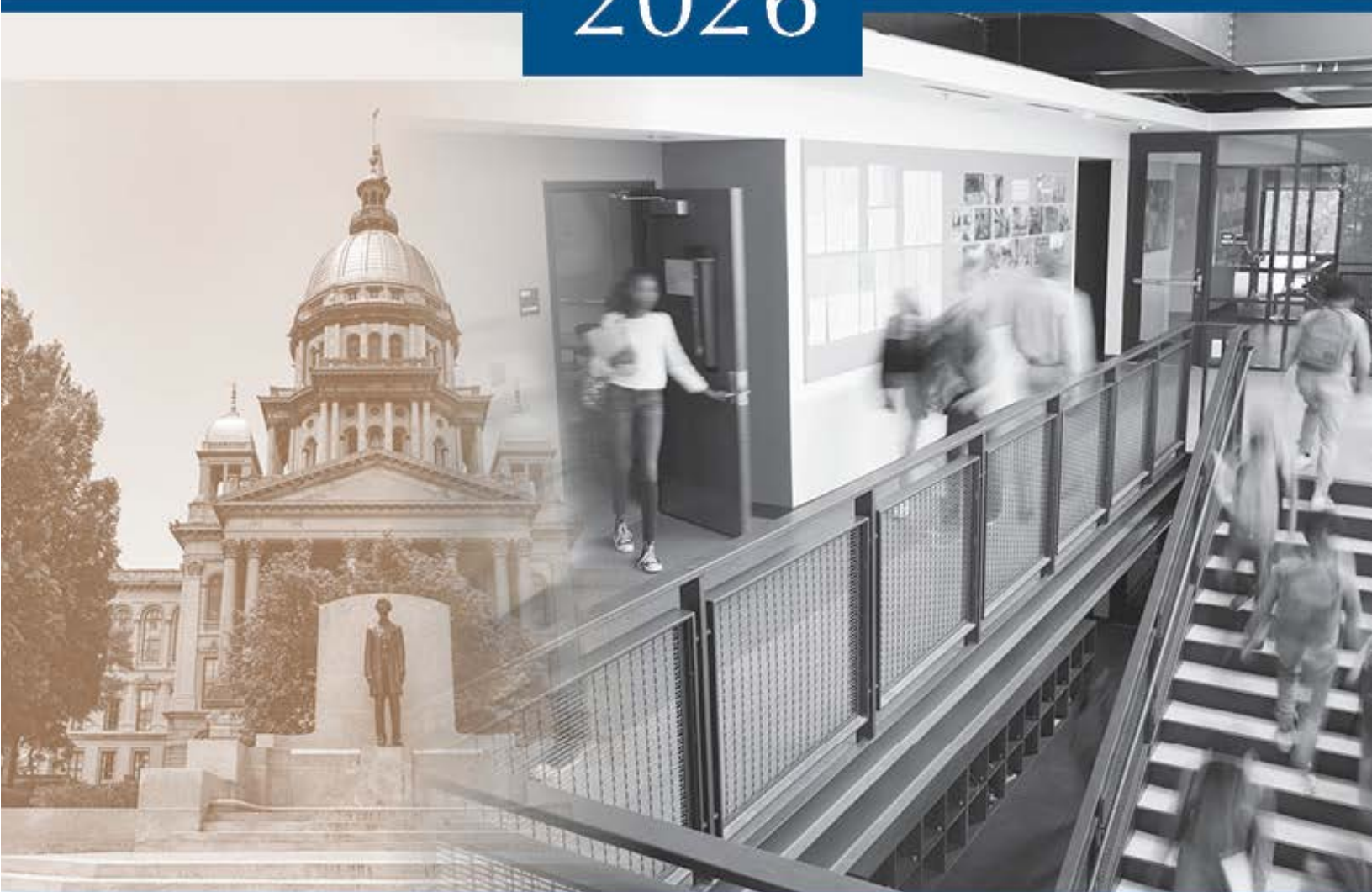


New School Laws

A summary of new state laws affecting Illinois public schools passed during the 2026 Spring Session

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FOREWORD

This publication is a summary of new laws which impact K-12 education and were passed during the 2026 Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly. IASB has compiled these public acts to allow local school officials an opportunity to review the actions of the General Assembly and the Governor during this legislative session, alert school leaders and public-school advocates to new changes in existing laws, and to give school boards adequate time to prepare for new laws and changes to existing laws. If additional bills are passed during veto session or any special session in 2026, those will be included in an addendum to this publication.

The Illinois Association of School Boards Governmental Relations team has made every effort to identify which new laws to include in this publication. Please note that the synopsis of each public act is brief and may or may not encompass the full content or impact. Rather, the synopsis is designed to call attention to any statutory changes and additions that may merit further research.

Links are provided to each new public act listed. All new acts can be viewed online at the Illinois Legislative Information System website at www.ilga.gov. For complete text of a statute, click the bill number and navigate to the “Full Text.” Statutory citations have been removed as they can be easily obtained by accessing the statute online.

Summaries of the new laws are organized under subject matter categories as shown in the Table of Contents. Use your browser’s “find” function to navigate to a specific bill by number or keyword. Also included is a heading of “Last Action” after each summary, as well as the vote on the bill in each chamber.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SB3361

Religious Hairstyles

House Sponsor: Kevin John Olickal

Senate Sponsor: Mike Simmons

Summary: For any school district that has obtained or seeks to obtain recognition status, expands the types of hairstyles that school districts may not prohibit to include religious hairstyles, hair-related religious practices, or facial hair worn in accordance with a student's or employee's sincerely held religious beliefs, observance, or practice (currently schools are prohibited from prohibiting hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture). Provides for specified exemptions for non-public, sectarian schools.

Vote: House 84-20-0 Senate 50-5-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0723](#)

Effective Date: July 31, 2026

HB3860

Deactivating School District Contracts

House Sponsor: Bradley Fritts

Senate Sponsor: Li Arellano, Jr.

Summary: Provides that the length of a contract between a deactivating school district that is seeking to send its students to more than one district and the receiving district shall be for four (rather than two) school years, but the districts may renew the contract for a length of time that is mutually agreed upon by the districts (rather than for additional one-year or two-year periods).

Vote: House 104-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0592](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4339

High School Voter Registration

House Sponsor: Kimberly Du Buclet

Senate Sponsor: Robert Peters

Summary: Requires that beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a school district maintaining any of grades 9-12 to provide all eligible students graduating from high school with the opportunity to register to vote.

Vote: House 77-24-0 Senate 41-12-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0549](#)

Effective Date: July 10, 2026

HB4535

E-Learning Days on Election Day

House Sponsor: Maura Hirschauer

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: In provisions regarding e-learning days, provides that an e-learning day used by a school district due to a school being selected as a polling place does not count toward the school district's minimum number of emergency days in the approved school calendar.

Vote: House 81-25-0 Senate 43-10 -0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0552](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

INSURANCE

SB2762

Seizure Detection Devices

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code and numerous state laws, including the School Code, to require coverage. Provides that a group or individual plan of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2029 shall provide coverage for medically prescribed seizure detection devices. Requires all covered seizure detection devices to be approved for use by individuals, and for the choice of device to be made based upon the individual's circumstances and medical needs in consultation with the individual's medical

provider. Sets forth provisions prohibiting prior authorization and cost-sharing, as specified. Provides that any group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2028 shall cover, without imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement upon the insured, preeclampsia biomarker testing for predictive screening in asymptomatic individuals, or for diagnosis and management when symptoms are present.

