and Standards Task Force to submit a report to the General Assembly and the governor on or before January 1, 2016 and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) on or before July 1, 2016 (instead of on or before January 1, 2015).

**Public Act:** 99-0065

**Effective Date:** July 16, 2015

## **SB 1455**

### **State Assessments for High School Students**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Delgado-McCarter-Collins  
House: Golar-Ammons

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5

**Summary:** The Act provides that one of the State assessments for high school students shall include tests in the areas of English language arts, reading, mathematics, and science for the purpose of student application or admissions to public institutions of higher education.

**Public Act:** 99-0185

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## **SB 1679**

### **Virtual Education**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Lightford-McConnaughay-Sandoval-Barickman  
House: Dunkin-Sosnowski-Sandack

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

**Summary:** The Act requires the State Superintendent of Education to establish a review committee to review virtual education and course choice setting forth provisions concerning committee members, meetings, duties, and support. Findings and Recommendations must be reported to the Governor and General Assembly by May 31, 2016.

**Public Act:** 99-0442

**Effective Date:** August 21, 2015

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# **STUDENTS**

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## **HB 0165**

### **Student Prayer**

**Sponsors:**

House: Flowers-Chapa LaVia-Ford-McSweeney-Tabares  
Senate: Delgado-Van Pelt-Collins-McCarter

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 20/5

**Summary:** The Act allows students in the public schools to voluntarily engage in individual or collective initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings during non-instructional time.

**Public Act:** 99-0410

**Effective Date:** August 20, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:130, Student Rights and Responsibilities*

## **HB 0806**

### **Course Credit for High School**

**Sponsors:**

House: Golar-Wallace-Chapa LaVia-Jackson-Lilly  
Senate: Delgado-Van Pelt-Collins

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27-22.10



**Summary:** The Act allows a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 to enroll in a course offered by the high school but taken where the student attends school, provided that the teacher holds a professional educator license endorsed for the grade level and content area of the course.

**Public Act:** 99-0189

**Effective Date:** July 30, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:315, High School  
Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8*

## **HB 3123 School Counseling Services**

**Sponsors:**

House: Pritchard-Chapa LaVia-Kifowit-Gordon-Booth  
Senate: Althoff-Morrison

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/10-22.24b

**Summary:** The Act provides that school counseling services may include actively supporting students in need of special education services by implementing the academic, personal or social, and college or career development services or interventions as required by a school professional per a student's individualized educational program; participating in or contributing to a student's individualized educational program; or completing a social development history.

**Public Act:** 99-0276

**Effective Date:** August 5, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 6:280, Grading and Promotion*

## **HB 3428 Advanced Placement Exam**

**Sponsors:**

House: Sente-Golar-Fortner-Chapa LaVia-Batinick  
Senate: McGuire-Murphy-Kotowski-Manar-Morrison

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 302/30 new

**Summary:** The Act provides that a student who takes a College Board Advanced Placement examination and receives a score of three or higher is entitled to receive postsecondary level course credit at a public institution of higher education.

**Public Act:** 99-0358

**Effective Date:** August 13, 2015

## **SB 0057 School Records**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Mulroe  
House: Burke, K.

**Chapter Reference:**

750 ILCS 5/602.11 new

**Summary:** Among many changes to various state laws, the Act removes language providing that a parent who is not allocated parenting time is not entitled to access to the child's school and health care records in the absence of a court finding that access is in the best interests of the child. Access to a child's records shall not be denied to a parent if that parent has not been allocated parental responsibility.

**Public Act:** 99-0090

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:340, Student Records*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:340-  
AP1, School Student Records*

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7340-AP1, E1 – Notice  
to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights  
Concerning a Student's School Records*

## **SB 1410 Immunization Exemption**

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Mulroe-Trotter-Link  
House: Gabel-Zalewski-Fine-McAuliffe

**Chapter Reference:**

105 ILCS 5/27-8.1

**Summary:** The Act provides that children of parents or legal guardians who object to health, dental, or eye examinations, immunizations, or to vision and hearing screening tests on religious grounds shall not be required to undergo the examinations if they present to the local school authority a signed Certificate of Religious Exemption detailing the grounds for objection and the specific immunizations, tests, or examinations to which they object.

**Public Act:** 99-0249

**Effective Date:** August 3, 2015

*PRESS Policy/Procedure – 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental  
Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students*

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# TAXATION

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## SB 0368

### TIF-Rosemont & Granite City

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Harmon-Haine-Mulroe

House: McAuliffe-Willis-Moylan-Beiser

**Chapter Reference:**

65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3.5

65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-15

**Summary:** The Act creates a tax increment allocation financing extension for an ordinance adopted by the Village of Rosemont on May 8, 2013 and creates a financing extension for an ordinance adopted on September 23, 1997 by the City of Granite City.

**Public Act:** 99-0263

**Effective Date:** August 4, 2015

## SB 0780

### Homestead Property Cook County

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Jones-VanPelt-Lightford

House: Riley-Turner-Harris

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/15-175

**Summary:** The Act, in Cook County, provides that when homestead property is sold or transferred the new owner shall notify the assessor and shall be required to reapply for the general homestead exemption and requires the assessor to cancel the exemption if the property owner no longer qualifies.

**Public Act:** 99-0164

**Effective Date:** July 28, 2015

## SB 0792

### Truth in Taxation

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Bush-Althoff-Landek

House: Scherer-Zalewski-Conroy-Mayfield-Yingling

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/18-75

**Summary:** The Act provides that if a taxing district maintains a website, the truth in taxation notice shall be published on the website in addition to a newspaper of general circulation.

**Public Act:** 99-0367

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

## SB 0936

### TIF-Ottawa & Village of Crestwood

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Rezin

House: Mautino-Rita

**Chapter Reference:**

65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3.5

**Summary:** The Act creates a tax increment allocation financing extension for an ordinance adopted on September 20, 1994 by the City of Ottawa and an ordinance adopted on May 2, 2002 by the Village of Crestwood.

**Public Act:** 99-0394

**Effective Date:** August 18, 2015

## SB 1608

### Property Tax Correction

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Althoff-McCarter-Hutchinson-Noland

House: Currie-Wehrli-Harris-Fortner-Winger

**Chapter Reference:**

35 ILCS 200/18-155

35 ILCS 200/18-156 new

35 ILCS 735/3-3

**Summary:** The Act, with respect to taxing districts located in 2 or more counties, provides that, if the Department of Revenue determines that an over-apportionment has occurred resulting in any single county's share of an apportioned property tax levy being more than 105% of that county's correct apportioned share, then the Department shall notify the county clerk and county treasurer of each county affected by the correction and shall provide them with correct apportionment data.

**Public Act:** 99-0335

**Effective Date:** August 10, 2015

## SB 1714

### TIF-City of Arcola & City of Paris

**Sponsors:**

Senate: Rose

House: Brown

**Chapter Reference:**

65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3.5

**Summary:** The Act creates a tax increment allocation financing extension for an ordinance adopted on November 22, 1993 by the City of Arcola and also provides an extension for the City of Paris for an ordinance approved on November 29, 1999 (instead of November 9, 1999).

**Public Act:** 99-0361

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2016

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