

New School Laws

A digest of state laws affecting Illinois
public schools enacted in 2023

2024



FOREWORD

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This publication is designed to alert school board members to new laws and changes in existing laws that affect public school districts. The IASB Governmental Relations team has made every effort to identify which new acts to include. We recognize, however, that one or more acts may have escaped our attention. This publication, therefore, is not intended as a substitute for either a current version of the Illinois Compiled Statutes or legal counsel. Please note the synopsis of each act is brief and may or may not encompass the full content or impact of the Act. The synopsis is designed to call attention to statutory changes and additions that may merit further research. Also included in this publication, where applicable, is the IASB Policy Service (PRESS) information regarding new legislation. If a new law is addressed in PRESS materials, the corresponding PRESS Policy or Procedure code number will follow the public act information.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

[HB300](#)

Minimum Teacher Salary

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

Summary: Provides that the minimum teacher salary for a school year (previously set at \$40,000 for the 2023-24 school year pursuant to Public Act 101-443) shall be increased each year by a percentage equal to the annualized percentage increase (instead of the percentage increase), if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all items published by the U.S. Department of Labor for the 12-month period ending on June 30 of the school year that ended 12 months prior to the school year in which the adjusted salary is to be in effect (instead of for the previous school year). Provides that the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) shall certify and publish by a specified date each year, the minimum salary rate to be used. Additionally, clarifies that when assessing the additional contribution that an employer shall make to the System for salary increases greater than 6%, the System shall exclude salary increases necessary to bring a school board in compliance with Public Act 101-443 or this Act.

Vote: House 91-12; Senate 53-01

Last Action: Public Act 103-0515

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

PRESS Materials: 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

[HB1273](#)

Constitution Day

House Sponsor: Amy Elik

Senate Sponsor: Erica Harriss

Summary: Provides that Constitution Day (September 17) shall also be a commemorative holiday.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0015

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

PRESS Materials: 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day

[HB1633](#)

School Code Native American History

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West, II

Senate Sponsor: Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Summary: In the provisions concerning instruction on Native American history, requires the instruction to be included in every social studies course pertaining to American history or government. Provides that the study of the genocide of and discrimination against Native Americans, as well as tribal sovereignty, treaties made between tribal nations and the United States, and the circumstances pertaining to forced Native American relocation shall be taught in grades 6 through 12. Provides that the

instruction may be integrated as part of other required units of instruction. In the provisions concerning the unit of instruction on the Holocaust and genocides and the teaching of the history of the United States, provides that instructional materials that include the addition of content related to Native Americans shall be prepared and made available to all school boards on State Board of Education's website no later than January 1, 2025. Provides that the State Education Equity Committee shall include a member who is either an individual with a disability or a statewide organization representing or advocating on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

This bill was later amended in Veto Session by HB3641/Public Act 103-0564. Please see that bill for more details.

Vote: House 75-32-1; Senate 44-08

Last Action: Public Act 103-0422

Effective Date: August 4, 2023

[HB2104](#)

Water Safety Education

House Sponsor: Eva-Dina Delgado

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: States that school boards may provide instruction in safety education regarding water safety for students enrolled in Pre-K through grade 6 that incorporates evidence-based water safety instructional materials and resources.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: 12/8/23 Public Act 103-0567

Effective Date: December 8, 2023

PRESS Materials will be updated in a future PRESS issue.

[HB2160](#)

School Code Treasurer/Township

House Sponsor: Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Amends the Trustees of Schools Article of the School Code. Provides that the school boards of Glenbrook High School District 225, Northbrook Elementary School District 27, Northbrook School District 28, Sunset Ridge School District 29, Northbrook/Glenview School District 30, West Northfield School District 31, and Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34 may, by proper resolution, withdraw from the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools of Northfield and Maine Townships and the township treasurer, provided that the school board shall, upon the adoption and passage of the resolution, elect or appoint its own school treasurer.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0144

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

[HB2235](#)

Transportation Contract

House Sponsor: Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. Provides that school boards may enter into contracts for any period of time deemed appropriate by those school boards for transportation of pupils to and from school, except that no contract, inclusive of any proposed renewals, may exceed 10 years (rather than allowing such contracts to be entered into for an initial period of up to 3 years and then extended for up to 2 additional years by mutual agreement of the parties and thereafter extended on a year-to-year basis by mutual agreement of the parties, unless a school board receives a timely request from another interested contractor that a contract be let by bid). Requires all contracts for a period of time greater than 5 years that do not include the use of electric vehicles for pupil transportation to include a termination option after 5 years.

Vote: House 111-01 Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0430

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PRESS Materials: 4:60-API, Purchases

[HB2396](#)

School Code Full Day Kindergarten

House Sponsor: Mary Beth Canty

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Provides that, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each school board must establish a kindergarten with full-day attendance. Provides that full-day kindergarten should be developmentally appropriate and provide opportunities for play-based learning. Provides that an elementary or unit school district that does not offer full-day kindergarten as of October 1, 2022, may, by action of the State Board of Education, apply for an extension of the 2027-2028 school year implementation deadline for 2 additional years if one of the three specified criteria are met. In provisions concerning the criteria for an extension, 1) provides that a school district must be funded below 76% of adequacy according to the Evidence-Based Funding formula in Fiscal Year 2023; 2) the school district is ranked in the top 25% of capital funding need by the Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force, but has yet to receive capital funding as of the date of application; or 3) the school district meets a criterion set by ISBE based on the Full-Day Kindergarten's Task Force. Creates the Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall conduct a statewide audit to inform the planning and implementation of full-day kindergarten in the State and shall, at a minimum, collect, analyze, and report specified criteria. Provides that the Task Force may recommend for an additional criterion that the State Board of Education may consider in granting an extension request to establish a full-day kindergarten. Provides that the Task Force shall issue an interim report by November 15, 2024, and a final report to the General Assembly and Governor's Office no

later than January 31, 2025. There is no accompanying allocation to support this initiative (unfunded mandate).

Vote: House 87-23; Senate 52-01

Last Action: Public Act 103-0410

Effective Date: August 2, 2023

PRESS Materials: 6:30, Organization of Instruction

[HB 2447](#)

Open Meetings Act - School Events and Childcare Obligations

House Sponsor: Dagmara Avelar

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold closed meetings to consider evidence or testimony presented to a school board regarding denial of admission to school events or property, provided that the school board prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning. Provides that if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of, among other circumstances, unexpected childcare obligations.

Vote: House 89-23; Senate 54-01

Last Action: Public Act 103-0311

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 2:200, Types of Board Meetings
2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure
2:220-E2, Motion to Adjourn Closed Meeting
2:220-E6, Log of Closed Meeting Minutes
8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*

[HB3402](#)

Hiring Priorities

House Sponsor: Sharon Chung

Senate Sponsor: Linda Holmes

Summary: Amends the School Code. Provides that, when hiring or assigning physical education, music, and visual arts educators, a school district must prioritize the hiring or assigning of educators who hold an educator license and endorsement in those content areas. Provides that a professional educator licensure applicant must pass the licensure content area test for the content area he or she is assigned to teach or complete at least 9 semester hours of coursework in the content area prior to his or her employment start date.

This bill was later amended in Veto Session by HB3641/ Public Act 103-0564. Please see that bill for more details.

Vote: House 71-32; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0046

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria
5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal*

VETO SESSION [HB3641](#)

School Code Various

House Sponsor: Kelly M. Burke

Senate Sponsor: Bill Cunningham

Summary: This bill was passed during Veto Session and amends two bills that were passed during Spring Session, as well as makes one new addition. The first Spring Session bill that this Veto Session bill amends is HB1633/P.A. 103-0422 (Native American History) by changing the date that ISBE shall have instructional materials, related to the Native American genocide in North America, available to July 1, 2024 (currently July 1, 2025), but clarified that a school is not required to teach the additional content related to the Native American genocide in North America or teach about Native American nations' sovereignty and self-determination, until instructional materials are made available on ISBE's website.