Vote: House 82-25-0 Senate 48-7-0

Concurrence Vote: 53-5-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0710](#)

Effective Date: July 31, 2026

SB2899

Stuttering Coverage

Senate Sponsor: Willie Preston

House Sponsor: Aaron M. Ortiz

Summary: In provisions concerning habilitative services for children, provides that, for any child under 19 years of age with an early acquired disorder that is diagnosed as a speech-language disorder, including stuttering, the required coverage shall include rehabilitative services in addition to habilitative services. Amends the Limited Health Service Organization Act to require coverage under that Act. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that, subject to federal approval, for services beginning on and after July 1, 2026, the medical assistance program shall provide coverage for medically necessary rehabilitative and habilitative services for individuals under the age of 21 with an early acquired disorder that is diagnosed as a speech-language disorder, including stuttering. Specifies that “rehabilitative services” means speech therapy that helps a child restore or improve skills and functions for daily living that have been lost or impaired.

Vote: House 107-0-0 Senate 56-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0528](#)

Effective Date: Some Provisions, July 1, 2026; Some Provisions January 1, 2028

SB2921

Eye Medication Coverage

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

House Sponsor: Nicolle Grasse

Summary: Amends numerous state laws, including the School Code, to require coverage for eye medication under the provisions of those Acts pursuant to the Topical Eye Medication Prescription Act.

Vote: House 110-0-0 Senate 52-1-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0649](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2028

SB3295

Durable Medical Equipment

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

House Sponsor: Justin Cochran

Summary: Amends numerous state laws, including the School Code, to require that an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027 that provides coverage for durable medical equipment that is authorized or prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches shall provide the same level of coverage for durable medical equipment that is authorized or prescribed by a different health care practitioner who lawfully prescribes or orders home medical equipment and services or uses home medical

equipment and services to treat the health care practitioner’s patients. Defines “health care practitioner.”

Vote: 107-0-0 House 54-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0531](#)

Effective Date: June 26, 2026

SB3517

Ground Ambulance Service

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

House Sponsor: William “Will” Davis

Summary: Amends the Insurance Code and in provisions concerning the payment of nonparticipating ground ambulance service providers, makes changes to defined terms and removes jurisdictional provisions. Amends the Health Maintenance Organization Act and replaces provisions concerning coverage for emergency transportation by ambulance with provisions concerning coverage for ground ambulance service. Makes other changes.

Vote: House 108-0-0 Senate 55-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0732](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB3815

Past Due Premiums

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

House Sponsor: Martha Deuter

Summary: Amends the Illinois Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Defines “grandfathered health plan.” Replaces provisions concerning past-due premiums with provisions prohibiting a health insurance issuer in the individual, small group, or large group market from denying coverage to an individual or employer due to the individual’s or employer’s failure to pay a premium owed under a prior policy, certificate, or contract of health insurance coverage. Provides that, if a health insurance issuer terminates or cancels an individual or employer’s coverage for nonpayment of premium in one plan or policy year and if the individual or employer enrolls in or purchases a new policy, certificate, or contract of health insurance coverage from the same issuer in a second plan or policy year, the issuer shall comply with provisions prohibiting the issuer from denying coverage if the individual or employer again enrolls in or purchases a new policy, certificate, or contract of health insurance coverage from the same issuer in a third plan or policy year unless the specified conditions are met. Provides that nothing, unless otherwise provided by law, shall prohibit a health insurance issuer from pursuing the collection of past-due premiums from an individual or employer by any other means permitted by law. Sets forth applicability provisions. Makes other changes.

Vote: House 94-5-0 Senate 53-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0533](#)

Effective Date: June 26, 2026

HB4203

Cancer Screenings

House Sponsor: Norine K. Hammond

Senate Sponsor: Terri Bryant

Summary: Amends the Insurance Code and makes changes to defined terms. Includes an annual screening for ovarian cancer for insureds who are at risk for ovarian cancer using: CA-125 serum tumor marker testing, transvaginal ultrasounds, and pelvic examination. Provides that a group policy of accident and health insurance that provides coverage for hospital or medical treatment or services for illness on an expense-incurred basis and is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2028 shall, in addition to specified coverage, provide coverage for all medically viable methods for the detection and diagnosis of ovarian cancer for insureds who are at risk for ovarian cancer. Provides that the coverage may be subject to a deductible, coinsurance, or other cost sharing.

Vote: House 109-0-0 Senate 58-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 115-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0548](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2028

HB5001

Mammogram Coverage

House Sponsor: Nabeela Syed

Senate Sponsor: Graciela Guzman

Summary: Amends the Insurance Code and in provisions concerning coverage for mammograms and mastectomies, provides that, notwithstanding any specified age requirements, coverage shall be consistent with evidence-based clinical guidelines and shall be provided in accordance with the determination of a health care provider. Provides that this coverage requirement shall not be construed to limit coverage otherwise required under this Section based on age.

Vote: House 104-0-0 Senate 56-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 113-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0783](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2028

EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONNEL

HB862

Human Rights Act – Various Changes

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: Makes numerous changes to state laws, including the School Code and Illinois Human Rights Act, including:

- In provisions related to the School Code:
 - Amends various Acts to provide for the creation, dissolution, renaming, and revised use of various statutorily created funds and for the transfer of moneys among funds, including those under the State Board of Education.
 - Under the section related to bullying prevention, makes various changes, including the deletion of the Illinois Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention Fund.
- In provisions related to the Illinois Human Rights Act:
 - Specifies, in various provisions, that the Department of Human Rights has the power to issue (rather than request) subpoenas.
 - Redesignates the Human Rights Commission as an independent commission under the Department of Human Rights. Provides that, beginning January 15, 2029, and thereafter, the Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and no more than three members shall be of the same political party. Provides for the terms of members who terms expire in January 2027 and the terms of their respective successors.
 - Provides that the Commission shall retain all the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities in the Commission vested in the Commission by law, except that all finance, accounting, human resources, labor relations, communications, purchasing, procurement, and administrative functions of the Human Rights Commission shall be vested in and shall be exercised by the Department of Human Rights in support of the Commission. Makes additional changes related to the transfer of certain functions and property between the Commission and the Department.
 - Allows commissioners on the Human Rights Commission to engage in outreach, public education, training activities, and other assignments that further the purposes of the Commission and are consistent with the commissioner's official duties, including as recommended by the Chairperson.
 - Provides that any settlement to which the Department is a party shall be subject to approval by the Commission and the timeline for making that determination.
 - Repeals a provision that allows the Commission to accept public grants and private gifts and bequests so long as the conditions of the grant, gift, or bequest are not inconsistent with the purposes of the Act.
 - Provides for the Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities to be renamed the Accessibility Committee for Employees with Disabilities. Specifies that the amendatory Act is not intended to change any committee operations,

purpose, or functions and is not intended to disqualify any current member of the Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities from continued membership on the Committee.

Vote: House 100-2-1 Senate 49-8-0

Concurrence Vote: 77-36-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0465](#)

Effective Date: Some provisions, June 16, 2026; some provisions July 1, 2026; some provisions, July 1, 2027

HB4397

School Psychologist Degree

House Sponsor: Michael Crawford

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Provides for changes to the qualification requirements for a school psychologist beginning on July 1, 2027. Beginning July 1, 2027, provides that to qualify as a school psychologist, the psychologist must hold a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (MCSP) credential or 1) have graduated from an institution of higher learning that maintains equipment, courses of study, and standards of scholarship approved by the State Board of Education with a) a qualifying master's degree, as determined by the State Board, with the completion of a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours, b) a qualifying specialist degree, as determined by the State Board, c) an equivalent degree, as determined by the State Board, with the completion of a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours, or d) a higher qualifying degree, as determined by the State Board (rather than with a specialist degree, an equivalent degree with the completion of a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours, or a higher degree in school psychology); 2) have had supervised internship experience in the delivery of school psychological services of a character approved by the State Superintendent of Education on a full-time basis for at least one school year or, if applicable, on at least a half-time basis over two consecutive school years (rather than having had at least 1,200 clock hours of supervised experience in the delivery of school psychological services of a character approved by the State Superintendent, at least 600 hours of which were in a school setting); and 3) have such additional qualifications as may be required by the State Board. Makes changes to the school psychological services that qualified specialists who hold a Professional Educator License endorsed for school psychology may provide. Provides that a school psychologist may not provide school psychological services outside of his or her employment to any student in any school district that employs the school psychologist.

