

Digest of Bills



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of the Illinois General Assembly

FOREWORD

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This publication is a summary of bills which impact K-12 education that were passed during the 2024 Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly. We have compiled these bills to allow local school officials and other stakeholders an opportunity to review the actions of the General Assembly and the Governor during this legislative session.

The Illinois Association of School Boards Governmental Relations team has made every effort to identify and include in this publication any bill that affects K-12 schools. Also, please note that the synopsis of each bill is brief and may or may not encompass the full content or impact of the bill. Rather, the synopsis is designed to call to the reader's attention any statutory changes and additions that may merit further research and investigation.

We have provided active links to each bill listed. All legislation can be viewed online at the Illinois Legislative Information System website at www.ilga.gov. For full meaning and complete text of a bill, click the bill number that is a live link and navigate to the "Full Text" of the bill. Statutory citations have been removed as they can be easily obtained by accessing the bill online.

The bill summaries are organized under subject matter categories arranged alphabetically as shown in the Table of Contents. Use your browser's "Find" function to navigate to a specific bill by number or key word. In addition, a bill title index is provided which may be used to identify a bill by title. Also included is a heading of "Last Action" after each bill description, as well as the vote on the bill in each chamber.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

[HB4488](#)

Election Omnibus-School Board Filing Deadlines

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West II

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: Certificates of nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for school district offices to be filled at consolidated elections shall be filed with the county clerk or county board of election commissioners of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located not more than 141 (instead of 113) nor less than 134 (instead of 106) days before the consolidated election.

Vote: House 114-00; Senate 51-03-03

Concurrence Vote: House 68-38

Last Action: Public Act [103-0600](#)

[SB15](#)

Chicago Board of Education District Act

House Sponsor: Ann M. Williams

Senate Sponsor: Don Harmon

Summary: The bill outlines the transition to the first fully elected 21-member Chicago Public Schools School Board. The City of Chicago shall be divided into 10 districts and each of those 10

districts shall be subdivided into two subdistricts. Initially, each of the 10 districts shall be represented by one board member who will be elected in 2024 while the remaining 10 members and the board chair will be appointed by the mayor. Starting in 2026, all 20 members will be elected from subdistricts with the board president being selected city wide.

Vote: House 75-31-03; Senate 37-20

Last Action: Public Act [103-0584](#)

[SB2987](#)

School Board Member Training

House Sponsor: Amy Elik

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: The bill adds the topic of student outcomes to the already mandated four-hour training for new school board members.

Vote: House 105-06; Senate 58-01

Last Action: Public Act [103-0771](#)

INSURANCE

[HB2385](#)

Insurance Code-Colonoscopy Coverage

House Sponsor: Cyril Nichols

Senate Sponsor: Willie Preston

Summary: Provides coverage for a colonoscopy which is determined to be medically necessary.

Vote: House 95-00-01; Senate 56-00

Concurrence Vote: House 105-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0800](#)

[HB2472](#)

Insurance Code-Adverse Determination

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Amends various Acts of the Illinois Insurance Act, including:

- Standardizes medical claim and billing forms across fraternal benefit societies, dental service plan corporations, health maintenance organizations, limited health service organizations, and health services plan corporations.

- Ensures that utilization review programs comply with Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act administration and enforcement.
- Modifies definitions in the Health Carrier External Review Act.
- Specifies that only clinical peers can make adverse determinations in health care plans using algorithmic processes.
- Requires objective, evidence-based criteria in utilization of review processes, which are compliant with Health Utilization Management Standards.
- Caps penalties for failure to obtain prior authorization at \$1,000 per instance, barring duplicative authorizations for the same health service.

Vote: House 106-00; Senate 57-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0656](#)

HB2499

Ban on Short-Term, Limited Duration Plans

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Provides that on or after January 1, 2025, no company shall issue, deliver, amend, or renew short-term, limited-duration insurance plan in the state. Provides that student health insurance coverage shall remain subject to the standards and requirements for individual health insurance coverage except where inconsistent with specified regulations.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 40-19

Concurrence Vote: House 72-35

Last Action: Public Act [103-0649](#)

HB4055

Prior Authorization-Emergency

House Sponsor: William E. Hauter

Senate Sponsor: David Koehler

Summary: A health insurance issuer or a contracted utilization review organization may not require a prior authorization for drug therapies approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of hereditary bleeding disorders any more frequently than six months or the length of time the prescription.

Vote: House 106-00; Senate 56-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0659](#)

HB4180

Insurance Code-Diagnostic Mammogram

House Sponsor: Nabeela Syed

Senate Sponsor: Mary Edly-Allen

Summary: The policy or plan shall provide coverage for a comprehensive ultrasound screening and MRI of an entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue or when medically necessary.

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 56-00

Concurrence Vote: House 107-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0808](#)

HB4789

Insurance Code-Dental Preauthorization

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Dave Syverson

Summary: Provides that no insurer shall deny any claim subsequently submitted for procedures specifically included in a prior authorization unless certain circumstances apply. Provides a dental carrier shall not deny any claim subsequently submitted for procedures specifically included in a prior authorization

unless certain circumstances apply. Removes language providing that no insurer shall deny any claim subsequently submitted for procedures specifically included in a prior authorization unless certain circumstances apply.

Vote: House 111-00-01; Senate 59-00

Concurrence Vote: House 105-00-01

Last Action: Public Act [103-0832](#)

HB5142

Pregnancy/Postpartum Care

House Sponsor: Robyn Gabel

Senate Sponsor: Lakesia Collins

Summary: Provides that coverage for abortion care may not impose any deductible, coinsurance, waiting period, or other cost-sharing limitation, except to the extent that the coverage would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a health savings account. Provides that coverage for postpartum services shall apply for all covered services rendered within the first 12 months after the end of pregnancy.

Vote: House 72-37; Senate 40-19

Concurrence Vote: House 70-35

Last Action: Public Act [103-0720](#)

HB5282

Insurance Code-Miscarriage/Stillbirth

House Sponsor: Anne Stava-Murray

Senate Sponsor: Linda Holmes

Summary: Requires coverage of medically necessary treatment of a mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorder or condition for all individuals who have experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth.

Vote: House 113-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0701](#)

HB5295

Insurance Code-Hormone Therapy-Menopause

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Linda Holmes

Summary: Provides that a plan shall provide coverage for medically necessary hormonal and non-hormonal therapy to treat menopausal symptoms if the therapy is recommended by a qualified health care provider. Provides that coverage for therapy to treat menopausal symptoms shall include all federal Food and Drug Administration-approved modalities of hormonal and non-hormonal administration.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0703](#)

HB5493

Insurance Various

House Sponsor: Thaddeus Jones

Senate Sponsor: Napoleon Harris III

Summary: Makes various changes in the Insurance Code, including:

- Applies certain coverage requirements to individual accident and health insurance policies.
- Prohibits authorization or referral for obstetrical or gynecological care.
- Mandates notice OB/GYN care if a policy designates a primary care provider.
- Modifies provisions for post-parturition care and disclosure of limited benefits.
- Requires health maintenance organizations to cover pharmacy testing, screenings, vaccinations, treatments, proton beam therapy, care for children with certain impairments, and no-cost mental health prevention and wellness visits.
- Mandates coverage or reimbursement for hearing aids.