The second Spring Session bill that this Veto Session bill amends is HB3402/P.A. 103-0046 (Hiring Priorities) and provides that licensed educators assigned to physical education, music, or visual arts who do not hold an endorsement in the content area to be taught must acquire short-term approval under Part 25 of Title 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code (rather than pass the content area test or complete at least nine semester hours). The bill also provides that if short-term approval is not available, the licensed educator shall meet equivalent criteria specified by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Additionally, this bill adds a new type of Educator License with Stipulations (ELS) which is for a provisional career and technical (CTE) educator license. This type of license requires a minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience and is valid for five years.

Vote: 97-9; 74-39; Senate: 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0564

Effective Date: November 7, 2023

PRESS Materials: 6:60, Curriculum Content

*PRESS Materials: 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria
5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment*

[SB90](#)

Education Harassment

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West, II

Senate Sponsor: Laura M. Murphy

Summary: Provides that each school district; charter school; or nonpublic, nonsectarian elementary or secondary school must create, implement, and maintain a policy on discrimination and harassment based on race, color, and national origin, and prohibits retaliation and provides minimum requirements for what must be included in the policy. Requires that this policy be posted in a prominent and accessible location, distributed to all employees, and published on the district's website and in the school handbook. Provides that each school district; charter school; or nonpublic, nonsectarian elementary or secondary school must establish procedures for responding to complaints of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, and

national origin, and retaliation and includes minimum requirements for what the procedures shall address. The following requirements are all subject to appropriations (to date, no appropriations have been attached to this portion of the bill): requires ISBE to build data collection systems to track various allegations of discrimination, harassment and retaliation; provides ISBE with authority to initiate a charge of a civil rights violation with the Department of Human Rights if a school district fails to disclose the information within 14 days after a request is made by ISBE; and requires ISBE to publish an annual report on the data collected.

Vote: House 87-18; Senate 52-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0472

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

PRESS Materials will be updated in a future PRESS issue.

[SB325](#)

FOIA – Records of Attorney General

House Sponsor: Daniel Didech

Senate Sponsor: Bill Cunningham

Summary: Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Deletes language providing that, to the extent that records or documents produced by a public body contain information that is claimed to be exempt from disclosure, the Public Access Counselor shall not further disclose that information. Provides instead that records or documents obtained by the Public Access Counselor from a public body for the purpose of addressing a request for review may not be disclosed to the public, including the requester, by the Public Access Counselor. Provides that such records, while in the possession of the Public Access Counselor, are exempt under the Act from disclosure by the Public Access Counselor.

Vote: House 87-17; Senate 42-14

Last Action: Public Act 103-0069

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[SB1570](#)

School Design-Build Authorization Law

House Sponsor: Anthony DeLuca

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Creates the School Design-Build Contracts Article in the School Code, which may be cited as the School Design-Build Authorization Law. Provides that a school district may enter into design-build contracts. Requires that the school district issue notice of intent to receive proposals for the project at least 14 days before issuing the request for the proposal and includes publishing and posting requirements. Requires certain information be included in the request for proposal. Requires the school district to develop, with assistance of a licensed design professional or public art designer, a request for proposal that includes specific scope and performance criteria for design-build contracts. Requires that the district use a 2-phase procedure for selection of contracts and

specifies how the district evaluates each phase, as well as procedures for awarding contracts. Sets forth additional requirements for the submission of proposals. For smaller projects, provides that if the total overall cost of a project is estimated to be \$12,000,000 or less, the school district may combine the 2-phase procedure for selection into one phase. Requires that at the end of every 6-month period following the contract award, the design-build entity detail, in a written report submitted to the school districts, certain information.

Vote: House 42-11; Senate 103-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0491

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 4:60, Purchases and Contracts
4:60-AP1, Purchases*

SB1772

Pesticides Application Schools

House Sponsor: Maura Hirschauer

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: Creates the Pesticide Application at Schools Act. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2024, a school serving students grades kindergarten through 8th grade is prohibited from scheduling pesticide applications on school grounds during the school day, including during a partial day, when students are in attendance at school for instructional purposes.

Vote: House 106-03; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0496

Effective Date: August 4, 2023

*PRESS Materials:
4:160, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
4:160-AP, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds*

SB1993

School Code Local Assessment Notice

House Sponsor: Mary Beth Canty

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the School Code. Provides that prior to approving a new contract for any district-administered assessment, the school board must hold a public vote at a regular meeting of the school board, at which the terms of the proposal must be substantially presented and an opportunity for allowing public comments must be provided, subject to applicable notice requirements.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0393

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 4:60, Purchases and Contracts
4:60-AP1, Purchases*

SB2123

Elections Omnibus Bill

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: In provisions concerning the Chicago School Board, provides that all petitions for the nomination of members of a board of education shall be filed with the board of election commissioners of the jurisdiction in which the principal office of the school district is located. Delays the date by which the General Assembly must draw districts for the newly elected Chicago School Board from July 1, 2023, to on or before April 1, 2024. Declares that in 2024, the general election day, November 5, 2024, is a State and school holiday.

Vote: House 69-36-1; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0467

Effective Date: August 4, 2023; Some Provisions, January 1, 2024; Some Provisions

*PRESS Materials: 3:50, Administrative Personnel Other
Than the Superintendent
5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:20, School Year Calendar and Day*

SB2218

School Code Teacher Dismissal List

House Sponsor: Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Willie Preston

Summary: Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that a school board's sequence of honorable dismissal list shall include the race or ethnicity of a teacher if provided by the teacher.

Vote: House 95-14; Senate 52-5

Last Action: Public Act 103-0398

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 5:200, Terms and Conditions of
Employment and Dismissal*

SB2240

Community College Remediation Data

House Sponsor: Daniel Didech

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that beginning January 1, 2024, a community college district, upon a request from the school district of a high school located within the boundaries of the community college district, shall provide individualized disaggregated data on the enrollment of students in community college remediation courses from the most recently completed academic year. Provides for the development and use of a model remediation data sharing agreement.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0401

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

[SB2390](#)

School Code Various

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West, II

Senate Sponsor: Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas

Summary: Requires a non-public school, in order to obtain recognition status, to perform a check of the Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database (currently only a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database is required) of applicants and, thereafter, conduct those checks once every 5 years for applicants that remain employed by the school district. Provides that a school district may adopt a policy to waive tuition costs for a non-resident pupil if the pupil is a child of a district employee. Extends to the 2028-29 school year (rather than the 2023-24 school year), the ability for an individual to teach preschool in an early childhood program if he or she holds a PEL with an early childhood education endorsement or with a short-term approval for early childhood education, or if he or she holds a PEL along with other criteria specified in the statute. Extends to June 30, 2028 (rather than June 30, 2023) ISBE's authority to issue Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses to qualified applicants which shall be valid for five years. Modifies the Alternative Educator Licensure Program by removing the requirement for a second year of residency (but that a second year will be required if recommended by the principal and program coordinator). Provides that, if the residency period is to be less than two-years in length, the partner school districts must provide assurances that the district will provide intensive mentoring and supports through at least the end of the second full year of teaching for educators who completed the Program in less than two years. Provides that the residency program for alternative educator licensure shall be

comprised of three phases (instead of four). Provides that in residency, the candidate must: be assigned an effective, fully licensed teacher by the principal or principal equivalent to act as a mentor and coach the candidate through residency. In provisions concerning the alternative provisional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations educator endorsement, provides that the endorsement can be valid for up to two years (rather than two years) and adds the major in the content area of "early childhood reading" to the list of majors.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0111

Effective Date: June 29, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 5:220, Substitute Teachers
5:220-AP, Substitute Teachers
7:60, Residence*

[SB2391](#)

School Code Community Schools

House Sponsor: Lakesia Collins

Senate Sponsor: Don Harmon

Summary: Provides that a community school may also be a nonpublic school. Restores provisions describing what a community school is in the legislative findings. Restores certain grant proposal provisions. Provides that a school may (instead of must) provide certain items to qualify for a grant. Restores language concerning the provision of a program director or resource coordinator.