Vote: House 94-9-0 Senate 46-12-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0605](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4844

Juror Pay

House Sponsor: Jay Hoffman

Senate Sponsor: Robert F. Martwick

Summary: Amends the Jury Act and the Jury Commission Act and requires employers with more than 25 employees to compensate employees at the employee's regular rate of pay for time that the employee served on jury duty.

Vote: House 69-34-0 Senate 35-20-1

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0683](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4862

School Staff Mental Health

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Provides that by January 1, 2028, each school board must develop a procedure that, at minimum, incorporates all the following elements: 1) a commitment to support employee mental health in the workplace; 2) opportunities for staff to provide feedback, including anonymous feedback, on employee mental health; 3) at minimum, an annual communication to school district personnel that is included in the employee handbook or another readily accessible format if no handbook exists and that provides information on the mental health resources and support available to staff, as well as a description of district-level support to employees related to mental health, if available; and 4) opportunities for the school board to receive information regarding employee mental health initiatives and programs.

Vote: House 81-27-0 Senate 43-15-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0685](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB5284

Menopause Equity and Care Act

House Sponsor: Yolonda Morris

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Creates the Illinois Menopause Equity and Care Act.

- Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law and requires the Department of Public Health to create educational materials regarding menopause, including symptoms, treatment options, and patient rights for distribution to the public online.
- Amends the Illinois Insurance Code and provides that on or after January 1, 2028, all individual and group health insurance policies issued, renewed, or amended must provide coverage for medically necessary evaluation and treatment of perimenopause and menopause (currently only menopause) as determined by a licensed health care provider using evidence-based guidelines. Also provides that coverage shall include medications for menopause-related osteoporosis and

non-hormonal therapies for vasomotor symptoms. Requires coverage for annual menopause and perimenopause (currently only menopause) health visits.

- Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Defines “menopause-related condition” to include perimenopause, menopause, and associated medical or symptomatic conditions, including, but not limited to, vasomotor symptoms, sleep disruption, cognitive or mood changes, and osteoporosis-related changes. Provides that it is a civil rights violation to unlawfully discriminate because of a menopause-related condition or fail or refuse to provide reasonable accommodations.

Vote: House 71-32-0 Senate 51-4-0

Concurrence Vote: 78-33-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0793](#)

Effective Date: Some provisions, January 1, 2027; some provisions, January 1, 2028

HB5321

Continuing Education Coursework

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Defines “continuing education coursework”, “graduate-level”, “instructor of record” and “licensed classroom teacher.” Provides that, beginning with continuing education coursework completed on or after July 1, 2026, a school district, special education cooperative, or other public educational employer may provide salary advancement to licensed classroom teachers for the completion of continuing education coursework only if the continuing education coursework: 1) is graduate-level, degree-eligible credit offered through a regionally accredited institution of higher education and documented on an official academic transcript; and 2) includes an instructor of record. Provides that nothing in the amendatory Act requires a school district, special education cooperative, or other public educational employer to create a salary schedule or salary advancement pathway if one does not otherwise exist. Provides that nothing in the amendatory Act precludes the parties to a collectively bargained agreement from negotiating salary advancement or other compensation-related advancements under the collectively bargained agreement for other negotiated actions or activities by a licensed classroom teacher not set forth in the amendatory Act. Provides that implementation of the amendatory Act shall be determined by each school district, special education cooperative, or other public educational employer.

Vote: House 105-0-0 Senate 57-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 112-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0795](#)

Effective Date: August 7, 2026

HB5435

Social Work Licensure Requirements

House Sponsor: Theresa Mah

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: In the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, amends Sections 9, 9A, and 12.5 and makes changes to provisions concerning qualifications for licensure as a licensed social worker and endorsements.

Vote: House 110-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0702](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB5460

Social Work Scholarship

House Sponsor: Camille Y. Lilly

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Provides that the Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License scholarships may also be known as School Social Work scholarships. Makes changes to who is included as a qualified applicant for the scholarship and to which institutions the scholarship may be applied.

Vote: House 76-32-0 Senate 58-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0798](#)

Effective Date: August 7, 2026

SB2761

In-Service Training on Service Animals

Senate Sponsor: Doris Turner

House Sponsor: Amy Briel

Summary: In provisions concerning in-service training programs for teachers, administrators, and school support personnel, provides that the required training regarding protections and accommodations for students which currently includes instruction on the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as it pertains to the school environment, be expanded to include service animals.

Vote: House 79-25-0 Senate 49-5-1

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0628](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB2773

Paraprofessional Licensure

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

House Sponsor: Natalie A. Manley

Summary: Makes changes to the issuance of a paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations by requiring the applicant to be at least 18 years of age and use the Educator License with Stipulations exclusively for prekindergarten through eighth grade until the individual reaches the age of 19 years or be 19 years of age or older and otherwise meet the criteria for a paraprofessional educator endorsement. Modifies the requirements

of the applicant and provides that the applicant must also meet at least one of the following requirements: 1) hold a high school diploma or recognized equivalent and pass a paraprofessional competency test; 2) hold an associate degree or a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; or 3) if applicable, have been issued a short-term approval for paraprofessionals and been employed as a paraprofessional educator for each year the short-term approval is valid, paid the required license renewal fee, and been determined by the school district to have met specified competencies.

Vote: House 111-0-0 Senate 56-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0631](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB2909

Use of AI in Teacher Evaluations

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

House Sponsor: Mary Beth Canty

Summary: Prohibits an evaluator from using an artificial intelligence tool to assign a numerical score or qualitative rating for any component of a teacher's evaluation or any evaluation task that requires professional judgment. Prohibits a teacher from using an artificial intelligence tool to generate evidence of professional practice that will be used by an evaluator to evaluate the teacher's performance. Provides that an artificial intelligence tool may be used by a teacher to support the teacher in administrative tasks and by an evaluator to support administrative tasks. Requires the joint committee, established under Section 24A-4, to determine how artificial intelligence tools may be used. Provides that if a teacher or evaluator uses an artificial intelligence tool, the name and specific purpose of the artificial intelligence tool must be disclosed to the evaluator or teacher, respectively.

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

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0565](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB2913

Use of Student Growth Component in Teacher Evaluation Plans

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Summary: Provides that, beginning July 1, 2026, if a school district and its teachers cannot reach agreement over the decision on whether to incorporate a student growth component into the teacher evaluation plan and there is no collective bargaining agreement that includes or incorporates by reference the use of a student growth component in the teacher evaluation plan, then the student growth component shall be removed from the teacher evaluation plan.

Vote: House 78-31-0 Senate 44-6-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0646](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

SB2914

Notice to Remedy

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

House Sponsor: Anne Moeller

Summary: Amends the section of the School Code regarding the removal or dismissal of teachers in contractual continued service, by requiring a school board, before setting a hearing on charges stemming from causes that are considered remediable, to give a teacher reasonable warning (also known as a notice to remedy), in writing, stating specifically the causes that, if not removed, may result in charges. Requires the written warning to specify the nature of the alleged misconduct that needs to be remedied. Provides that nothing in the provisions precludes a board from asserting that the specific conduct alleged in the original warning is part of an alleged pattern of behavior, but any subsequent action must be reasonably related to the specific conduct alleged in the original warning. Allows the teacher to request and be granted an opportunity to respond to the findings in the written warning, either in person or in writing before the board, prior to the board's formal vote to approve the warning. Provides that if the teacher is in disagreement with the final action of the board, the teacher may take the written warning to binding arbitration. To do so, the exclusive bargaining representative or the teacher shall, within 10 days after receipt of the board's decision, file for arbitration in accordance with specified procedures. Provides that the arbitrator shall have the power to render a decision on the written warning, which shall be final and binding on both parties. Provides that each party shall pay one-half of the cost of the arbitration proceedings and each party is entitled to representation of the party's choosing at all stages in this process.