Vote: House 95-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0718](#)

HB5643

Insurance Code-Pregnancy Tests

House Sponsor: Tracy Katz Muhl

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, the medical assistance program shall provide coverage for at-home, urine-based pregnancy tests that are ordered directly by a clinician or furnished through a standing order for patient use.

Vote: House 101-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0870](#)

SB2573

Insurance Cancer Coverage-Wigs

House Sponsor: Yolonda Morris

Senate Sponsor: Napoleon Harris III

Summary: Provides that a plan must provide coverage for, no less than once every 12 months, one wig for hair loss caused by alopecia, chemotherapy, or radiation treatment for cancer or other conditions.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 57-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0753](#)

SB2672

Insurance Coverage During a Generic Drug Shortage

House Sponsor: Terra Costa Howard

Senate Sponsor: Laura M. Murphy

Summary: Provides that if a generic drug or a therapeutic equivalent is unavailable due to a supply issue and dosage cannot be adjusted, a plan shall provide coverage for a brand-name eligible prescription drug until supply of the generic drug or a therapeutic equivalent is available.

Vote: House 109-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0758](#)

SB2735

Insurance Electronic Payment Fees

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Provides that any plan shall offer all reasonably available methods of payment from the insurer to the contracted health care provider. Provides that an insurer shall not mandate payment by credit card. Provides that if a fee is associated with payment by credit card, the insurer shall notify the health care provider and shall provide the health care provider with instructions on the plan's website as to how to select each method.

Vote: House 113-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act 103-0618

SB2744

Insurance Vaccine Administration Fee

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Provides that a plan shall provide coverage for vaccinations for COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus, without imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirements.

Vote: House 92-18; Senate 54-01

Last Action: Public Act [103-0918](#)

SB3203

Insurance Inhaler Coverage

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Mattie Hunter

Summary: Provides coverage for prescription drugs may not deny or limit coverage for prescription inhalers based upon any restriction on the number of days before an inhaler refill may be obtained if, contrary to those restrictions, the inhalants have been ordered or prescribed by the treating physician and are medically appropriate. Provides coverage for prescription drugs shall limit the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription inhaler to an amount not to exceed \$25 per 30-day supply.

Vote: House 87-21; Senate 53-02

Last Action: Public Act [103-0951](#)

SB3305

Dental Loss Ratio Act

House Sponsor: Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Provides that a plan shall provide coverage for medically necessary care and treatment to address a major injury to the jaw either through an accident or disease.

Vote: House 112-00; Senate 55-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0972](#)

SB3318

Insurance Alzheimer's Treatment

House Sponsor: Mary Gill

Senate Sponsor: Laura M. Murphy

Summary: Requires FDA-approved treatments or medications prescribed to slow the progression of Alzheimer's Disease to be medically necessary in order to qualify for coverage under the State Employees Group Insurance Program.

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0975](#)

SB3414

Insurance Continuous Glucose Monitor

House Sponsor: Jenn Ladisch Douglass

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: Provides that a plan shall provide coverage for continuous glucose monitors, related supplies, and training in the use of continuous glucose monitors.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 59-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act 103-0639

PERSONNEL

HB2161

Unlawful Discrimination-Family Responsibilities

House Sponsor: Will Guzzardi

Seante Sponsor: Natalie Toro

Summary: Amends the Illinois Human Right Act. Prohibits discrimination based on family responsibilities in employment. Defines "family responsibilities" as an employee's actual or perceived provision of personal care to a family member. Adds unwelcome conduct on the basis of "family responsibilities" to the definition of harassment. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for: (1) any employer to refuse to hire, to segregate, to engage in harassment, or to act with respect to recruitment, hiring, promotion, renewal of employment, selection for training or apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms, privileges, or conditions of employment on the basis of family responsibilities; (2) any employment agency to fail or refuse to classify properly, accept applications, and register for employment referral or apprenticeship referral, refer for employment, or refer for apprenticeship on the basis of family responsibilities; and (3) any labor organization to limit, segregate, or classify its membership, or to limit employment opportunities, selection and training for apprenticeship in any trade or craft,

or otherwise to take or fail to take, any action which affects adversely any person's status as an employee or as an applicant for employment or as an apprentice, or as an applicant for apprenticeships, or wages, tenure, hours of employment, or apprenticeship conditions on the basis of family responsibilities. Adds language that nothing in the Act may be construed to obligate an employer, employment agency, or labor organization to make accommodations or modifications to reasonable workplace rules or policies for an employee based on family responsibilities. Further, nothing in the Act prevents an employer from taking adverse action or otherwise enforcing reasonable workplace rules or policies related to leave, scheduling, productivity, attendance, absenteeism, timeliness, work performance, referrals from a labor union hiring hall, and benefits against an employee with family responsibilities as long as its policies are applied in accordance with the Act.

Vote: House 69-29; Senate 37-19

Concurrence Vote: House 74-29

Last Action: Public Act [103-0797](#)

HB3763

Personnel Record Review

House Sponsor: Will Guzzardi

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Requires an employee to make a written request to the employer in order to inspect, copy, and receive copies of specified documents. Makes changes to the subsection on personnel documents by adding the following documents that an employee has a right to inspect, copy, and receive copies: 1) any employment-related contracts or agreements that employer maintains are legally binding on the employee, 2) any employee handbooks that the employer made available to the employee or that the employee acknowledged receiving; and 3) any written employer policies or procedures that the employer contends the employee was subject to and that concern qualifications for employment, promotion, transfer, compensation, benefits, discharge, or other disciplinary action. Removes other types of documents to which an employee has the right to inspect, copy, and receive copies. Modifies how requests must be made and the requirements of written requests. Specifies how the employer shall comply with the employee's request. Modifies what fees may be charged for providing a copy of the requested records. Provides that the right of the employee or the employee's designated representative to inspect personnel records does not apply to an employer's trade secrets, client lists, sales projections, and financial data. Modifies provisions on how the Act is administered and enforced, including requirements for commencing an action in circuit court.

Vote: House 71-35; Senate 36-19

Last Action: Public Act [103-0727](#)

HB3773

Illinois Human Rights Act—Artificial Intelligence

House Sponsor: Jamie M. Andrade Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Javier L. Cervantes

Summary: Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a civil rights violation: (1) with respect to recruitment, hiring, promotion, renewal of employment, selection for training or apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure, or the terms, privileges, or conditions of employment, for an employer to use artificial intelligence that has the effect of subjecting employees to discrimination on the basis of protected classes identified under the Article or to use zip codes as a proxy for protected classes identified under the Article; and (2) for an employer to fail to provide notice to an employee that the employer is using artificial intelligence. Defines "artificial intelligence" and "generative artificial intelligence".