Vote: House 105-0; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0265

Effective Date: June 1, 2024

PERSONNEL

[HB1291](#)

Teacher Annual Incentive

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program, provides that the annual incentive shall be \$2,250 (instead of \$1,500) and that 45 hours of mentoring shall be required (instead of 30). Provides that funds may be used for professional development training provided by the National Board Resource Center (instead of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or the National Board Resource Center).

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0122

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

[HB1297](#)

Teacher's Retirement System Optional Credit

House Sponsor: Amy Elik

Senate Sponsor: Erica Harriss

Summary: Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a member may establish optional credit for up to two years of service as a teacher or administrator employed by a private school recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education, provided that the teacher (i) was certified under the law governing the certification of teachers at the time the service was rendered, (ii) applies in writing on or before June 30, 2028 (instead of June 30, 2023), (iii) supplies satisfactory evidence of the employment, (iv) completes at least 10 years of contributing service as a teacher, and (v) pays the required contribution.

Vote: House 101-08 Senate 55-01

Last Action: Public Act 103-0017

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

VETO SESSION UPDATE ([HB1358](#)):

House Sponsor: Kelly M. Burke

Senate Sponsor: Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Summary: The School Code was amended to extend the effective date of HB3690/Public Act 103-0542 to July 1, 2024.

Vote: House 102-0-1; Senate: 54-2

Last Action: Public Act 103-0563

Effective Date: November 17, 2023

[HB1363](#)

Gender Violence Employer Duty

House Sponsor: Will Guzzardi

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Amends the Gender Violence Act. Defines “employee”, “employer”, and “workplace”. Changes the definition of “gender-related violence” to also mean domestic violence. Provides that an employer is only liable for gender-related violence committed in the workplace (rather than work environment) by an employee or agent of the employer when the interaction giving rise to the gender-related violence arises out of and in the course of employment with the employer. Provides that liability only extends to an employer for gender-related violence that occurs: (i) while the employee was directly performing the employee’s job duties and the gender-related violence (rather than the performance of the job duties) was the proximate cause of the injury; or (ii) while the agent of the employer was directly involved in the performance of the contracted work and the gender-related violence (rather than the performance of the contracted work) was the proximate cause of the injury. Provides that employer liability in other provisions are notwithstanding the requirements of items (i) and (ii) and other specified provisions.

Vote: House 71-38; Senate 50-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0282

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB1384](#)

Reconstructive Services

House Sponsor: Kelly M. Cassidy

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the Accident and Health Insurance Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025, may not deny coverage for medically necessary reconstructive services that are intended to restore physical appearance.

Vote: House 113-0 Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0123

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB1561](#)

School Code Employee Trauma Training

House Sponsor: Camille Y. Lilly

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Requires school districts to conduct in-service training for all school district employees on methods to respond to trauma at least once every two years. A school board may satisfy the trauma response training requirements by using the training, including online training, available from the American College of Surgeons or any other similar organization. Provides that school district employees who are trained to respond to trauma pursuant to the specified in-service training shall be immune from civil liability in the use of a trauma kit (instead of in all matters relating to trauma response training, school district employees are immune from civil liability in the use of a trauma kit) unless the action constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0128

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 4:170-AP1,
Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan
Additional PRESS Materials will be updated in
a future PRESS issue.*

[HB1565](#)

Insurance Vaginal Estrogen Coverage

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or a managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025 (rather than January 1, 2024) and that provides coverage for prescription drugs shall include coverage for one or more therapeutic equivalent versions of vaginal estrogen in its formulary. Provides that a policy subject to the provisions shall not impose a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement that exceeds any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement imposed on any prescription drug authorized for the treatment of erectile dysfunction covered by the policy (rather than on the coverage provided).

Vote: House 108-0-1; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0420

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB2068](#)

Transportation Benefit Program

House Sponsor: Theresa Mah

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Creates the Transportation Benefits Program Act. Requires all covered employers to provide a program that allows a covered employee to elect to exclude from

taxable wages and compensation the employee's commuting costs incurred for the purchase of a transit pass to use public transit or for the purchase of qualified parking, up to a maximum level allowed by federal tax law. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be deemed to interfere with, impede, or in any way diminish the right of employees to bargain collectively with their employers or affect the validity or change the terms of bona fide collective bargaining agreements in force on the effective date of the Act.

Vote: House 74-39; Senate 49-5

Last Action: Public Act 103-0291

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB2147](#)

Pension Code Teachers Retirement System and Reciprocal Act

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Downstate Teacher Article: provides that through June 30, 2026 (instead of June 30, 2023), an annuitant may accept employment as a teacher without impairing his or her retirement status if that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year; and provides that a person may receive optional credit for certain periods of service as a student teacher for which the student teacher received a salary. In the Chicago Municipal Article, provides that an employee of the Board of Education of the city, regardless of his or her position, may establish up to two years of service credit in the Fund for part-time employment with the Board of Education of the city prior to becoming an employee by applying no later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act and paying to the Fund a specified amount.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0525

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

PRESS Materials: 5:220, Substitute Teachers

[HB2392](#)

Federal Advocacy Work by an Elected Association Member

House Sponsor: Sue Scherer

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that any teacher who is a member of a statewide association representing teachers and who is elected by the association's membership to represent the association in federal advocacy work may spend up to 10 days during a school term representing the association in federal advocacy work. Provides that no deduction of wages may be made for such absence, and the statewide association shall reimburse the employing school district for the

cost of the need for a substitute teacher as the result of the teacher's absence.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0308

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PRESS Materials: 5:250, Leaves of Absence

[HB2442](#)

School Code Subsequent Endorsement

House Sponsor: Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

Senate Sponsor: Celina Villanueva

Summary: Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Provides that subsequent teaching endorsements may be granted by the Chicago School District to licensed employees for specific content areas and grade levels as part of a pilot program. Requires the professional development sequences to be approved by the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. Provides that the sequences shall include a comprehensive review.

Vote: House 109-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0157

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

[HB2493](#)

Victim Economic Security and Safety

House Sponsor: Aaron M. Ortiz

Senate Sponsor: Robert Peters

Summary: Amends the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Provides that an employee may take unpaid leave from work for specified reasons relating to a family or household member who is killed in a crime of violence.

Vote: House 95-16; Senate 43-12

Last Action: Public Act 103-0314

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 5:250, Leaves of Absence
5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves*

[HB2907](#)

Labor Dispute Damages

House Sponsor: Lance Yednock

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the Labor Dispute Act. Provides that no award of monetary damages, except for damage done to an employer's property as a result of conduct prohibited by law, shall be granted by any court of this State in any case involving a labor dispute.

Vote: House 80-30-02; Senate 47-06

Last Action: Public Act 103-0040

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB3116](#)

Staff Training on Homelessness

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Requires that at least once every two years, a school board must conduct in-service training on homelessness for all school personnel. The bill further defines the general content of the training and states that a school board may work with a community-based organization that specializes in working with homeless children and youth to develop and provide the training.

Vote: House 72-35; Senate 46-10

Last Action: Public Act 103-0041

Effective Date: August 20, 2024

PRESS Materials will be updated in a future PRESS issue

[HB3129](#)

Equal Pay Act Pay Scale

House Sponsor: Mary Beth Canty

Senate Sponsor: Cristina H. Pacione- Zayas

Summary: Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that if an employer engages a third party to announce, post, publish, or otherwise make known a job posting, the employer shall provide the pay scale and benefits, or a hyperlink to the pay scale and benefits, to the third party and the third party shall include the pay scale and benefits, or a hyperlink to the pay scale and benefits, in the job posting.