Vote: House 83-25-0 Senate 48-9-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0647](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

SB2918

Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee

Senate Sponsor: Willie Preston

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West, II

Summary: Makes a change to the definition of "parent-teacher advisory committee" to specify that it means a committee composed of representation by a school district, its parents, and its teachers. Requires that teachers on the committee must be selected for the committee in cooperation with the school district's teachers or the exclusive bargaining representative of the district. Provides that the school board and the committee's annual review of their student discipline policies include the impact of student behavior on students and school personnel.

Vote: House 84-16-0 Senate 55-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0648](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB3777

Illinois Human Rights Act – Disparate Impact

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

House Sponsor: Justin Slaughter

Summary: Creates the Civil Rights Safeguard Act and amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for any employer, employment agency, or labor organization to use criteria or methods that have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination on the basis of unlawful discrimination, citizenship status, family responsibilities, work authorization status, arrest record, or conviction record, if: 1) the respondent fails to demonstrate that the criteria or methods are job related for the position

in question and consistent with business necessity; or 2) the respondent demonstrates that the criteria or methods are job related for the position in question and consistent with business necessity and the complainant demonstrates that the business necessity could be served by another employment practice that has a less discriminatory effect. Defines “criteria or methods.” Makes other changes.

Vote: House 72-38-0 Senate 38-20-0

Concurrence Vote: 41-14-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0744](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

PENSIONS

HB2564

Exemption to 6% TRS Penalty

House Sponsor: Dave Vella

Senate Sponsor: Michael W. Halpin

Summary: In provisions requiring an additional employer contribution for certain salary increases greater than 6%, provides that TRS shall exclude salary increases given on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act resulting from overload work, summer school, or stipend work when the school district has certified to TRS, and TRS has approved the certification, that the overload work, summer school, or the stipend work is for the sole purpose of classroom instruction in excess of the standard number of classes for a full-time teacher in a school district during a school year.

Vote: House 76-29-0 Senate 50-8-0

Concurrence Vote: 92-25-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0544](#)

Effective Date: July 10, 2026

HB5196

Accelerated Benefit Plan

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Senate Sponsor: Robert F. Martwick

Summary: Extends the option for a TRS participant to receive an accelerated pension benefit payment in lieu of any pension benefit or for a reduction in the increases to his or her annual retirement annuity and survivor’s annuity to June 30, 2028 (set to expire June 30, 2026). Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Authorizes issuance of additional bonds to pay for the plan. Amends the State Employees, State Universities, and Downstate Teachers Articles of the Illinois Pension Code.

Vote: House 109-0-0 Senate 56-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0467](#)

Effective Date: June 16, 2026

SB2802

IMRF Death Benefits

Senate Sponsor: Linda Holmes

House Sponsor: Lawrence “Larry” Walsh, Jr.

Summary: Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Increases, except for persons who first retired prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act, the amount of the death benefit from \$3,000 to \$8,000. Makes conforming changes.

Vote: House 114-0-0 Senate 54-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-810](#)

Effective Date: Some provisions, August 7, 2026; some provisions January 1, 2027

SB2826

IMRF Entitlement to Retirement Annuity and Board of Trustees

Senate Sponsor: Chris Balkema

House Sponsor: Martha Deuter

Summary: Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code and provides that a participating employee who, regardless of cause, is separated from the service of the participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof and participating instrumentalities from which the participating employee is seeking to retire (instead of all participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof and participating instrumentalities) shall be entitled to a retirement annuity if the participating employee meets certain conditions. Provides that a condition of entitlement to a retirement annuity is that the participating employee is not entitled to receive earnings for employment in a position requiring him to be a participating employee as defined in the Article or under a provision concerning the suspension of a retirement annuity during employment (instead of employment in a position requiring him or entitling him to elect to be a

participating employee). Adds a condition for entitlement to a retirement annuity that the participating employee has not prearranged to return to the service of the participating municipalities and instrumentalities thereof and participating instrumentalities from which the participating employee retired. In a provision concerning eligibility for separation benefits, adds a condition that the participant must have separated from the service of the participating municipality or instrumentality with which the participating employee last participated in the Fund. Provides that no person who has earned creditable service through employment by the Fund shall be eligible to serve as a trustee.

Vote: House 111-0-0 Senate 58-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0634](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB3645

Sunset Extensions - Post Retirement Work Limitations TRS

Senate Sponsor: Mike Porfiri

House Sponsor: Bob Morgan

Summary: Extends numerous sunset dates, including extending the law that permits retired TRS members to work for additional 120 days (instead of 100 days) or 600 hours (instead of 500 hours) without impairing their

retirement status, until June 30, 2029 (currently set to expire June 30, 2026).

Vote: House 111-0-1 Senate 47-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 51-3-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0532](#)

Effective Date: June 26, 2026

SB4010

TRS Service Credit

Senate Sponsor: Steve McClure

House Sponsor: Patrick Sheehan

Summary: Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning the contribution required to establish service credit for certain service as a teacher or administrator employed by a private school recognized by the State Board of Education, changes the amount of the interest payment required to establish that service credit from interest at the actuarially assumed rate to regular interest.

Vote: House 96-0-0 Senate 55-2-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0749](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SCHOOL FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

HB2949

FY27 Budget Implementation Plan (BIMP)

House Sponsor: Will Guzzardi

Senate Sponsor: Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Summary: Establishes the Fiscal Year 2027 State Budget Implementation Plan (BIMP), a companion bill to the budget, that makes changes to statutes and policies to allow allocated funds to be spent. K-12 public education highlights include:

- **Downstate Transportation:** Two new downstate transportation initiatives passed that could impact school districts, regional offices of education, and public career centers: 1) Downstate Reduced Fare Grant Program (\$20 million) - the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) may award grants to support reduced fare programs for students; and 2) Downstate Cooperative Transportation Grant Program (\$15 million) - IDOT may award grants to establish and fund cooperative transportation programs.
- **ISBE Transportation Study:** Requires ISBE to conduct a study on best funding practices for regular, vocational, and special education transportation. The study must consider any potential impacts of incorporating transportation reimbursements into EBF.

Vote: House 114-0-0 Senate 37-18-0

Concurrence vote 76-39-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-466](#)

Effective Date: Some provisions, June 16, 2026; some provisions, July 1, 2026; some provisions January 1, 2027

HB111

FY27 Budget

House Sponsor: Emanuel "Chris" Welch

Senate Sponsor: Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Summary: Establishes the fiscal year 2027 state budget. K-12 public education highlights include:

- **Evidence-Based Funding (EBF):** \$350 million in new EBF, bringing total EBF to \$9.2 billion. Restores the Property Tax Relief Grant (PTRG) for FY27 and requires school districts receiving the grant to abate taxes for three consecutive years (currently the requirement is two years).
- **Mandated Categoricals (MCATs):** \$68 million increase beyond FY26 amounts. Specifically, increases were made to Regular Transportation (\$10 million), Special Education Transportation (\$20 million), Special Education Private and Public Facilities (\$20 million), Free and Reduced Lunch (\$17 million), and Orphanage Tuition (\$1 million).

- **Teacher Vacancy Grant:** \$15 million to continue the grant for a fourth year in FY27. This grant was originally intended as a three-year pilot program, which was set to expire after FY26.

Vote: House 76-38-0 Senate 37-21-0

Last Action: [Governor Item/Reduction Veto Public Act 104-0464](#)

Effective Date: Some provisions, June 16, 2026; some provisions, July 1, 2026

HB4137 Homeless Student Prevention

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Expands the housing options that a school district can provide to include an extended motel stay (currently rental and mortgage assistance are allowable) for a child who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Vote: House 99-5-0 Senate 47-11-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0595](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

HB4375 Interfund Transfers

House Sponsor: Jay Hoffman

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

Summary: Extends the time period during which a school board may transfer moneys from specified funds under Section 17-2A of the School Code to June 30, 2029 (was set to expire June 30, 2026).