Vote: House 106-00-01; Senate 57-00

Concurrence Vote: House 100-15

Last Action: Public Act [103-0804](#)

HB4261

Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Mattie Hunter

Summary: Provides that the Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force shall report on its work, including certain recommendations, to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2024 (rather than August 1, 2024).

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 51-05

Concurrence Vote: House 74-36

Last Action: Public Act [103-0811](#)

HB4623

AI-Generated Sexual Explicit Digital Image

House Sponsor: Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

Senate Sponsor: Mary Edly-Allen

Summary: Adds new offenses to the Criminal Code, including: 1) the "obscene depiction" of a purported child, which includes a visual representation of any kind, including an image, video, or computer-generated image or video, whether made, produced, or altered by electronic, mechanical, or other means; and 2) the non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions. Adds the "obscene depiction" of a purported child as one of the prohibited offenses that prevents an individual from being issued a school bus driver license.

Vote: House 113-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0825](#)

HB4653

Trauma Training

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: The bill is a clean-up bill and aligns the two types of trauma training required for school employees, both training on how to respond to life-threatening bleeding trauma and training on trauma-informed practices, into the five-year cycle established pursuant to Public Act [103-0542](#). Public Act 103-0542 reorganized various existing state-mandated trainings and outlined new training requirements which must be completed within six months of employment by a school board and renewed at least once every five years.

Vote: House 100-11; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0603](#)

HB5057

Primary School Teacher Test

House Sponsor: Sue Scherer

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Removes the restriction providing that no candidate may be allowed to student teach until the candidate has passed the applicable content area test. Provides that the Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force shall report to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2024 (rather than August 1, 2024). Provides that the State Board of Education's rules for scoring the content area knowledge test may include scoring and retaking of each test section separately and independently.

Vote: House 85-20; Senate 55-02

Concurrence Vote: House 102-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0846](#)

HB5561

Whistleblower Act

House Sponsor: Marcus C. Evans Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Cristina Castro

Summary: Changes the definitions of "adverse employment action", "employer", "employee", "supervisor", "public body" (which includes school districts), "retaliatory action" and what is excluded from the definition of "retaliatory action". Makes numerous changes and additions to the Section prohibiting an employer from taking retaliatory action against employees for specified disclosures, including taking retaliatory action against an employee for "threatening to disclose" (currently only covers "disclosing") information. Changes the damages and penalties for an employee. Makes additional changes to the Section that addresses retaliation against an employee for certain refusals to participate in an activity. Provides that the employee may be awarded interest on back pay of 9% per annum for up to 90 calendar days from the date the complaint is filed, liquidated damages of up to \$10,000, and a civil penalty of \$10,000. Makes it a defense for any action brought under the Act if the retaliatory action was predicated solely upon grounds other than the employee's exercise of any rights protected under this Act. Authorizes additional remedies that the Attorney General may pursue for violations of the Act. Provides that it shall be a defense to any action brought under the Act that the retaliatory action was predicated solely upon grounds other than the employee's exercise of any rights protected by the Act.

Vote: House 71-38; Senate 44-15

Last Action: Public Act [103-0867](#)

SB463

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher Tenure and Extension to Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC)

House Sponsor: Maura Hirschauer

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Provides that the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council shall meet until December 31, 2024 (instead of June 30, 2024). Provides that on July 1, 2024, ISBE shall convene a Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee which shall be staffed by ISBE. Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that an individual who holds a valid career and technical educator endorsement or a provisional career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations is entitled to all of the rights and privileges granted to a holder of a Professional Educator License.

Vote: House 113-00; Senate 54-01

Concurrence Vote: Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0617](#)

SB508

Right to Privacy in the Workplace

House Sponsor: Eva-Dina Delgado

Senate Sponsor: Javier L. Cervantes

Summary: This bill creates restrictions on the use of employment eligibility verification systems. Provides that an employer shall not impose work authorization verification or re-verification requirements greater than those required by federal law. Provides that if an employer contends that there is a discrepancy in an employee's employment verification information, that the employer must provide the employee with specific documents, instruction, and explanations of certain rights. Provides for additional rights and protections granted to an employee following the notification from any federal or state agency of a discrepancy. Provides that, except as otherwise required by federal law, an employer shall provide notice to current employees, by posting in English and in any language commonly used in the workplace, of any inspections of I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification forms or other employment records conducted by the inspecting entity within 72 hours after receiving notice of the inspection. Provides for additional notice requirements concerning obligations of the employer and the employee.

Vote: House 73-38; Senate 41-13

Last Action: Public Act [103-0879](#)

SB3208

Wage Payment Pay Stubs

House Sponsor: Dagmara Avelar

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Provides that an employer shall maintain a copy of an employee's pay stub for at least three years after the date of payment. Provides that the employer shall provide an employee or former employee with a copy of the employee's pay stubs upon the employee's request within 21 days of the request. An employer is not required to grant an employee's request more than twice in a 12-month period. Provides that an employer who furnishes electronic pay stubs in a manner that a former employee cannot access for at least a full year after separation shall, upon an employee's separation from employment, offer to provide the outgoing employee with a record of all of the outgoing employee's pay stubs from the year preceding the date of separation. The employee shall make this request to the person responsible for maintaining the employer's payroll, including the employer's human resources department or payroll department, the employee's supervisor or department manager, or an individual designated in the employer's written policy.

Vote: House 75-37; Senate 41-16

Concurrence Vote: Senate 39-18

Last Action: Public Act [103-0953](#)

SB3310

Human Rights Remedies

House Sponsor: Curtis J. Tarver II

Senate Sponsor: Mike Simmons

Summary: Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Extends the date to file a charge from 300 calendar days to two years for an alleged violation under the Act except for the Real Estate Transactions Article. Authorizes the Human Rights Commission to award damages under the Act that are recognized under Illinois tort law and punitive damages if the allegations of the violation under the Act meet the evidentiary requirements under Illinois law for an award of punitive damages.

Vote: House 72-39; Senate 38-18

Last Action: Public Act [103-0973](#)

SB3467

Speech Language Pathologist Assistant

House Sponsor: Kevin John Olickal

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning the educational requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant.

Vote: House 106-00; Senate 58-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-1004](#)

SB3581

School Counselor Gift Ban

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Chapin Rose

Summary: In the Section that provides the list of circumstances that must be considered in determining whether a gift is provided to the school counselor on the basis of personal friendship, adds the following criteria "travel, lodging, food, and beverage costs incurred by the school counselor and paid by an institution of higher education for attendance by the school counselor of an educational or military program at the institution of higher education." Specifies that any costs paid for by the institution of higher education may not exceed the per diem rates for travel, gift, and car expenses set by the federal Internal Revenue Service and referenced in the Internal Revenue Service's publication.