Vote: House 60-37; Senate 35-19

Last Action: Public Act 103-0539

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

*PRESS Materials: 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria
5:150-AP, Personnel Records*

[HB3202](#)

Insurance Health Saliva Cancer Test

House Sponsor: Jennifer Sanalidro

Senate Sponsor: Seth Lewis

Summary: Amends the Accident and Health Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025 shall cover a medically necessary home saliva cancer screening every 24 months if the patient is asymptomatic and at high risk for the disease being tested for or demonstrates symptoms of the disease being tested for at a physical exam.

Vote: House 107-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0445

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB3370](#)

Prevailing Wage Power Washing

House Sponsor: Dave Vella

Senate Sponsor: Cristina Castro

Summary: Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the definition of “public works” includes power washing projects

in which steam or pressurized water, with or without added abrasives or chemicals, is used to remove paint or other coatings, oils or grease, corrosion, or debris from a surface or to prepare a surface for a coating. Provides that the definition of “public works” includes power washing projects by a public body or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds.

Vote: House 73-34; Senate 39-17

Last Action: Public Act 103-0346

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB3442](#)

School Code Substitute Teachers

House Sponsor: Fred Crespo

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Provides that, in emergency situations, a district may continue to employ that same substitute teacher in that same vacant position for 90 calendar days or until the end of the semester, whichever is greater, if, prior to the expiration of the 30-calendar-day period then current, the district files a written request with the appropriate regional office of education for a 30-calendar-day extension on the basis that the position remains vacant and the district continues to actively seek qualified candidates and provides documentation that it has provided training specific to the position, including training on meeting the needs of students with disabilities and English learners, if applicable. Expands definition of “emergency situation” to include situations in which vacancies are unfilled due to a lack of qualified candidates.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0193

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PRESS Materials: 5:220, Substitute Teachers

[HB3491](#)

Prevailing Wage – Contractors

House Sponsor: Matt Hanson

Senate Sponsor: Willie Preston

Summary: Provides that any laborer, worker, or mechanic who is employed by the contractor or by any lower tier sub-contractor and is paid for services in a sum less than the prevailing wage rates for work performed on a project shall have a right of action for whatever difference there may be between the amount so paid and the prevailing rates required to be paid for work performed on the project.

Vote: House 75-36; Senate: 40-16

Last Action: Public Act 103-0048

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

[HB3592](#)

School Code Teacher Dismissal

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Adriane Johnson

Summary: Amends the Employment of Teachers and Chicago School District Articles of the School Code. Changes the requirements for teacher dismissals for any charges involving any

witness who is or was at the time of an alleged conduct was a student or person under the age of 18. Ensures that any alleged victim or other witness who is or was at the time of the alleged conduct a student or under the age of 18 shall not be compelled to testify in the physical or visual presence of a teacher or other witness. Provides the steps that the hearing officer must take to accommodate the invoked right of the alleged victim or other witness and what procedures the hearing officer shall use to allow the other party to submit questions and hear testimony.

Vote: House 99-3; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0354

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PRESS Material: 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

[HB3690](#)

School Code Employee Training

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Provides that beginning July 1, 2024, teachers, administrators and school support personnel shall complete training during an in-service training program conducted by their school board or through other training opportunities. Such training must be completed within six months of employment by a school board and renewed at least once every five years, unless required more frequently by the State or federal law. This training shall include the following topics: health conditions of students, social-emotional learning, developing cultural competency, identifying warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in youth, domestic and sexual violence and the needs of expectant and parenting youth, protections and accommodations for students, educator ethics, responding to child sexual abuse and grooming behavior, and effective instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution. The training required under each of these topics is specified and incorporates many of the current professional development trainings from other Sections of the School Code. Provides that school support personnel may be exempt from in-service training if the training is not relevant to the work they do. Institute programs in these topics shall be credited towards hours of professional development required for license renewal.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0542

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PRESS Material: 4:80-AP2, Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Awareness Program

5:90-AP1, Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center

5:120, Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest

5:120-AP2, Employee Conduct Standards

7:285-AP, Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program

Additional PRESS Materials will be updated in a future PRESS issue.

[HB3733](#)

Labor Work Related Notices

House Sponsor: Kevin John Olickal

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that an employer shall, upon the employee's written request, email or mail a copy of a requested record to the employee. Repeals provisions concerning copies of personnel records. Amends the Minimum Wage Law, the Equal Pay Act of 2003, the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, and the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act. Provides that every employer with employees who do not regularly report to a physical workplace, such as employees who work remotely or travel for work, shall provide specified information by email to its employees or conspicuous posting on the employer's website or intranet site, if such site is regularly used by the employer to communicate work-related information to employees and is able to be regularly accessed by all employees, freely and without interference.

Vote: House 75-38; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0201

*PRESS Materials: 5:150, Personnel Records
5:150-AP, Personnel Records
7:70, Attendance and Truancy*

[HB3792](#)

Prevailing Wage Light Poles

House Sponsor: Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Steve Stadelman

Summary: Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the definition of "public works" includes all construction projects involving fixtures or permanent attachments affixed to light poles that are owned by a public body, including street light poles, traffic light poles, and other lighting fixtures, whether or not done under public supervision or direction, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. Provides for an exception if the project is performed by employees employed directly employed by the public body.

Vote: House 70-35; Senate 41-14

Last Action: Public Act 103-0359

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

[HB3801](#)

Teaching Excellence

House Sponsor: William "Will" Davis

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

Summary: Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning incentives for teachers, if adequate funds are available, provides for an annual retention bonus of \$4,000 per year for two consecutive years for National Board certified teachers employed in hard-to-staff schools. Provides that funds must be disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Vote: House 90-09; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0207

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

SB101

Pediatric Autoimmune Coverage

House Sponsor: Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that no group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan shall deny or delay coverage for medically necessary treatment because the insured, enrollee, or beneficiary previously received any treatment, including the same or similar treatment, for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections or pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, or because the insured, enrollee, or beneficiary has been diagnosed with or receives treatment for an otherwise diagnosed condition.

Vote: House 104-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0059

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

SB1351

Teacher Evaluation Last Year

House Sponsor: Sue Scherer

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Provides that teachers who are due to be evaluated in the last year before they are set to retire shall be offered the opportunity to waive their evaluation and retain their ratings unless the teacher was last rated as “needs improvement” or “unsatisfactory”. The school district may still reserve the right to evaluate a teacher provided the district gives notice to the teacher at least 14 days before the evaluation and a reasons for evaluating the teacher

Vote: House 104-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0085

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

PRESS Materials: 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

SB1352

School Code Teacher Resignation

House Sponsor: Jonathan Carroll

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Extends Section 24-14 of the School Code (termination of service by a teacher) to all teachers (currently only applies to teachers in contractual continued service). In provisions concerning the termination of service by a teacher, provides that a resignation submitted after the completion of the school year must be submitted a minimum of 30 calendar days prior to the first student attendance day of the following school year. With respect to the referral of a teacher to the State Superintendent of Education for terminating service not in accordance with these provisions, provides that if a school district intends to submit a referral to the State Superintendent, the district shall submit the referral to the State Superintendent within 10 business days

after the school board denies acceptance of the resignation. Provides that the district shall notify the teacher that it submitted the referral to the State Superintendent within five business days after submitting the referral to the State Superintendent. Provides that the teacher shall receive a summary of the State Superintendent’s evidentiary hearing no later than 14 days after the hearing is completed.

Vote: House 99-13; Senate 50-02

Last Action: Public Act 103-0549

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

PRESS Material: 5:210, Resignations

SB1468

Pension Code Return to Service

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Tom Bennett

Summary: Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that through June 30, 2026 (instead of June 30, 2023), an annuitant may accept employment as a teacher without impairing his or her retirement status if that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year.