Vote: House 109-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0602](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

HB4379 Adult Changing Stations

House Sponsor: Amy Briel

Senate Sponsor: Lakesia Collins

Summary: Changes the definition of “adult changing station” and “adult changing table.” Under the definition of “public building,” adds a requirement that the building be constructed on or after January 1, 2029, and includes “a building or structure, not including an athletic stadium, that is located in a place of education designed to educate 1,500 students or more during a semester, and that is designated by the owner or operator of that place of education or the owner’s or operator’s agent as a public building under the Act.” Provides that the owner or operator of each public building built after January 1, 2029, shall have specified duties, including, among other things, installing a minimum of one adult changing station, maintaining and repairing adult changing tables, cleaning adult changing stations with the same frequency as other public restrooms, and

providing sufficient floor space around the adult changing table to comply with applicable Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards. Provides that, except for places of education, the entrance to each restroom must have conspicuous signage indicating the location of adult changing stations and that, for places of education, only the restroom that contains an adult changing station must have such signage. Makes conforming and other changes.

Vote: House 72-18-4 Senate 46-12-0

Concurrence Vote: 83-22-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0771](#)

Effective Date: June 1, 2027

HB4537 Tax Delinquent Property

House Sponsor: Curtis J. Tarver, II

Senate Sponsor: Celina Villanueva

Summary: Amends the Property Tax Code and provides that a county, as trustee, may elect to acquire or sell tax delinquent property. Provides that, for any tax lien or certificate acquired by a county under this Code, the county may take steps necessary to acquire title to the property, including a final overbid at the close of any public tax deed auction or judicial sale conveying title to property intended to be developed by a unit of local government. Provides that when the county files a petition for one or more delinquent tax liens or certificates, the county may request that the court issue a tax deed to the county without holding a judicial tax deed auction. Provides that the Order for Issuance of Tax Deed shall also include an order for the county to offer each parcel acquired by the county in this manner for sale at a public tax deed auction. Contains provisions concerning the public tax deed auction. Provides for the creation of a surplus equity fund and the imposition of a surplus equity fee. Provides that the owner of property who sustains loss or damage by reason of the issuance of a deed at a tax deed auction shall have the right to recover surplus equity that was lost in the property through an award of indemnity. Creates a pilot program for acquisition of tax certificates in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants. Contains other provisions, including changes to tax sale procedures, penalty bids, forfeited tax liens and certificates, the creation of a surplus equity fund, and numerous other provisions.

Vote: House 110-0-0 Senate 56-1-1

Concurrence Vote: 80-35-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0553](#)

Effective Date: July 10, 2026

HB4859

Unused Food Sharing Tables

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Amends the provision of the School Code related to school unused food sharing plans and adds definitions for “child nutrition program” and “share table.” Allows a school district to comply with provisions concerning school unused food sharing plans by implementing a share table. Provides that the school district may develop and follow a policy on standard operating procedures for share tables.

Vote: House 97-1-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0684](#)

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

SB2102

Electronic Filing of Budget

Senate Sponsor: Erica Harriss

House Sponsor: Amy Elik

Summary: Provides that a taxing district’s budget and appropriation ordinance and estimate of revenues may be filed electronically with the county clerk. Provides that, if a taxing district’s budget and appropriation ordinance and estimate of revenues are filed electronically with the county clerk, the county clerk shall accept and acknowledge that electronic filing by providing a receipt to the taxing district.

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

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0623](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

SB3019

FY27 State Revenue Omnibus

Senate Sponsor: Celina Villanueva

House Sponsor: Curtis J. Tarver II

Summary: To fund the FY27 budget, the legislature passed a revenue package to raise a number of revenue streams, which are projected to bring in over \$800 million in new funds. Some of the revenue enhancements and anticipated revenue include: 1) Social Media Platform Fee – \$200 million; 2) Tax change lowering the cap on corporate net operating loss deductions – \$300 million; and 3) Tax on Digital Assets (cryptocurrency) and Fantasy Sports – \$65 million.

Vote: House 73-41-0 Senate 55-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 36-19-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0468](#)

Effective Date: Some provisions, June 16, 2026; some provisions, July 1, 2026

SB3255

Bond Authorization Act

Senate Sponsor: Don Harmon

House Sponsor: Robert “Bob” Rita

Summary: Creates the Bond Authorization Act of 2026. Amends the State Finance Act, the General Obligation Bond Act, and the Build Illinois Bond Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning bond authorizations.

Vote: House 77-39-0 Senate 57-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 37-21-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0469](#)

Effective Date: June 16, 2026

SB3273

Public School Renewable Energy Projects

Senate Sponsor: Bill Cunningham

House Sponsor: Jay Hoffman

Summary: Defines “public school project” and provides that, after an electric distribution company determines that an interconnection request from an applicant for a public school project has been completed, the electric distribution company must immediately begin all evaluations, reviews, and screenings of the interconnection request. Provides that projects pending in the interconnection queue on the same feeder and substation as an interconnection request for a public school project shall be paused until the public school project has received a fully executed interconnection agreement, regardless of queue position assignments. Provides that if the electric distribution company determines that there is no requirement for the construction of facilities by the electric distribution company on its own system, the electric distribution company shall provide the applicant with an interconnection agreement. If the electric distribution company determines that the public school project has a nameplate capacity that is less than 500 kilowatts with no colocated distribution resources and determines that no system modifications are required, the electric distribution company must complete all required interconnection-related evaluations, reviews, and screenings within 30 days after making such a determination and issue an interconnection agreement as soon as possible after the evaluations, reviews, and screenings are completed. Provides what the electric distribution company determines shall be required to do if it determines that only minor system modifications are required or determines that more than minor modifications are required. Provides that, for all net metering credits earned on a monthly basis or other credits owed to a customer who has elected to install a distributed renewable generation project on public school land, all credits intended for the benefit of the consumer must be credited by the public utility or retail energy supplier within 90 days after the public utility or retail energy supplier determines that the criteria for the credit have been met. Provides that a municipal system or electric cooperative shall not charge an application fee to a public school for the interconnection of renewable generating facilities located on the public

school's land to the local distribution system that exceeds more than 150% of the cost authorized by law or by rule to be recovered from customers by public utilities for the same or similarly sized facilities with the same or similar electric configurations to the local distribution system. Provides that the limit on an interconnection application fee does not apply to any required reimbursement by a public school of the cost of any reasonably required metering equipment,

system impact studies, or system upgrades, which shall be limited to actual costs reasonably incurred.

Vote: House 109-0-0 Senate 56-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 58-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0569](#)

Effective Date: July 10, 2026

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND REGIONAL OFFICES OF EDUCATION

HB3408

Color Vision Screening

House Sponsor: Mary Gill

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health as necessary, to publish on its website resources to support school districts and teachers in teaching literacy to color-vision-deficient learners. Amends the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act. Provides that beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, color discrimination tests shall be performed as part of the vision screening services provided under the Act for children in kindergarten, second grade, and eighth grade. Requires the Department of Public Health to adopt rules with the Secretary of State to implement the amendatory Act.

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

Concurrence Vote: 116-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0761](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB3595

Child Care Act – Various Changes

House Sponsor: Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: Amends various Acts, including the School Code, by replacing the terms “day care”, “daycare”, and “day-care”, in relation to the care of a child, with the term “early care and education” and from “facility” to “provider.” Makes numerous other changes to the Child Care Act of 1969.