Vote: House 112-00; Senate 59-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-1020](#)

SB3649

Employee Freedom of Speech

House Sponsor: Marcus C. Evans Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Robert Peters

Summary: Creates the Worker Freedom of Speech Act. Provides that an employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, threaten to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, or take any adverse employment action against an employee: (1) because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to communications from the employer or the agent, representative, or designee of the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters; (2) as a means of inducing an employee to attend or participate in meetings or receive or listen to these communications; or (3) because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of the Act. Provides for a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the Act. Sets forth the duties and powers of the Department of Labor under the Act. Provides that, within 30 days after the effective date of the Act, an employer shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under the Act where employee notices are customarily placed. Provides for exceptions under the Act. Provides that an employer shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each violation of the Act.

Vote: House 79-30; Senate 38-18

Concurrence Vote: Senate 39-18

Last Action: Public Act [103-0722](#)

SB3779

Social Work Opioid Antagonist

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West II

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act and the Good Samaritan Act. Provides that a licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker may possess and administer opioid antagonists. Provides that if a person employs a licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker and the licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker possesses an opioid antagonist in a professional capacity, then the employer must provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists and establish a policy to control the acquisition, storage, transportation, and administration of opioid antagonists.

Vote: House 110-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-1048](#)

SJR49

School Caseload Review

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Directs the Professional Review Panel and the Illinois State Board of Education to conduct the analysis and financial modeling required to evaluate the implications of implementing the recommended maximum caseloads for school social workers, school psychologists, school counselors, school nurses, and speech-language pathologists working in schools. Requests the Professional Review Panel and the Illinois State Board of Education to submit their findings in a written report to the General Assembly and Governor by December 31, 2025.

Vote: House 109-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Adopted Both Houses

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SB3110

Regional Board Vacancy

House Sponsor: Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsor: Mary Edly-Allen

Summary: Provides that a vacancy on a regional board of school trustees shall be subject to the residency provisions in the Article unless the vacancy occurs in a single county educational service

region (instead of providing that any vacancy is subject to the residency provisions in the Article). Provides that if a vacancy occurs in a single county educational service region, then the vacancy may be filled by a person who is a resident of a congressional township not represented on the board.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0774](#)

SCHOOL FINANCE

HB305

Cook County Treasurers and Trustees

House Sponsor: Tracy Katz Muhl

Senate Sponsor: Napoleon Harris III

Summary: Makes numerous changes to the section of the School Code which governs Cook County schools including: 1) allows a school district, by resolution and at least 2/3 vote of the school board, to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the trustees of schools and the treasurer and elect or appoint its own treasurer; 2) provides the time frame and process for the school district's withdrawal process once a resolution is approved by the school board; 3) provides that trustees of schools shall no longer be elected, although trustees elected or appointed on or before April 4, 2023, may complete their terms; 4) instead of elected trustees, each school board shall appoint a school board member or employee to serve as trustee of schools and provides the time-frame and process by which trustees shall be appointed by each school board and the length of the trustee's term; and 5) removes the requirement that a treasurer be a resident of the township.

Vote: House 104-03-01; Senate 58-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 115-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0790](#)

HB3446

Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) Annual Spending Plans

House Sponsor: William "Will" Davis

Senate Sponsor: Tom Bennett

Summary: Provides that for the required EBF annual spending plans that districts must submit, school districts shall now also specify what stakeholders from within the school district it consulted with to inform its spending plan. Provides that the EBF annual spending plan be integrated into the school district's annual budget. Additionally, by December 31, 2025, ISBE shall create an EBF spending plan tool to make each district's spending plan available on its website and that tool shall allow for the selection and review of each district's planned use of EBF.

Vote: House 106-00; Senate 57-00

Concurrence Vote: House 115-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0802](#)

[HB4284](#)

Homewood District No. 153 Aggregate Extension Base

House Sponsor: William “Will” Davis

Senate Sponsor: Napoleon Harris, III

Summary: Specifies the last preceding aggregate extension base for Homewood School District No. 153 for the purpose of calculating the limiting rate for levy year 2023.

Vote: House 70-36; Senate 42-17

Last Action: Public Act [103-0587](#)

[HB4582](#)

Finance Fund Transfers

House Sponsor: Robert “Bob” Rita

Senate Sponsor: Don Harmon

Summary: Beginning September 1, 2024, removes the referendum requirement for new building construction projects that results in an increase in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten classroom space. Exempts taxes levied for school fire prevention and safety bonds from PTELL. Increases the maximum term of school district bonds from 20 years to 30 years. Allows districts to increase the amount of bonds by 3% to cover costs of issuance and/or capitalized interest.

Vote: House 108-00 ; Senate 40-18

Concurrence Vote: House 72-38

Last Action: Public Act [103-0591](#)

[HB4615](#)

Sunset Omnibus Bill

House Sponsor: Lawrence “Larry” Walsh Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Michael E. Hastings

Summary: Extends the date allowing school boards, by proper resolution to make interfund transfers in specified instances, provided notice and hearing requirements are met, through June 30, 2026 (currently expires June 30, 2024).

Vote: House 112-00; Senate 58-00

Concurrence Vote: House 108-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0601](#)

[HB4751](#)

Carbon-Free School Report

House Sponsor: Lawrence “Larry” Walsh, Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Steve Stadelman

Summary: This bill amends the section of the Public Utilities Act which deals with the Public Schools Carbon-Free Assessment program. This program currently requires that each electric utility serving over 500,000 retail customers in Illinois implement a Public Schools Carbon-Free Assessment program with the goal of public schools being carbon-free in their energy usage by 2030.

The bill clarifies what constitutes “confidential information” which can be redacted on the non-confidential report form that is provided by the utility companies or third party acting on behalf of the utility, to the public schools.

Vote: House 102-10; Senate 54-01

Last Action: Public Act [103-0684](#)

[HB4959](#)

Budget Implementation Plan

House Sponsor: Robyn Gabel

Senate Sponsor: Elgie R. Sims Jr.

Summary: The Budget Implementation Plan (BIMP) ensures that the state’s financial plans are put into action by adjusting existing programs and allocating resources according to the approved budget for the specified fiscal year. The FY2025 BIMP:

- Extends the ability for a TRS retiree to teach in a subject shortage area to 2027 (currently expires in 2024).
- Adds state-authorized charter schools to the transportation line item (the state budget increased the Regular/ Vocational Transportation MCAT line-item by \$2 Million to account for these costs).
- Creates the Fleet Electrification Incentive program which includes school buses (the state budget allocated \$70 Million to the program).
- Requires ISBE to report on which districts offer a Breakfast After the Bell program.
- Establishes the Breakfast After the Bell program (the state budget allocated \$300,000 total at a maximum of \$7,000 per school).
- Adds dental and vision benefits to TRS health benefits beginning January 1, 2025, as well as sets forth required premiums to be paid by TRS benefit recipients.