Vote: House 104-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0088

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

PRESS Material: 5:220, Substitute Teachers

SB1488

School Code Educator Testing

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Tom Bennett

Summary: Through August 2025, removes the requirement for anyone taking a teacher preparation program to pass a teacher performance assessment. Creates a Teacher Performance Assessment task force. The task force will evaluate teacher performance assessment systems to ensure consistency across programs and report to the State Board of Education and General Assembly by August 2024.

Vote: House 84-19; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0488

Effective Date: August 4, 2023

SB1646

Pension Code Outside Solicitation

House Sponsor: Stephanie A. Kifowit

Senate Sponsor: Robert F. Martwick

Summary: Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in administering the optional deferred compensation plan, the System shall require that the deferred compensation plan recordkeeper : (i) will not use information received as a result of providing services with respect to the deferred compensation plan or the participants in the deferred compensation plan to solicit the

participants in the deferred compensation plan f; and (ii) will not promote, recommend, endorse, or solicit participants in the deferred compensation plan to purchase any financial products or services outside of the deferred compensation plan. Adds similar provisions with regard to the deferred compensation plan and local government deferred compensation plans under the Deferred Compensation Article. Provides similar provisions for administering a defined contribution plan to provide retirement benefits. Amends the School Code. Provides that the school board and other employers shall make available to each active teacher who is an elected trustee under the Chicago Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code up to 22 days of paid leave of absence per year for the purpose of attending meetings and seminars of the Board of Trustees. In the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code, makes changes concerning the employer's submission of reports and contributions.

Vote: House 78-32-01; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0552

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

SB1648

Pension Code Chicago Laborers Annuity

House Sponsor: Eva-Dina Delgado

Senate Sponsor: Robert F. Martwick

Summary: Amends the Chicago Laborer Article of the Illinois Pension Code. For Tier 1 participants: provides that if the minimum annuity applies and is greater than the annuity provided under the annuity after withdrawal while disabled provisions, then the minimum annuity shall apply; provides that the annuity for withdrawal while disabled shall be subject to automatic annual increases; provides that if the minimum widow's annuity applies and is greater than the spouse's annuity under the annuity after withdrawal while disabled provisions, then the minimum widow's annuity shall apply; and provides that any widow's annuity shall not be subject to any automatic annual increases. For Tier 2 participants: provides that an employee whose disability continues after the employee has received ordinary disability benefits for the maximum period of time and who withdraws before becoming eligible for a retirement annuity while still so disabled is entitled to receive an annuity in such amount as can be provided from the total sum accumulated to the employee's credit from employee and employer contributions, to be computed as of the employee's age on the date of withdrawal; provides that the annuity shall not be subject to any automatic annual increases and that the minimum annuity shall not apply; provides that the annuity to which the employee's spouse shall be entitled upon the employee's death shall be fixed on the date of the employee's withdrawal and shall be provided on a reversionary annuity basis; and provides that the annuity shall not be subject to any automatic annual increases and that the minimum widow's annuity shall not apply.

Vote: House 73-37-01; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0553

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

SB1824

Pension Code IMRF Various

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Celina Villanueva

Summary: Amends the General Provisions and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that an authorized agent appointed after the effective date of the amendatory Act must complete a course of training regarding the duties and responsibilities of being an authorized agent no less than three months after his or her initial appointment. Provides that the training must be provided by the Fund and made available to all authorized agents online no less than quarterly at no cost to the authorized agent or his or her employer. In a provision that requires a participating municipality or participating instrumentality to make an additional contribution for earning increases greater than 6% or 1.5 times the increase in the consumer price index-u, provides that the Fund shall exclude earning increases due to amounts paid as required by federal or state law or court mandate or earnings increases due to the participating employee returning to the regular number of hours worked after having a temporary reduction in the number of hours worked. Provides that an elected trustee shall not be considered disqualified due to termination of participation if he or she thereafter begins participation with a different participating employer, there is no gap in service credit under the Article, and the trustee continues to meet all eligibility requirements for the same type of trustee position.

Vote: House 107-0-1; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0464

Effective Date: August 4, 2023; Some Provisions, January 1, 2024; Some Provisions

SB1872

School Code Teacher Tenure 3 Years

House Sponsor: Dave Vella

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Provides that the probationary period for any teacher who is first employed as a full-time teacher in a school district on or after July 1, 2023 and who does not receive written notice from the employing board on or before April 15 (instead of at least 45 days before the end of any school term) shall be: three (instead of four) consecutive school terms of service in which the teacher holds a PEL and receives overall annual evaluation ratings of at least "Proficient" in the second and third school terms; two (instead of three) consecutive school terms of service in which the teacher holds a PEL and receives two overall annual evaluations of "Excellent."

Vote: House 85-28; Senate 44-07

Last Action: Public Act 103-0500

Effective Date: August 4, 2023

PRESS Material: 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

SB1913

Telehealth Services

House Sponsor: Jenn Ladisch Douglass

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and any managed care plans under contract with the Department for the medical assistance program shall provide for coverage of mental health and substance use disorder treatment or services delivered as behavioral telehealth services; and that the Department and any managed care plans under contract with the Department for the medical assistance program may also provide reimbursement to a behavioral health facility that serves as the originating site at the time a behavioral telehealth service is rendered. Sets forth provisions concerning coverage of mental health and substance use disorder telehealth services. Provides that the Department may adopt rules to implement the provisions.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0243

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

SB2017

School Code Holidays Education Support

House Sponsor: Margaret Croke

Senate Sponsor: Linda Holmes

Summary: Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Clarifies that educational support personnel employees (currently specifies teachers and other school employees) shall not be required to work on a legal school holiday, other than noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary because of an emergency or for the continued operation and maintenance of school facilities or property. Provides that no deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a school employee, including an educational support personnel employee, on account of any legal or special holiday in which that employee would have otherwise been scheduled to work but for the legal or special holiday.

Vote: House 89-26; Senate 53-03

Last Action: Public Act 103-0395

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Material: 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves*

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SB1924

School Code and Pension Code Superintendents

House Sponsor: Lance Yednock

Senate Sponsor: Michael W. Halpin

Summary: Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning service credit for accumulated unused sick leave, provides that if the employee was in the service of more than one employer or regional office of education (instead of more than one employer), then sick leave days from all such employers shall be credited. Amends the School Code. Provides that beginning July 1, 2023, all regional superintendents of schools shall receive the same salary regardless of the population of the region they serve.

Vote: House 77-33; Senate 45-5

Last Action: Public Act 103-0110

Effective Date: June 29, 2023

SCHOOL FINANCE

[HB2789](#)

Library System Book Banning

House Sponsor: Anne Stava-Murray

Senate Sponsor: Laura M. Murphy

Summary: In order to be eligible for state grants, a library or library system shall adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in the alternative, develop a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within the library or library system.

Vote: House 69-39; Senate 39-19

Last Action: Public Act 103-0100

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 6:230, Library Media Program
6:230-AP, Responding to Complaints
About Library Media Resources*

[HB3230](#)

Behavioral Health Crisis Care

House Sponsor: Lindsey LaPointe

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Creates the Strengthening and Transforming Behavioral Health Crisis Care in Illinois Act. Requires the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health, to use an independent third-party expert to conduct a cost analysis and determine the sound costs associated with developing and maintaining a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of the continuum of behavioral health crisis response services in the state, including crisis call centers, mobile crisis response team services, crisis receiving and stabilization centers, and other acute behavioral health services.

Vote: House 101-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0337

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

[HB3500](#)

School Code Joliet Debt Bond Issue

House Sponsor: Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the School Code. In a Section concerning the debt limitations of school districts, provides that, in addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Joliet Public Schools District 86 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$99,500,000 if certain conditions are met. Provides that the debt incurred on the bonds shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation and that the bonds must mature within not to exceed 25 years from their date, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0449

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB3523](#)

School Trustee Bond

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Amends the Treasurers Article of the School Code. Provides that the penalty of the bond of treasurer shall be determined by the school board in an amount no less than 10% (currently 25%) of the amount of all bonds, notes, mortgages, monies, and effects and species that amount shall be as measured on the final day of the school district's most recent fiscal year.