Vote: House 104-0-0 Senate 50-7-0

Concurrence Vote: 80-33-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0480](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

HB5551

ISBE Clean-Up Bill – General

House Sponsor: Diane Blair-Sherlock

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Makes numerous changes to the School Code, including

- Amends the sections of the Code related to recomputation of general state aid reimbursement claims and the calculation of the amount of state aid to be apportioned to various school districts.
- Amends the section of the Code related to special education classes for children from orphanages, foster family homes, children's homes, or state residential units, including a requirement that, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, when a child eligible for services under this Section is placed in a separate public day school, that school shall meet the definition of Section 14-1.08a and the programmatic requirements and rules for separate public day schools.
- Makes the following changes with respect to the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program. Adds new definitions for “cohort”, “hard-to-staff school”, “National Board Certification”, and “school term.” Provides that a regional office of education or intermediate service center may establish one cohort per county, except that an additional cohort may be established if the number of candidates exceeds 20 participants in a single cohort. Limits a cohort to no more than 20 candidates. Allows a school district or individual school to establish a cohort if at least three candidates are enrolled. Allows the State Board of Education to provide or approve a cohort facilitator for a cohort, and if a cohort facilitator is not available locally, allows the State Board to 1) provide a facilitator through a virtual format or 2) assign candidates to an existing cohort operated by a regional office of education, an intermediate service center, or another provider, including a virtual cohort. Provides that when there are adequate funds available, monetary assistance and incentives shall include an annual retention bonus of \$4,000 awarded for five consecutive school years to a National Board-certified teacher who is employed in a hard-to-staff school. Sets forth eligibility criteria and eligibility termination for the retention bonus. Provides that retention bonus funds shall be distributed on

a first-come, first-served basis. Provides that teachers who hold both a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards designation and a current corresponding certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be encouraged to participate in other mentoring programs. Allows a school district to award lane placement credit on the salary schedule to a teacher who is a National Board-certified teacher or a candidate for National Board certification for participation in professional development associated with a National Board support program. Provides that the State Board shall report to the General Assembly on the available data pertaining to services offered, total educator participation and related demographic data, recruitment efforts, and program growth and outcomes by October 15, 2027. Makes other and conforming changes.

Vote: House 99-0-0 Senate 54-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 81-30-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0524](#)

Effective Date: June 26, 2026

HB5552

ISBE Clean-Up – Financial and Licensure

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: David Koehler

Summary: Makes numerous changes to the School Code, including to:

- Provisions regarding departments and functions of the State Board of Education and the teacher supply and demand report.
- Provisions regarding the waivers and modifications of mandates and administrative rules, including that the district requesting a waiver or modification must notify the affected exclusive collective bargaining agent and those state legislators representing the district of the district's request. Specifies the information that must be included in that notice. Provides that once a waiver or modification has been approved, no changes may be made to the approved waiver or modification during the term of the waiver or modification. Provides for requirements if a district rescinds an approved waiver or modification.
- Provisions regarding audits of a school district's accounts, including allowing the auditing firm to request an extension of up to 60 days.
- Provisions regarding the statements of affairs, including specifying that the district must post the "entire" statements of affairs on the district's website and publish a "summary" in the newspaper. Provides that

if the district does not maintain a website, the district must publish the entire statement of affairs in a newspaper or have copies of the entire statement of affairs available in the main administrative office of the district. Provides what the "summary" of the statements of affairs published in a newspaper must contain.

- Educator testing exemptions, including clarifying that an applicant who has successfully completed a test of content at the time of initial licensure in another state is not required to complete a test of content area knowledge under Section 21B-30.
- The Illinois Purchased Care Review Board, evidence-based funding, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, qualifications of educators, provisional educator endorsements on Educator Licenses with Stipulations, the Teacher Performance Assessment Advisory Committee, teacher and principal model evaluation templates, children and students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence, the advisory committee under the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act, and charter school renewals.
- Changes the following terms: "Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund" to "Teacher Licensure Fee Revolving Fund"; "foreign countries" to "countries other than the United States"; "ethnic school" to "community-based heritage language school"; "foreign language" to "world language"; and "epinephrine injector" to "epinephrine delivery system."
- Repeals the Community Service Education Act and makes changes in the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.
- Other and conforming changes in the School Code, the State Finance Act, and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities.
- Amends House Bill 3772 of the 104th General Assembly, if and only if that bill becomes law, to specify that the amendatory provisions regarding the suspension or expulsion of students in the School Code and the amendatory provisions regarding grants for preschool educational programs in the Department of Early Childhood Act take effect July 1, 2028 (rather than 2027).

Vote: House 71-34-0 Senate 43-14-0

Concurrence Vote: 74-37-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0803](#)

Effective Date: August 7, 2026

SAFETY AND HEALTH

HB3175

Passing a School Bus

House Sponsor: Ann M. Williams

Senate Sponsor: Mike Porfirio

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code in the Section related to the automated traffic law enforcement system; approaching overtaking and passing a school bus. Provides that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a school bus was stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils and the visual signals were in operation on the school bus when recorded images produced by an automated traffic law enforcement system show: 1) an activated stop signal arm; and 2) an electronic indicator indicating activation of school bus visual signals. Provides that the motor vehicle owner is subject to a mandatory civil penalty of \$300 (rather than a penalty not exceeding \$150) for a first-time violation or \$1,000 (rather than a penalty not exceeding \$500) for a second or subsequent violation.

Vote: House 107-0-0 Senate 57-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0587](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB3275

CPR Training Annual Cardiac Response Drill

House Sponsor: Lisa Davis

Senate Sponsor: Adriane L. Johnson

Summary: Provides that an association or other entity that has as one of its purposes promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among schools and students within the state shall require all paid school head coaches or chief sponsors of an activity to obtain training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Provides that the training in CPR and AED use shall be consistent with national, evidence-based, emergency cardiovascular care guidelines and shall be completed every two years. Amends the School Safety Drill Act and 1) makes changes to what the cardiac emergency response plan shall include; 2) provides that a school district shall conduct an annual cardiac response drill to practice the steps established in its cardiac emergency response plan, which may be done in partnership with local emergency medical services and may be conducted without student participation; and 3) provides that a school district, school board and each member of the school board, governing body and each member of the governing body of a nonpublic school, administrator, principal, teacher, school employee, and member of a school district's safety or crisis response team, whether a student or an adult, are immune from any liability that might otherwise be incurred or caused by an act or omission related to the requirements under the Act, unless the act or omission was willful or wanton.

Vote: House 85-27-0 Senate 58-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 115-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0759](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2027

HB3743

Railroad Safety Messaging

House Sponsor: Matt Hanson

Senate Sponsor: Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Summary: Requires each school district to include in its student handbook for kindergarten through 12th grade specified railroad safety messaging. Allows a school district to opt-out of the messaging requirement if the district school board determines that the inclusion of such messaging is unnecessary based on local context or the messaging's alignment with curriculum.

Vote: House 112-0-0 Senate 56-1-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0590](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

HB3454

Epinephrine Delivery Device

House Sponsor: Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsor: Susan Glowiak Hilton

Summary: Amends various Acts, including the section of the School Code related to self-administration and self-carry of epinephrine injectors, to change references from "epinephrine auto-injector" or "epinephrine injector" to "epinephrine delivery system." Defines "epinephrine delivery system" under that Section of the School Code.

Vote: House 105-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 116-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0762](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4247

Asthma Medication

House Sponsor: Rita Mayfield

Senate Sponsor: Adriane L. Johnson

Summary: In provisions concerning the administration of asthma medication, epinephrine injectors, opioid antagonists, and oxygen, provides that "trained personnel" include coaches and athletic trainers. Defines "coach" and "athletic trainer." Expands where the school district may maintain a supply of asthma medication in a secure and accessible location to include a practice field or gym (currently includes, but is not limited to, a classroom or the nurse's office). Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are subject to appropriation or available grant funding.