Vote: House 97-08; Senate 41-18

Concurrence Vote: House 62-46

Last Action: Public Act [103-0588](#)

[HB5407](#)

Homeless Child Report and Grant

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. Adds the percentage of homeless students in an applicant school district as one of the criteria of a school receiving the grant. Removes other criteria for awarding the grant that ISBE must consider as it relates to the applying school district when awarding the grant. Adds the following eligible activities for which the school district can use the grant money: rental assistance, transportation assistance, emergency shelter, housing stability case management, housing locator services, and other collaborative housing strategies.

Vote: House 104-09; Senate 46-09-01

Last Action: Public Act [103-0744](#)

HB5418

School Construction Maintenance Grants

House Sponsor: Barbara Hernandez

Senate Sponsor: Michael W. Halpin

Summary: The bill adds Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers (currently school districts and special education cooperatives) to the list of eligible entities that may apply for school construction maintenance grants. The grant is only eligible for buildings located on publicly owned property and, similar to school districts and special education cooperatives, must have matching funds available to receive the grant.

Vote: House 104-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0713](#)

HB5511

Procurement Bid Preference Bill

House Sponsor: Jay Hoffman

Senate Sponsor: Cristina Castro

Summary: Provides that the chief procurement officer shall require, at the time of submission of a bid, and may require at the Chief Procurement Officer's option at any time during the term of the contract, that the bidder or contractor submit an affidavit and other supporting documents demonstrating that the bidder or contractor is an Illinois business and, if applicable, submit an affidavit and other supporting documents demonstrating that the bidder or contractor is eligible for a 4% bid preference under the provisions. Provides that if a contractor who is awarded a contract through the use of a preference for Illinois businesses provided false information in order to obtain that preference, then the contractor is subject to disciplinary procedures under the Act.

Vote: House 110-00-01; Senate 48-07-01

Concurrence Vote: House 80-27

Last Action: Public Act [103-0865](#)

SB251

FY2025 Budget

House Sponsor: Jehan Gordon-Booth

Senate Sponsor: Elgie R. Sims Jr.

Summary: Makes appropriations and reappropriations for capital and operating expenditures and other purposes for State Fiscal Year 2025. Highlights include:

- Increase of \$350 million to Evidence-Based Funding, \$50 million of which is earmarked for Property Tax Relief Grants
- Increase of \$30 million for the Special Ed Transportation Mandated Categorical (MCAT) line-item is included.
- More than \$25 million in new funding to ISBE for grants and administrative expenses for After School Programs bringing the total for FY2025 to more than \$50 million.
- For the second year in a 3-year commitment, it allocates \$45 million for the Teacher Vacancy grant, which is an initiative of Governor Pritzker.

- Increases Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding by \$10 million and Agricultural Education funding by \$800,000.
- Allocates a new grant of \$3 million to support the implementation of the ISBE State Literacy Plan.

Vote: House 65-45; Senate 38-21

Last Action: Public Act [103-0589](#)

SB464

School Construction for School on Federal Property

House Sponsor: Rita Mayfield

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: In provisions requiring referendum approval to build or purchase a school building, provides that for any school district: (i) that is designated as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 school district under the Evidence-Based Funding provisions of the Code, (ii) with at least one school that is located on federal property, (iii) whose overall student population is no more than 4,500 students and no less than 2,500 students, and (iv) that receives a federal Public Schools on Military Installations grant until June 30, 2030, no referendum shall be required if at least 75% of the cost of construction or building of any such building is paid or will be paid with funds received or expected to be received from the Public Schools on Military Installations grant. Provides that the school board must hold at least two public hearings, the sole purpose of which shall be to discuss the decision to construct a school building and to receive input from those community members in attendance.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0878](#)

SB536

Public Funds Investment Act Authorized Investments

House Sponsor: Terra Costa Howard

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Makes changes to the authorized investments under the Public Funds Investment Act. Provides that in addition to all other investments authorized under the Section, a public agency may adopt an ordinance or resolution to allow for investment of public funds in other instruments not specifically listed in the Section provided that those investments comply with: (1) any other law that authorizes public agencies to invest funds; and (2) the investment policy adopted by the public agency under Section 2.5 of the Act.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 57-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0880](#)

SB2675

Early Childhood Construction Grants

House Sponsor: Margaret Croke

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: The bill allows for non-profit early childhood programs that do not own their facility but rent or leases from another non-profit entity to qualify for early childhood construction grants. The bill authorizes the Capital Review Board to add eligibility requirements for applicants.

Vote: House 109-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0759](#)

SB3237

Construction Law Grant Awards

House Sponsor: Jay Hoffman

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

Summary: Amends the School Construction Law. In provisions concerning grant award amounts and required local matches, provides that the required local match and grant award amount are calculated by multiplying the required local match percentage and the grant award percentage by the recognized project cost, provided that, for the first application in which an applicant is funded (instead of only during the first application cycle after June 30, 2022), the amounts may be adjusted if the applicant had previously expended funds on a school construction project on the 2004, 2005, 2006 School Construction list. Provides that to receive an adjustment, a school district on the 2004, 2005, or 2006 School Construction Grant List must initially apply and be approved during the first three application cycles after June 30, 2024.

Vote: House 110-00; Senate 55-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0960](#)

SB3348

Union Ridge School District 86 and Bethel School District 82 Debt Limit Exception

House Sponsor: Dave Severin

Senate Sponsor: Robert F. Martwick

Summary: In a Section concerning the debt limitations of school districts, provides that, in addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Union Ridge School District 86 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 and Bethel School District 82 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,975,000 if specified conditions are met, including (i) that the voters of the school district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at an election held on or after March 19, 2024 and (ii) that, prior to the issuance of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that the projects set forth in the proposition for the bond issuance were and are required because of the age and condition of the district's existing school buildings. Provides that the debt incurred on the bonds shall not be considered indebtedness

for purposes of any statutory debt limitation and must mature within not to exceed 25 years from their date, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary.

Vote: House 108-00; Senate 58-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0978](#)

SB3606

Special Education Private and Public Separate Schools

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that the term "special educational facilities and services" includes private special schools and separate public special education day schools. Creates a definition of "separate public special education day school." Adds two non-voting members to the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board, one who is an administrator of a separate public special education day school and one from a state agency that administers and provides early childhood education and care programs and services to children and families. Provides that if a child has been placed in a private special education school, separate public special education day school, or private special education facility, a school district making tuition payments in excess of \$4,500 shall be responsible for an amount in excess of \$4,500 equal to two times the district's per capita tuition charge and shall be eligible for reimbursement from the state for the amount of such payments actually made in excess of two times the district's per capita tuition charge for students not receiving special education services.