Vote: House 71-35; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0049

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 2:110, Qualifications,
Term and Duties of Board Officers
4:90, Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds*

[HB3817](#)

FY 24 Budget Implementation

House Sponsor: Jehan Gordon-Booth

Senate Sponsor: Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Summary: Establishes the FY 2024 Budget Implementation Act. Makes changes in state programs necessary to implement the state budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Establishes the Teacher Vacancy Grant Program, extends the Parenting Education Pilot Program, revises the Early Childhood Construction Grants, and increases the contract bidding threshold from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Vote: House 105-0; Senate 36-20

Last Action: Public Act 103-0008

Effective Date: June 7, 2023; Some Provisions, July 1, 2023; Some Provisions, January 1, 2024; Some Provisions

*PRESS Materials: 2:20, Powers and Duties
of the School Board; Indemnification
4:60, Purchases and Contracts
4:60-AP1, Purchases
4:170, Safety
6:60-AP1, Comprehensive Health Education Program*

[SB1994](#)

School Code Cash and Funds

House Sponsor: Lance Yednock

Senate Sponsor: Meg Loughran Cappel

Summary: Amends the School Code. Requires any district that does not receive federal impact aid to calculate the combined, annual average expenditures of its operational funds for the previous three fiscal years, as reported in the school district's most recently audited annual financial reports. Requires that school boards annually present a written report covering the annual average expenditures of its operational funds for the previous three fiscal years at a board meeting. If a district's combined cash reserve balance of its operational funds exceeds 2.5 times annual average

expenditures of its operational funds for the previous three fiscal years, the school board shall adopt and file with the State Board of Education a written operational funds reserve reduction plan by December 31. Requires the State Board of Education to publish these plans on its Internet website.

Vote: House 113-0 Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0394

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

PRESS Materials: 4:10, Fiscal and Business Management

SB2034

Child Extended Bereavement

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West, II

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Provides that an employee of a large employer that employs 250 or more full-time employees is entitled to use a maximum of 12 weeks of unpaid leave if the employee experiences the loss of a child by suicide or homicide. Provides that an employee of a small employer that employs at least 50 but fewer than 250 full-time employees is entitled to use a maximum of 6 weeks of unpaid leave if the employee experiences the loss of a child by suicide or homicide. Provides that leave may be taken in a single continuous period or intermittently in increments of no less than four hours, but leave must be completed within one year after the employee notifies the employer of the loss.

Vote: House 81-24; Senate 44-06

Last Action: Public Act 103-0466

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 5:250, Leaves of Absence
5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves*

SB2323

School Code Bloomington School Building

House Sponsor: Sharon Chung

Senate Sponsor: David Koehler

Summary: Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning buildings for school purposes, provides that for Bloomington School District 87, no referendum shall be required for the purchase, construction, or building of any building for school or education purposes if such cost is paid, or will be paid with funds available at the time of contract, purchase, construction, or building in Bloomington School District 87's existing fund balances to fund the procurement or requisition of a building or site during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, or 2024-2025 school years.

Vote: House 74-36-1; Senate 53-3

Last Action: Public Act 103-0509

Effective Date: August 4, 2023

SB2374

School Code Computer Science Equity Grant

House Sponsor: Carol Ammons

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Creates a Computer Science Equity Grant Program to support the development or enhancement of computer science programs in K-12 schools. Provides how Grant Program funds shall be used. This program was accompanied by a \$3 million allocation in the budget.

Vote: House 105-0; Senate 41-7

Last Action: Public Act 103-0264

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PRESS Materials: 6:60, Curriculum Content

SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH

HB2412

State Police Organization

House Sponsor: Jay Hoffman

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: Clarifies the reporting obligations of school officials upon receipt of a report regarding a verified incident involving a firearm on school property. The Superintendent or designee reports such incidents to local law enforcement, who in turn report the incidents to the Illinois State Police.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0034

Effective Date: June 9, 2023; Some Provisions, January 1, 2024; Some Provisions

*PRESS Materials: 4:170-AP1, Comprehensive
Safety and Security Plan
7:190, Student Behavior*

HB3425

Bullying Notification

House Sponsor: Margaret Croke

Senate Sponsor: Sara Feigenholtz

Summary: Adds physical appearance, socioeconomic status, academic status, pregnancy, parenting status, and homelessness to the list of criteria set forth in the definition of bullying. Requires a school district's bullying policy to be based on the State Board of Education's template for a model bullying prevention policy, which includes the criteria set forth in the definition of "policy on bullying." Provides that a bullying prevention policy must include procedures for informing parents or guardians of all students involved in the alleged incident of bullying within 24 hours after the school's administration is made aware of the incident and that the school shall make diligent efforts to notify a parent or legal guardian, utilizing all contact information the school has available or that can be

reasonably obtained by the school within the 24-hour period. Provides that school districts, charter schools, and nonpublic, nonsectarian elementary and secondary schools must submit specified data in an annual report due to the State Board of Education no later than August 15 of each year starting with the 2024-25 school year through the 2030-31 school year.

Vote: House 78-25; Senate 50-05

Last Action: Public Act 103-0047

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 7:190, Student Behavior
Additional PRESS Materials will be updated in a future PRESS issue.*

HB3428

School Code Opioid Antagonist

House Sponsor: Diane Blair-Sherlock

Senate Sponsor: Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Summary: Provides that a school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school shall (currently districts “may” maintain) maintain a supply of an opioid antagonist in any secure location where an individual may have an opioid overdose. Provides that if there is a shortage of opioid antagonists, a school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school shall make a reasonable effort to maintain a supply of an opioid antagonist. Provides that the requirement that a health care professional prescribe opioid antagonists applies only if the school district or school is not able to obtain opioid antagonists without a prescription. Allows for flexibility surrounding the potential unavailability of opioid antagonists.

Vote: House 97-14; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0348

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 7:270, Administering
Medicines to Students
7:270-AP2, Checklist for District Supply
of Undesignated Medication(s)*

HB3559

School Safety Rapid Entry

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Julie A. Morrison

Summary: Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Provides that a school building’s emergency and crisis response plan, protocol, and procedures shall include a plan for local law enforcement to rapidly enter a school building in the event of an emergency.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0194

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 4:170, Safety
4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan*

HB3613

School Code Oxygen Tanks

House Sponsor: Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsor: Karina Villa

Summary: Amends the General Provisions Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning medical prescriptions for schools, provides that the school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school may maintain a supply of undesignated oxygen tanks in any secure location that is accessible before, during, and after school where a person with developmental disabilities person is most at risk, including, but not limited to, classrooms and lunchrooms. Provides that a school district that provides special educational facilities for children with disabilities under the School Code may maintain a supply of undesignated oxygen tanks.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0196

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 7:270, Administering
Medicines to Students
7:270-AP2, Checklist for District Supply
of Undesignated Medication(s)*

HB3639

Epinephrine Cost

House Sponsor: Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsor: Michael W. Halpin

Summary: Amends the Accident and Health Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that an insurer that provides coverage for medically necessary epinephrine injectors shall limit the total amount that an insured is required to pay for a twin-pack of medically necessary epinephrine injectors at an amount not to exceed \$60, regardless of the type of epinephrine injector.

Vote: House 102-01; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0454

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

HB3924

School Code Fentanyl Education

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Amends the School Code and the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, provides that in every state-required health course for grades 9 through 12, a school district shall provide instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl.