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

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0484](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB5107

Alyssa's Law - Mobile Panic Alert System

House Sponsor: Nabeela Syed

Senate Sponsor: Michael E. Hastings

Summary: Provides that the Act may be referred to as Alyssa's Law. Amends the School Safety Drill Act and requires school districts by the 2027-2028 school year, to consider the use of a mobile panic alert system in the development of their school emergency and crisis response plans. If used, a mobile panic alert system that meet the specifications of this Section shall be known as "Alyssa's Alert" and provides for the required capabilities of the system, including: connecting to diverse emergency service technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies; integrating with local, Public Safety Answering point infrastructure for the transmission of 911 calls and mobile activation; and receiving mobile panic alert notifications from a range of technologies. Requires that by March 1, 2027, the Illinois State Police to develop rules for a mobile panic alert system to qualify as an Alyssa's Alert. Requires the Illinois State Police to post information on the rules on its website. Provides that anything posted by the Illinois State Police on the rules shall also be posted by the State Board of Education on its website. Requires each school district and private school to coordinate with its local 911 authority for integration requirements prior to purchase and implementation. Provides that any expense to a Public Service Answering Point for connectivity must be covered by the school district. Makes other changes.

Vote: House 108-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 113-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0789](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4534

DCFS Grooming Definition and Faith's Law Trailer

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Lakesia Collins

Summary: Makes numerous changes to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and the School Code, including:

- In the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, expands the definition of "abused child" to include a child whose parent or immediate family member, or any person responsible for the child's welfare, or any individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent who engages in a pattern of conduct or communications directed toward such child, meaning two or more instances of conduct or communication, that a reasonable person would understand as intended to groom, seduce, solicit, lure, or entice the child for the purpose of committing any sex offense or engaging in sexual misconduct against such child; and defines "sexual misconduct" to mean, but not be limited to, any verbal, nonverbal, written,

or electronic communication or physical activity, by a person responsible for the child's welfare to establish a romantic or sexual relationship with the child. Provides that such conduct or communications may include, but is not limited to 1) a sexual or romantic invitation; 2) dating or soliciting a date; 3) engaging in sexualized or romantic dialog; or 4) making sexually suggestive comments that are directed toward or with the child.

- In the School Code:
 - In provisions concerning sexual misconduct in schools, provides that guidelines established for certain situations and all available methods for how to report staff-student boundary violations within a school and to external agencies must be posted on the website, if any, of each school district, charter school, or nonpublic school and must be included in any staff, student, and (instead of or) parent handbook provided by the school district, charter school, or nonpublic school (instead of nonpublic, nonsectarian elementary or secondary school).
 - In provisions concerning an employment history review, requires a job applicant to provide the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant contact information of the applicant's current employer only if the applicant has direct contact with children or students at the applicant's current employer.
 - Provides that for a licensed substitute teacher who is seeking employment in more than one school district, a school district's regional office of education or intermediate service center may collect and, at the request of the substitute teacher, share specified information and records. Provides that a regional office of education's or intermediate service center's participation in the employment history review shall be limited to collecting such information and records and sharing the information and records with the school district, school districts, or other regional offices of education or intermediate service centers. Sets forth other provisions concerning a regional office of education's or intermediate service center's participation in the employment history review and how long the review remains valid.
 - In provisions concerning comprehensive health education programs, provides that no student in pre-K through eighth grade shall be required to take or participate in any class or course providing instruction in recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse if the parent or guardian of the student submits written objection thereto; and refusal to take or participate in such class or course shall not negatively impact a student's academic standing. Requires each school to give not less than five days' written notice to the parents or guardians of such students before commencing the class or course.

Vote: House 110-0-0 Senate 56-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 117-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0831](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4536

Institutes on Trauma-Informed Practices

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Sara Feigenholtz

Summary: With respect to the requirement that institutes provide instruction on trauma-informed practices, makes changes to the definitions of “trauma” and “trauma-responsive learning environments” to include awareness of populations for whom trauma may be ongoing, relational, and developmentally expressed over time. Expands when a school district is “trauma responsive” to include practices that promote an effective partnership with caregivers and family systems supporting students impacted by trauma.

Vote: House 84-16-0 Senate 41-17-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0612](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

SB2427

Wireless Communication Device Policy

Senate Sponsor: Cristina Castro

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Summary: Provides that on or before the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year, each school board shall adopt and implement a wireless communication device policy. Defines “school time” and “wireless communication device.”

- The policy must: 1) prohibit students from using a wireless communication device during school time except as otherwise provided, 2) incorporate guidance for device storage, 3) state the importance of uniform enforcement and implementation in a trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate manner, and 4) if as an administrative response for a violation of the policy, requires the student’s parent or guardian to retrieve the device, provide an alternative to the parent or guardian appearing in person.
- The policy may not prohibit the student’s use of a device: 1) when specified medical professionals determine that the device is necessary for the management of the student’s health care and the device is used as prescribed for that purpose, 2) to fulfill an IEP, federal 504 plan, or another written accommodation plan, 3) if school personnel have determined it is necessary for students who are English learners, 4) if school personnel have determined that the device is necessary for a student caregiver in specified circumstances, or as required by other state and federal laws.
- The policy may allow for the following exceptions: 1) the school district may allow the definition of school time to exclude lunch and passing periods, 2) if school personnel have authorized the student to use the device for educational purposes; and 3) in the event of an emergency as detailed in at least one of the school district’s emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, or procedures.

Requires the policy and administrative responses for violations of the policy be published in a student handbook, if one exists. Prohibits a school district from enforcing the

policy through fees, fines, suspensions, expulsions, or the deployment of a school resource officer or local law enforcement officer. Sets forth how the policy shall be developed, including requiring input from local collective bargaining agent representing teachers, administrators, and parents or guardians and that the school board review the policy at least once every 3 years. Provides that a school board and any school personnel are immune from any liability resulting from damage to a wireless communication device if the device is stored in good faith and in accordance with the wireless communication device policy. Provides that the wireless communication device policy shall be posted on the school district’s website. By September 1, 2026, requires the State Board of Education to post on its website a template for a model wireless communication device policy. Provides that if a school district has an existing wireless communication device policy in place before the effective date of the amendatory Act that limits wireless communication devices during a majority of or the entirety of the school day, it may keep its existing policy in place through the 2030-2031 school year, at which point the district or charter school must adopt a wireless communication device policy meeting the requirements the amendatory Act.

Vote: House 102-3-1 Senate 55-0-0

Concurrence Vote: 55-2-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0657](#)

Effective Date: July 28, 2026

SB2771

Suicide Prevention Information

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

House Sponsor: Mary Beth Canty

Summary: Amends numerous Illinois Acts (i.e. Public Higher Education Act, Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, Illinois Local Library Act, Nursing Home Care Act, etc.) regarding the posting of suicide prevention information. As it relates to the School Code, under the comprehensive health education program, if opportunities exist, school boards shall require each public school serving students in grades 6-12 to implement age-appropriate, evidence-based suicide prevention curricula. Allows the State Board of Education to make resource materials available to support school districts and educators with evidence-based, developmentally appropriate resources regarding student instruction in the topics of mental health and illness and to make these resource materials available on the State Board’s website.

Vote: House 106-5-0 Senate 55-2-0

Concurrence Vote: 57-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0808](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB3051

Undesignated Glucagon

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

House Sponsor: Tracy Katz Muhl

Summary: Allows a school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school to authorize a school nurse or trained personnel to: 1) provide undesignated glucagon to any personnel authorized under a student's Individual Health Care Action Plan, in accordance with the student's prescriber's order or Section 504 plan, individualized education program, or other written accommodations plan, to administer glucagon to a student and 2) administer undesignated glucagon to a student in accordance with the student's prescriber's order, Individual Health Care Action Plan, or Section 504 plan, individualized education program, or other written accommodations plan that authorizes the use of glucagon. Provides that a school nurse or trained personnel may carry undesignated glucagon on his or her person while in school or at a school-sponsored activity. Authorizes the school district to maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon in any secure location that is accessible before, during, or after school where a person is most at risk. Sets forth the medical professionals that may

prescribe undesignated glucagon in the name of the school district to be maintained for use when necessary. Requires that any supply of undesignated glucagon be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Provides for the reporting of the administration of undesignated glucagon within 24 hours to the student's parent or guardian and the medical professional who provided the prescription. Provides that prior to the administration of undesignated glucagon, trained personnel must submit proof of completion of training, which must be completed annually, and the school district must maintain records relating to the training curriculum and the trained personnel. Specifies the training curriculum to recognize and respond to severe hypoglycemia emergencies, including the administration of undesignated glucagon, and allows for the training to be conducted online or in person. Requires that within three days after the administration of undesignated glucagon, the school must report to the State Board of Education specified information provided on a form and in a manner prescribed by the State Board. Makes other conforming changes.