Vote: House 104-06-01; Senate 53-01

Last Action: Public Act [103-0644](#)

SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH

[HB4903](#)

Air Quality Study

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: This bill directs the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health to compile resources relating to indoor air quality in schools, including best practices for assessing and maintaining ventilation systems and providing information on any potential state or federal funding sources that may assist a school in identifying ventilation needs.

Vote: House 100-00-01; Senate 57-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0736](#)

[HB5394](#)

Safety Drill-Cardiac Plan

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Erica Harriss

Summary: Makes changes to the Comprehensive Health Education Program. Provides that no later than 30 days after the first day of each school year, as part of the life-saving techniques that the school district shall provide to employees (instead of shall encourage certain employees to acquire), adds hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of the school district's automated external defibrillator to the list of topics. Amends the School Safety Drill Act, for the currently required annual review of each school building's emergency and crisis response plans, adds the requirement that procedures regarding the school district's cardiac emergency response plan also be reviewed. Requires school districts and private schools to develop a cardiac emergency response plan for addressing the appropriate response to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while at a school or school-sponsored activity or event. The plan must be distributed to all teachers, administrators, school support personnel, coaches, and other school staff identified by school administrators. Sets forth what the cardiac emergency response plan shall include.

Vote: House 104-00; Senate 59-00

Concurrence Vote: House 107-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0608](#)

[SB3378](#)

IDPH Meningitis Education

House Sponsor: Maura Hirschauer

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Repeals a requirement for the Department of Public Health to provide school districts educational materials on meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccines.

Vote: House 108-00; Senate: 56-03

Last Action: Public Act [103-0985](#)

[SB3571](#)

AED After Hours

House Sponsor: Amy Elik

Senate Sponsor: Erica Harriss

Summary: Provides that a school district shall require a school to have present at the school during the school day and during a school-sponsored extracurricular activity at least one automated external defibrillator. Provides that an automated external defibrillator installed and maintained in accordance with the Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act may be used to satisfy this requirement.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 55-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-1019](#)

[SB3775](#)

Reporting of Crashes

House Sponsor: Martin J. Moylan

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the driver of a vehicle that is in any manner involved in any of the following types of crashes within the state shall, if no police officer is present, give notice of the crash by the fastest available means of communication to the specified law enforcement agency: (1) a crash that results in injury to or death of any person; (2) a crash that results in damage to the property of any person in excess of a specified amount; (3) a crash involving a school bus if the crash is caused by a collision, a sudden stop, or otherwise, and the crash results in any property damage, personal injury, or death; or (4) a crash that occurs within 50 feet of a school bus and results in personal injury to or death of any person who is awaiting or preparing to board the school bus or immediately after the person exits the school bus.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 56-02

Last Action: Public Act [103-1047](#)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SB1

Department of Early Childhood Act

House Sponsor: Mary Beth Canty

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: The bill creates a new state agency, the Department of Early Childhood, which will take over specified services historically managed by other agencies, including the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Children and Family Services. Services to be included are early intervention services, preschool services, childcare services, licensing for day care centers, and other early childhood education and care programs.

Vote: House 93-18; Senate 56-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0594](#)

SB3432

Direct Support Professional

House Sponsor: Terra Costa Howard

Senate Sponsor: Laura M. Murphy

Summary: The bill requires the Department of Human Service Division of Mental Health to delay the pilot program's start date to Fiscal Year 2025 (rather than Fiscal Year 2024) to implement a direct support professional credential pilot program. Also, provides that beginning with the 2026-2027 school year (rather than the 2025-2026 school year) and continuing for not less than two years, the State Board of Education shall make available a model program of study that incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as a direct support professional.

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0998](#)

SB3768

Philip J. Rock Center and School for the Deaf-Blind

House Sponsor: Terra Costa Howard

Senate Sponsor: Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Summary: Makes numerous changes to the Section of the School Code related to the State Board's operating of a service center for persons who are deaf-blind, including:

1. Changes the definition of "deaf-blind" to include individuals with hearing and visual impairments, individuals with solely a hearing impairment, and individuals with solely a visual impairment in the definition.
2. Provides that the State Board of Education shall maintain and operate, or contract for (instead of being empowered to establish, maintain, and operate or contract for) the operation of a permanent statewide residential education facility (instead of statewide service center), known as the Philip J. Rock Center and School.
3. Provides that the State Board of Education shall include a line item in its budget to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the Philip J. Rock Center and School.
4. Provides priority of services be given to students who qualify as individuals with both hearing and visual impairments or who are eligible for special education services under the category of deafblind. Provides that such a student may not be denied enrollment unless the student's placement in the Center and School would endanger the health or safety of any other student.
5. Provides that for the purposes of employment, the Philip J. Rock Center and School shall be considered its own employer. Provides that the State Board of Education shall appoint a Chief Administrator of the Philip J. Rock Center and School who shall be employed by the Philip J. Rock Center and specifies the duties of the Chief Administrator.
6. Makes changes concerning the Advisory Board for the Philip J. Rock Center and School.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 58-01

Concurrence Vote: Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-1045](#)

STUDENTS

[HB340](#)

Notice of Materials for IEP meetings

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Requires that the notice provided to parents and guardians prior to IEP meetings regarding a child's eligibility for special education services, must inform the parent or guardian of their right to receive written copies of the IEP materials and shall provide the date that the parent or guardian will receive copies of all written materials.

Vote: House 110-00; Senate 56-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0652](#)

[HB4175](#)

Prohibition on Corporal Punishment

House Sponsor: Margaret Croke

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Extends the prohibition of the use of corporal punishment to private schools (currently prohibited in public schools). Additionally, creates new definitions for "corporal punishment" and "school personnel" that apply to all schools, including public schools, and clarifies that school personnel of any school district, charter school, or nonpublic elementary or secondary school may not engage in corporal punishment of a student, inflict corporal punishment upon a student, or cause corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a student.

Vote: House 79-26; Senate 51-08

Last Action: Public Act [103-0806](#)

[HB4219](#)

Fentanyl Education Grades 6-8

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Amends the Comprehensive Health Education Program Section of the School Code. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the bill extends the requirement that the health education program include instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl to grades 6-8 (currently only required in grades 9-12). Further provides that information provided on fentanyl be age and developmentally appropriate. Instruction may include information contained in the Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Instruction Resource Guide. Allows for the instruction on this topic to be taught by a licensed educator, school nurse, school social worker, law enforcement officer, or school counselor.

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 56-00

Concurrence Vote: House 115-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0810](#)

[HB4417](#)

Workplace Readiness Week

House Sponsor: Gregg Johnson

Senate Sponsor: Michael W. Halpin

Summary: The bill makes it permissive for public high schools, including charter schools, to designate and annually observe Workplace Readiness Week. For districts that participate in Workplace Readiness Week, the bill specifies what a district shall do, including: 1) the information that districts shall provide to students regarding their rights as workers, as well as apprentice programs; and 2) that for students in grades 11 and 12, the information shall be integrated into their regular school program but may also be provided after school hours.