Vote: House 104-0; Senate 58-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0365

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace;
E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
5:120-AP2, Employee Conduct Standards
6:60, Curriculum Content
6:60-AP1, Comprehensive Health Education Program*

[HB3932](#)

Allergen Safety Education

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Provides that beginning with the 2024-2025 school year in grades 9 through 12, the Comprehensive Health Education Program shall include instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of allergies. Provides that information for the instruction, study, and discussion shall come from information provided by the Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Vote: House 91-09; Senate 38-17

Last Action: Public Act 103-0212

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 6:60, Curriculum Content
6:60-AP1, Comprehensive Health Education Program
7:285-AP, Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response,
and Management Program*

[SB1709](#)

Mental Health Student Access

House Sponsor: Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

Senate Sponsor: Mike Simmons

Summary: Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that the Department of Human Resources shall partner with the State Board of Education to provide technical assistance for the provision of mental health care during school days with the goal of increasing the availability and accessibility of mental health resources for students. Provides that the Department shall report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the technical assistance provision no later than July 1, 2025. Provides for rulemaking by the Department and the State Board of Education.

Vote: House 109-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0222

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 6:65, Student Social
and Emotional Development
7:290-AP, Resource Guide for Implementation of Suicide
and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program*

[SB2223](#)

Drug Education and Youth Overdose Prevention Act

House Sponsor: Joyce Mason

Senate Sponsor: Laura Fine

Summary: Amends the School Code. Provides that by July 1, 2024, the State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services shall work in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including the Illinois Opioid Crisis Response Advisory Council, to develop and update substance use prevention and recovery resource materials for public elementary and secondary schools. Provides that a Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Instruction Resource Guide shall be made available on the State Board of Education's Internet website and shall be sent via electronic mail to all regional offices of education and school districts in this State.

Vote: House 109-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0399

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 7:270-AP2, Checklist for District
Supply of Undesignated Medication(s)*

[SB2340](#)

Vehicle Code School Bus Extended Arm

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Doris Turner

Summary: Provides that a school bus may be equipped with an extension to the required stop arm that partially obstructs the roadway to ensure passenger safety. Provides that a maximum of two extensions to the required stop arm may be installed on the driver's side of the school bus. Specifies lighting and measurement requirements for the extensions. Prohibits a driver of a motor vehicle from making contact with any portion of a stopped school bus or with a school child within 30 feet of the school bus, and a driver who violates such provision shall be subject to penalties.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0404

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 8:30, Visitors to and
Conduct on School Property*

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

[HB1120](#)

Charter School Union Neutrality

House Sponsor: Will Guzzardi

Senate Sponsor: Celina Villanueva

Summary: Provides that any renewal of a certified charter must include a union neutrality clause. Requires a union neutrality clause to be included in a charter school proposal. Defines “union neutrality clause”.

Vote: House 66-42-1; Senate 36-19

Last Action: Public Act 103-0416

Effective Date: August 4, 2023

[HB1123](#)

School Report Card

House Sponsor: Terra Costa Howard

Senate Sponsor: Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Summary: Requires school report cards prepared by the State Superintendent of Education to include the percentage of students with disabilities who have fulfilled the minimum state graduation requirements and have been issued a regular high school diploma and the percentage of students with disabilities who have fulfilled the minimum state graduation requirements but have not completed their individualized education program and are enrolled and receiving individualized education program services. Provides that for any school report card prepared after July 1, 2025, for all high school graduation completion rates that are reported on the school report card, the State Superintendent of Education shall also report the percentage of students who did not meet the requirements of high school graduation completion for any reason and, of those students, the percentage who are classified as students with disabilities who fulfill the requirements for participation in a graduation ceremony as set forth in Section 14-16 of the School Code (Brittany’s Law).

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0116

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

PRESS Materials: 6:15, School Accountability

[HB2471](#)

School Breakfast/Lunch Supplement Aid

House Sponsor: Maurice A. West, II

Senate Sponsor: Laura Ellman

Summary: Amends the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act. Subject to appropriations, establishes the Healthy School Meals for All Program to begin on July 1, 2023. Provides that each school board of a school district or governing body of a nonpublic school that chooses to participate in the Healthy School Meals for All Program shall offer eligible meals, without charge, to all students enrolled in schools that participate in the National School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch

Program and specifies how funds shall be distributed in an equitable manner for full or partial reimbursements to participating schools when the appropriation is insufficient to cover all participating school districts. No appropriation was included in the budget for this program.

Vote: House 77-26; Senate 52-1

Last Action: Public Act 103-0532

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

PRESS Materials: 4:130, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

[HB3071](#)

Education School Code Various

House Sponsor: Fred Crespo

Senate Sponsor: Christopher Belt

Summary: Amends the Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act. Provides that the State Board of Education shall not be required to collect and report personally identifiable information on the categories of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity unless required for federal reporting. Makes changes regarding state accountability system, including school district standards, recognition levels and annual summative designations, rewards, priority and focus districts, including changing the terminology to Targeted, Comprehensive, and Intensive schools. Makes changes to Isolated time out, time out and physical restraint rules, including clarification that the rules apply to special education nonpublic schools and special education cooperatives. Additional changes were made to Section 27A which governs charter schools, including how charter schools must maintain and submit accurate records of daily attendance and student enrollment and how their funds are distributed through quarterly installments. Specifies how special education cooperatives and charter schools operating under a charter issued by a local board of education shall administer its threat assessment procedure.

Vote: House 99-0-1; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0175

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

PRESS Materials: 2:20, Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification

2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees

6:15, School Accountability

6:280, Grading and Promotion

7:270, Administering Medicines to Students

7:270-AP2, Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Medication(s)

[HB3522](#)

Education Global Scholar Certificate

House Sponsor: Janet Yang Rohr

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Global Scholar Certification Program shall recognize public or nonpublic high school students (currently only public high school students) who have attained global competence. Provides that beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, each institution of higher education may award course credit to a student who has received State Global Scholar Certification.

Vote: House 108-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0352

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

[HB3570](#)

School Code Teacher Evaluation Data

House Sponsor: Laura Faver Dias

Senate Sponsor: Willie Preston

Summary: Amends the Evaluation of Certified Employees Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall report teacher evaluation data from each school in the state for two years for all teachers broken down by the race and ethnicity of teachers and free or reduced-price lunch of students in the school where the teachers work. Makes changes to what data is included in the report.

Vote: House 79-28; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0452

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB3759](#)

Higher Education Info/Recruiting

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Michael W. Halpin

Summary: Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that student profile information collected by a specified assessment shall be made available to the state's public institutions of higher education in a timely manner. Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning access to high school campuses, provides that State institutions of higher education shall be granted access to high school campuses. Provides that by January 1, 2024, student directory information shall be made electronically accessible through a secure centralized data system for official recruiting representatives of the armed forces of Illinois and the United States, and State public institutions of higher education.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 54-01

Last Action: Public Act 103-0204

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials:
6:270, Guidance and Counseling Program*

[HB3768](#)

Uniform Racial Classification

House Sponsor: Abdelnasser Rashid

Senate Sponsor: Ram Villivalam

Summary: Amends the Uniform Racial Classification Act and the Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act. Adds "Middle Eastern or Northern African" as a racial classification for purposes of the Acts. Provides that a state agency is not required to use the Middle Eastern or North African classification for reporting workforce or hiring data until after July 1, 2025.

Vote: House 99-0-1; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0414

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[HB3822](#)

Education Language Report

House Sponsor: Abdelnasser Rashid

Senate Sponsor: Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas

Summary: Amends the Transitional Bilingual Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the Advisory Council on Bilingual Education shall deliver a report to the General Assembly on how to incentivize dual language instruction in schools.