Vote: House 107-0-0 Senate 57-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0655](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

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HB1783

Language Equality Acquisition

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Creates the Language Equality Acquisition for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind Children Act. Provides that the Act applies to children from birth to five years of age and is subject to appropriation. Provides that the Department of Human Services, in consultation with various state agencies, including the State Board of Education, shall establish a language needs and monitoring program for deaf, hard of hearing, or Deaf-Blind children. Provides that the purpose of the program is to assess, monitor, and track the language and communication developmental milestones of children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or Deaf-Blind and develop a resource for use by parents to monitor and support their students' language acquisition. Specifies what the resource shall include. Provides that the Department of Human Services, in consultation with other state agencies, including the State Board of Education, and the subject matter experts on the advisory committee, shall select from lists of validated tools or assessments to be used in the language assessment. Provides that the tools or assessments may reflect the recommendations of the advisory committee. Provides that an advisory committee on language needs and monitoring shall be established and specifies who shall serve on the committee. Provides that by December 31, 2027, the advisory committee shall submit to the Department of Human Services specific, recommended action plans, timelines, anticipated costs, and proposed rules. Provides that by July 1, 2028, the Department of

Human Services, in consultation with various state agencies, including the State Board of Education, shall publish a joint action plan that considers the recommendations of the advisory committee and may propose legislation and rules necessary to implement the Act. Provides for reporting, information sharing, and rulemaking.

Vote: House 105-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0658](#)

Effective Date: July 30, 2026

HB3250

Global Scholar Certification

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Provides that if the provider of the online course, micro-credential or digital badge (currently only online course) determines and can demonstrate that a student meets all of the criteria required to earn State Global Scholar Certification, 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.

Vote: House 108-1-0 Senate 58-1-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0588](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB3772

Preschool and Grade K-2 Suspension and Expulsion

House Sponsor: William “Will” Davis

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Provides that for the student discipline report that the State Board of Education prepares annually by October 31, the data reported to the State Board of Education by school districts shall be reported no later than July 31 for the previous school year and by July 31 of each year thereafter. Provides that, unless otherwise required by federal law, in no case may a school board expel a student in kindergarten through grade 2. Provides that, for suspensions of longer than three days, the length of the suspension for any student in preschool and kindergarten through grade 2 shall not be for longer than the number of days required by the school district to review, amend, develop, or implement a behavior intervention plan or safety plan. Provides that for suspensions of longer than three days, the Superintendent shall be required to provide verbal or written approval to suspend a student in kindergarten through grade 2 and if the approval is not received by the third day, the student shall return to school by the fourth day. Makes changes to the Section of the School Code related to the expulsion of students, including providing that a student may not be expelled for more than two calendar years. Expands the eligibility for students to participate in an alternative learning opportunities program funded under Article 13B to kindergarten through grade 12 (currently grades 4-12). Provides that students in kindergarten through grade 2 placed in and out-of-district alternative learning opportunities program shall have the student’s placement limited to 90 days.

Vote: House 62-46-0 Senate 30-21-0

Concurrence Vote: 72-40-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0546](#)

Effective Date: Effective Date: Some provisions, July 10, 2026; some provisions, July 1, 2027. But see HB5552 ([Public Act 104-0803](#)), which delays the effective date of some provisions from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2028.

HB4239

High School Course Credit

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: In the section of the School Code that provides that the school board of a school district that maintains any of grades 9-12 is authorized to adopt a policy under which a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 who is enrolled in the unit school district or would be enrolled in the high school district upon completion of elementary school may enroll in a required high school course, provided that the course meets specific requirements, amends the requirements to include that the “student participates in the course where the student attends school as long as the course is taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license and endorsed for the grade level and content area of the course” (instead of requiring that “the course is taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license and endorsed for the grade level and content area of the course”).

Vote: House 101-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0596](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4577

Play-Based Learning

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Mary Edly-Allen

Summary: With respect to a provision stating that kindergarten should provide opportunities for play-based learning and defines “play-based learning”, “teacher-initiated play”, and “student-initiated play.”

Vote: House 80-26-0 Senate 45-13-0

Concurrence Vote: 76-27-3

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0555](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

HB4581

Special Education Transition Plan

House Sponsor: Diane Blair-Sherlock

Senate Sponsor: Doris Turner

Summary: Provides that, by January 1, 2027, informational materials on the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program shall be provided to a student and the students’ parent at the initial transition planning meeting convened for the students by the school district and during the student’s final year in high school. Provides that the process of obtaining and disseminating the informational materials shall be determined by the school district in collaboration with the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program serving the area. Adds language regarding the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program, including specifying who provides the program services and the purpose of the program.

Vote: House 112-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0615](#)

Effective Date: July 24, 2026

HB4788

CPR Female Manikins

House Sponsor: Maura Hirschauer

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: In provisions requiring secondary schools to include training on how to properly administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation in their curriculum, provides that, beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training shall include the use of both breasted and non-breasted manikins, which may be provided through the use of chest covers on existing manikins. Requires schools to provide reasonable opportunities for students to practice on both breasted and non-breasted manikins.

Vote: House 73-38-0 Senate 43-13-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0678](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB3070

CTE Alternative to 2-Year Foreign Language Requirement

Senate Sponsor: Willie Preston

House Sponsor: William “Will” Davis

Summary: Provides that, as the prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade beginning with the 2028-2029 school year must successfully complete either: 1) two years of foreign language courses; or 2) at least two years of coursework that has been authorized by the State Board of Education as meeting the requirements for an approved career and technical education course (currently requires the successful completion of two years of foreign language courses).

Vote: House 107-0-4 Senate 58-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0814](#)

Effective Date: August 7, 2026

SB3224

School for the Blind

Senate Sponsor: Doris Turner

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Summary: Changes the name of the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired to the Illinois School for the Blind. Makes conforming changes to the Personnel Code, the School Code, the School Safety Drill Act, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, and the MRSA Prevention, Control, and Reporting Act.

Vote: House 108-0-0 Senate 47-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0716](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

SB3533

Twice-Exceptional Students

Senate Sponsor: Adriane L. Johnson

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Summary: Sets forth the suggested best practices for addressing the educational and related needs of twice-exceptional students. Allows a school board to adopt a policy to allow for the development of a written education plan to address the advanced abilities or achievement levels of twice-exceptional students through individualized services, goals, accommodations, and objectives for a student, while continuing to provide services and support for the student’s disabilities in all educational settings.

Vote: House 117-0-0 Senate 59-0-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0822](#)

Effective Date: August 7, 2026

SB3774

Administrative Withdrawal of a Truant Minor

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

House Sponsor: Dagmara Avelar

Summary: Provides that a truant minor may not be administratively withdrawn (rather than expelled) for nonattendance unless they have accrued 15 consecutive days of absences without valid cause and the student cannot be located by the school district or the school district has located the student but cannot, after exhausting all available supportive services, compel the student to return to school. Requires a school district to make at least three documented attempts to notify the parent or guardian of its intent to administratively withdraw a student prior to withdrawing the student.

Vote: House 95-5-0 Senate 56-1-0

Last Action: [Public Act 104-0743](#)

Effective Date: July 31, 2026



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