Vote: House 88-22; Senate 40-19

Last Action: Public Act [103-0598](#)

[HB4581](#)

Special Education—Resident District

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Rachel Ventura

Summary: Amends the "resident district" section for children with disabilities under Article 14 of the School Code. Provides that for a student 18 years of age or older with no legal guardian who is placed in a residential facility outside of the school district in which the student's parents live and the placement is funded by a state agency or through private insurance, the resident district is the school district in which the parent lives.

Vote: House 112-00; Senate 57-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0676](#)

[HB4895](#)

Climate Change Education

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Provides that, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, every public high school shall provide instruction on climate change and sets forth what must be included in that instruction. Subject to appropriation, ISBE shall prepare and make available instructional resources and professional learning opportunities for educators that may be used to assist with this instruction. No funding was appropriated for this purpose in FY2025.

Vote: House 70-37; Senate 36-16

Last Action: Public Act [103-0837](#)

HB4902

Reading Improvement Plan

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: This bill requires that vendors approved to support a school's continuous improvement plan, which is required for all schools in Comprehensive or Intensive School Improvement Status, must align with the comprehensive Illinois Literacy Plan developed by ISBE.

Vote: House 91-19-01; Senate 54-01

Last Action: Public Act [103-0735](#)

HB5250

Accelerated Placement

House Sponsor: Carol Ammons

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Amends the Gifted and Talented Children and Children Eligible for Accelerated Placement Article of the School Code. The bill requires that beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, any student that exceeds (no longer "meets or exceeds") state standards are to be auto enrolled in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework. Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, any student that "meets" state standards shall be "automatically eligible to enroll" (not auto enrolled) in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework. The district must provide notification in writing to the parents/guardians of the student's "eligibility to enroll" in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework. If the parent/guardian does not select a course, then the student must be automatically enrolled in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework.

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0743](#)

HB5276

Special Education Transition Plans and Assistive Technology

House Sponsor: Suzanne M. Ness

Senate Sponsor: David Koehler

Summary: Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning transition services, provides that the transition plan shall include consideration of the student's assistive technology needs related to the student's transition goals for employment, education or training, and independent living, both in transition-related activities and in post-school activities. The transition plan shall also consider the availability and accessibility of appropriate assistive technology devices and services for the student post-school.

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0854](#)

SB726

Student Mental Health Screenings

House Sponsor: Lindsey LaPointe

Senate Sponsor: Sara Feigenholtz

Summary: Provides that on or before October 1, 2024, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Team, the Office of the Governor, and relevant stakeholders as needed shall release a strategy that includes a tool for measuring capacity and readiness to implement universal mental health screening of students. Provides that the State Board of Education shall issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on school district readiness and a plan for a phased approach to universal mental health screening of students on or before April 1, 2025. Repeals the Wellness Checks in Schools Program Act.

Vote: House 80-31-01; Senate 56-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0885](#)

SB1400

Student Discipline

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West II

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: In provisions concerning student discipline policies, provides that the State Board of Education, in consultation with stakeholders, shall draft and publish model policy guidelines for the development of reciprocal reporting systems, school bus safety procedures, for evidence-based early intervention procedures, and the re-engagement of students who are suspended out-of-school, expelled, or are returning from alternative school settings. Requires the guidance to be drafted and published on or before July 1, 2025. Adds a definition of "evidence-based intervention." Also, adds references to "trauma-responsive learning environments," which is defined elsewhere in statute.

Vote: House 106-05; Senate 54-02

Last Action: Public Act [103-0896](#)

SB2788

Child Abuse Reports

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Mary Edly-Allen

Summary: The bill clarifies the written reporting requirement for mandated reporters. The bill additionally clarifies how reports of alleged physical or sexual abuse be made to the child's school, as well as the Child Protective Service Unit's obligations if the indicated finding of abuse is overturned on an appeal or hearing. Requires that the final finding report provide the date of expungement. In the event the school is required to purge the final finding report, the bill clarifies that it must be done in accordance with the Illinois School Student Records Act (currently the report must be returned to DCFS).

Vote: House 113-00; Senate 57-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0624](#)

SB2824

Nonresident Pupil Waiver

House Sponsor: Christopher “C.D.” Davidsmeyer

Senate Sponsor: Steve McClure

Summary: The bill extends the ability for a student to stay in the original school district if DCFS places the child with the non-custodial parent in another school district (currently, the student can stay in their original district if the student is placed by DCFS in a foster parent or childcare facility in another school district).

Vote: House 112-00; Senate 55-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0629](#)

SB2861

Spirit Rules Book

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: The bill requires an association that promotes interscholastic athletics within Illinois to adopt the Spirit Rules Book published by the National Federation of State High School Associations as the safety standards for cheer groups and their coaches.

Vote: House 82-29; Senate 55-04

Last Action: Public Act [103-0632](#)

SB2872

Relaxation Activities

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Rachel Ventura

Summary: The bill makes it permissive for districts to offer 20 minutes of relaxation activities per week to enhance the mental and physical health of students. A school district may partner with public or private community organizations to provide the relaxation activities.

Vote: House 71-40; Senate 36-19

Last Action: Public Act [103-0764](#)

SB2934

Hazing Consent

House Sponsor: Dave Vella

Senate Sponsor: Steve Stadelman

Summary: The bill amends the Criminal Code and clarifies that it is not a defense to a prosecution that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing.

Vote: House 98-11; Senate 53-05

Last Action: Public Act [103-0765](#)

SB3151

Driver’s Education Worker Safety

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West II

Senate Sponsor: Steve Stadelman

Summary: Requires that driver’s education courses include curriculum on worker safety in highway construction and maintenance zones.

Vote: House 107-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0944](#)

SB3156

ISBE Clean-Up Bill

House Sponsor: William “Will” Davis

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Provides numerous clean-up changes, including:

1. Clean up language regarding the Expanded High School Coursework Snapshot Report, tuition for non-resident pupils, hazardous materials training, Evidence-Based Funding, educator testing, and the review of professional educator licensure renewal data, alternative educator licensure program.
2. E-learning days – Specifies that the e-learning program and days must be verified “annually” by the ROE or ISC before the implementation of any e-learning days in that school year. Additionally, the ROE/ISC’s verification must occur at least 30 days prior to using an e-learning day “in a school year.” Clarifies allowable length of the school board’s approval of the of the e-learning program.
3. School Counseling Services – updates the types of services that school counseling may include.
4. Drug and Firearm Reports – Modifies how a school district reports to the State Board of Education any written, electronic, or verbal report of a verified incident involving a firearm or of an incident involving drugs in a school or on school owned or leased property. Requires that ISBE report this data by school district and make it available on its website. Requires the local law enforcement authority, by March 1 of each year, to report the required data to the Illinois State Police.
5. Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force – Pushes back the deadline for the final report to be submitted to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly to October 31, 2024 (rather than August 1, 2024).
6. Reenrolled students – Eliminates the requirement that the State Board of Education set performance standards for programs serving reenrolled students.
7. Gender Equity Advisory Committee – Modifies language related to the membership of the Committee and the types of expertise that the appointees must have, who appoints the members, and timing and service of the Chair and Secretary of the Committee.

Vote: House 77-37; Senate 42-16

Concurrence Vote: Senate 41-17

Last Action: Public Act [103-0780](#)

[SB3164](#)

Pre-K through Second Grade Assessment Restriction

House Sponsor: Nabeela Syed

Senate Sponsor: Mary Edly-Allen

Summary: ISBE currently has restrictions on developing, purchasing, or administering standardized tests in pre-kindergarten through second grade assessments. The bill adds eligibility for advanced academic programs to the list of limited exceptions to the Pre-K through second grade assessment restriction.

Vote: House 105-00; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0946](#)

[SB3349](#)

Remote Global Scholar Certification

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: In provisions concerning State Global Scholar Certification, provides that “six globally focus courses, service-learning experiences, global collaboration or dialogue” along with a capstone project be required to achieve State Global Scholar Certification (instead of requiring an unspecified number of “units of credit”). Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to provide students attending schools that do not currently offer State Global Scholar Certification the opportunity to earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Sets forth what those rules shall include and other requirements. If the provider of the online courses determines that a student meets all of the criteria required, then the school district or nonpublic school shall designate that the student has earned State Global Scholar Certification on the student’s diploma and transcript. Provides that a student enrolled in a school district or nonpublic school that awarded State Global Scholar Certification prior to the 2026-2027 school year and offered a course to complete the capstone project requirement prior to the 2026-2027 school year may not earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely.

Vote: House 83-30; Senate 47-10

Concurrence Vote: Senate 46-12

Last Action: Public Act [103-0979](#)

[SB3473](#)

Diabetes Information

House Sponsor: Nicholas K. Smith

Senate Sponsor: Elgie R. Sims Jr.

Summary: Provides that the State Board of Education, in coordination with the Department of Public Health, shall develop Type 1 diabetes informational materials for parents and guardians of students. Provides that the informational materials shall be made available to each school district and charter school on the State Board’s website. Each school district and charter shall post the informational materials on

the school district’s or charter school’s website, if any. Sets forth what the provided information may include.

Vote: House 111-00; Senate 59-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0641](#)

[SB3646](#)

Child Labor Law of 2024

House Sponsor: Barbara Hernandez

Senate Sponsor: Robert Peters

Summary: Repeals the Child Labor Law and replaces it with the Child Labor Law of 2024. Reinserts numerous provisions of the Child Labor Law and includes additional provisions concerning definitions, exemptions, employer requirements, restrictions on employment of minors, employment certificates, and civil and criminal penalties.

Vote: House 87-26; Senate 59-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 55-03

Last Action: Public Act [103-0721](#)

[HR571](#)

School Counseling Week

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor:

Summary: Declares February 5 through February 9, 2024, as School Counseling Week in the State of Illinois.

Vote: House 08-00

Last Action: Resolution Adopted

[HR599](#)

IHSA Eliminate Transfer Limits

House Sponsor: Camille Y. Lilly

Senate Sponsor:

Summary: Urges the elimination of the Illinois High School Association’s (IHSA) authority to restrict eligible student-athletes from transferring schools.

Vote: House 52-36-03

Last Action: Resolution Adopted

[HR707](#)

Read with Your Child Week

House Sponsor: Dan Swanson

Senate Sponsor:

Summary: Declares the week of May 5 through May 11, 2024, as Read with Your Child Week in the State of Illinois.

Vote: House 11-00

Last Action: Resolution Adopted

TAXATION

[HB1377](#)

Homestead Exemption for Municipality-Built Homes

House Sponsor: Norma Hernandez

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: For tax year 2024 and thereafter, provides for a new homestead exemption for municipality-built homes for a 10-year period beginning the year after the home is sold to the private homeowner. Exemptions shall not be retroactive and the exemption only applies to the portion of the home that is the primary residence of the homeowner. Provides what constitutes eligible properties for the exemption, how the exemption will impact the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the property for the 10-year period, and the process for seeking the exemption.

Vote: House 106-01; Senate 59-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0793](#)

[HB2232](#)

Property Tax Reissue Decisions

House Sponsor: Robert “Bob” Rita

Senate Sponsor: Cristina Castro

Summary: Amends the Property Tax Code and provides that a claim for a refund resulting from a final order of the Property Tax Appeal Board shall not be allowed unless the claim is filed within 20 years from the date the right to a refund arose; provided, however, that the aggregate total of refunded taxes and interest shall not exceed \$5,000,000 in any calendar year for claims filed more than seven years after the right to the refund arose. Provides that if the payment of a claim for a refund would cause the aggregate total of taxes and interest to exceed \$5,000,000 in any year, the refund shall be paid in the next succeeding year. Provides that these changes apply to matters concerning refund claims filed on or after the first day of the first month following the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Vote: House 110-00; Senate 57-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0655](#)

[SB317](#)

Property Owned by a Governmental Entity

House Sponsor: Natalie A. Manley

Senate Sponsor: Laura M. Murphy

Summary: Makes changes to the Section of the Property Tax Code that governs the process when a lessee is liable for the payment of property taxes extended against property that is owned by a governmental entity. Creates a definition of governmental entity which includes school districts.

Vote: House 109-00; Senate 57-00

Concurrence Vote: Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-0873](#)

[SB3455](#)

Property Tax Study

House Sponsor: Mary Beth Canty

Senate Sponsor: Robert F. Martwick

Summary: Provides that the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, shall conduct a study to evaluate the property tax system in the state. Provides that the Department may also determine whether the existing property tax levy, assessment, appeal, and collection process is reasonable and fair and may issue recommendations to improve that process. For purposes of the study, the Department may determine the scope of historical data necessary, but it must use no less than the 10 most recent tax years. The final report shall be submitted by July 1, 2026. The final report shall be made available to the public. The Department may allow for public comment prior to finalizing the final report and after publication of the final report.

Vote: House 94-14; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-1002](#)

[SB3567](#)

Property Tax Truth in Taxation Notice

House Sponsor: Amy Elik

Senate Sponsor: Erica Harriss

Summary: In provisions concerning Truth in Taxation notices, provides that if the taxing district has a website, in addition to other publication and notice requirements, the notice shall be posted on or near the top of the website's homepage or on a page accessible through a direct link from the homepage for not less than 30 consecutive days. Effective immediately.

Vote: House 110-00; Senate 58-00

Last Action: Public Act [103-1018](#)

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
	Fail to override	—	Bill dies
Amendatory veto	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

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

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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