Vote: House 70-34; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0362

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[SB1446](#)

School Code Dress Code Policy

House Sponsor: Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Senate Sponsor: Maurice A. West, II

Summary: Provides that, by no later than July 1, 2024, the State Board of Education shall make available to schools resource materials developed in consultation with stakeholders regarding a student wearing or accessorizing the student's graduation attire with general items that may be used by the student to associate with, identify, or declare their cultural, ethnic, or religious identity or any other protected characteristic or category identified in the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that a school uniform or dress code policy adopted by a school board or local school council shall not prohibit the right of a student to wear or accessorize the student's graduation attire with items associated with the student's cultural, ethnic, or religious identity or any other protected characteristic or category identified in the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Vote: House 104-7; Senate 49-4

Last Action: Public Act 103-0463

Effective Date: August 4, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 7:160, Student Appearance
7:165, School Uniforms*

[SB1787](#)

School Code Rural Education Advisory Council

House Sponsor: Amy Elik

Senate Sponsor: Davis Koehler

Summary: Amends the School Code to create the Rural Education Advisory Council. Provides that the purpose of the council is to exchange thoughtful dialogue concerning the needs, challenges, and opportunities of rural districts and to provide policy recommendations to the State. Sets forth the functions and membership of the council. Contains provisions concerning expenses, meetings, and administrative support. Specifies that the expense reimbursement is subject to the rules of the appropriate travel control board. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide administrative and other support to the council as needed (instead of requiring the State Board and the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools to provide administrative and other support and specifying the categories of support). Provides that the council is dissolved and the amendatory provisions are repealed on December 31, 2031.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 58-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0497

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

[SB2031](#)

School Code School Report Card High School

House Sponsor: Carol Ammons

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Amends the School Code. By October 31, 2027 and October 31 each subsequent year, requires the State Board of Education, through the State Superintendent of Education,

to prepare a report covering school districts and schools, to be referred to as the Expanded High School Snapshot Report. Sets forth how the Report is to be made available.

Vote: House 97-13; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0503

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PRESS Materials: 6:15, School Accountability

[SB2039](#)

School Code Meeting PUNS List

House Sponsor: Nabeela Syed

Senate Sponsor: Don Harmon

Summary: Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education may work in consultation with the Department of Human Services and with school districts to ensure that all students with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities and their parents or guardians are informed about the PUNS database. Provides additional information that must be included in the PUNS training program developed for the PUNS designated employee (currently one of whom is required in every public school). Requires that during the student's annual IEP review meeting, if the student has an intellectual disability or a developmental disability, the IEP team shall determine the student's PUNS database registration status and specifies when the IEP team shall refer the student to the PUNS designated employee. Specifies what the PUNS designated employee shall do on behalf of that student and what information shall be provided to those families about the PUNS database and the PUNS database registration process.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0504

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

STUDENTS

[HB342](#)

Children's Adversity Index/Whole Child Task Force

House Sponsor: Carol Ammons

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop a community or school district-level Children's Adversity Index to measure community childhood trauma exposure for children 3 through 18 years of age by May 31, 2025. Requires ISBE to include other State agencies that both collect the data and will have an ultimate use for the index information. The initial development of the index should leverage available data. Provides definition of "trauma", "trauma-responsive learning environments", and "whole child." Requires, starting with the 2024-25 school year, teachers institute days to provide instruction on trauma-informed practices before the first student attendance day of each school year. Adds information that must be included in the Illinois Report Card by 2024 related to total number of school counselors, school social

workers, school nurses, and school psychologists by school, district and state and the average number of students per each position. Requires ISBE to establish the Professional Educator Licensure Review committee by October 1, 2024, to make recommendations to ISBE to change the PEL requirements and PEL renewal requirements to include demonstrated proficiency in adverse childhood experiences, trauma, secondary traumatic stress and creating trauma-responsive learning environments or communication Provides that the Whole Child Task Force shall reconvene by March 2027 to review progress on a March 2022 report's recommendations and shall submit a new report on its assessment of the State's progress and any additional recommendations to the General Assembly, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, the State Board of Education, and the Governor on or before December 31, 2027.

Vote: House 104-0; Senate 42-14

Last Action: Public Act 103-0413

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 2:120, Board Member Development
6:15, School Accountability*

[HB1286](#)

Equitable Restrooms All-Gender

House Sponsor: Katie Stuart

Senate Sponsor: Celina Villanueva

Summary: Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any multiple-occupancy restroom may be identified as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and designated for use by any person of any gender. Requires certain newly constructed or previously existing restrooms to be designated as all-gender multiple-occupancy restrooms. Changes the definition of “multiple-occupancy restroom”.

Vote: House 60-40-01; Senate 35-20

Last Action: Public Act 103-0518

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

[HB1596](#)

Children Pronouns

House Sponsor: Lakesia Collins

Senate Sponsor: Mike Simmons

Summary: Amends various Acts, including certain School Code provisions, concerning children by replacing certain pronouns with the nouns to which the pronouns refer; replacing certain instances of the word “biological”.

Vote: House 72-37; Senate 36-19

Last Action: Public Act 103-0022

Effective Date: August 8, 2023

PRESS Materials: 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

[HB2156](#)

School Code Safe2Help helpline

House Sponsor: Jeff Keicher

Senate Sponsor: Dave Syverson

Summary: Provides that student ID cards also shall provide contact information for the Safe2Help Illinois Helpline (removes the option to include a local suicide prevention hotline other than Safe2Help).

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0143

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

PRESS Materials: 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention 7:20-AP, Resource Guide for Implementation of Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program

[HB3224](#)

School Code Special Ed Transition

House Sponsor: Suzanne M. Ness

Senate Sponsor: David Koehler

Summary: Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that, as part of transition planning, a school district shall provide a student and the parent or guardian of the student with information about the district’s career and technical education opportunities. Provides that a student and the parent or guardian of the student shall be provided with information about dual credit courses offered by the school district. Provides that if the student is enrolled in a dual credit course for dual credit or for high school credit only, the student’s participation in the course shall be included as part of the student’s transition to Individualized Education Program activities.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0181

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

[HB3590](#)

School Code Career Development Experience Insurance

House Sponsor: Travis Weaver

Senate Sponsor: Neil Anderson

Summary: Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Student Career Development Liability Insurance Advisory Committee and sets forth the membership of the Committee. Provides that the Student Career Development Liability Insurance Advisory Committee shall issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly containing recommendations for providing liability insurance to (i) public high school students who participate in a career development experience or apprenticeship program and community college students who participate in a career development experience or apprenticeship program and (ii) public school teachers who participate in externship programs and community college faculty who participate in externship programs.

Vote: House 107-0; Senate 58-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0353

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

[HB3680](#)

School Code IEP Emergency

House Sponsor: Harry Benton

Senate Sponsor: Paul Faraci

Summary: Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that, in the development of the IEP or Section 504 plan for a student, if the student needs extra accommodation during emergencies, including natural disasters or an active shooter situation, then that accommodation shall be taken into account when

developing the IEP or Section 594 Plan. When administrators and school personnel are deciding whether to exempt a student from participating in a walk-through lockdown drill, the administrator and school support personnel shall include the student's Individualized Education Program team or 504 Plan team in the decision to exempt the student from participating.

Vote: House 103-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0197

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 4:170, Safety
4:170-API, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan*

HB3814

School Code FFA/4H Absences

House Sponsor: Sonya M. Harper

Senate Sponsor: Doris Turner

Summary: Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning the daily pupil attendance calculation, provides that participation in a Supervised Career Development Experience or any work-based learning experience in which student participation and learning outcomes are directed by a licensed educator for assessment of competencies shall be counted toward the calculation of clock hours of schoolwork per day.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0560

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 5:200, Terms and Conditions
of Employment and Dismissal
6:20, School Year Calendar and Day*

SB183

Transfer Alternative School

House Sponsor: Michelle Mussman

Senate Sponsor: Laura M. Murphy

Summary: Changes several requirements related to Section 13A Administrative Transfers. Requires parents or guardians to receive information relating to the curriculum, services, and policies of an alternative school program before the transfer goes into effect. Requires that, at the earliest time following the effective date of the transfer, appropriate personnel of the sending school district and the alternative school program meet to develop an alternative education plan for the student and that the student and the student's parents or guardians be invited to the meeting. Requires that the plan include the duration of the plan, the specific academic and behavioral components of the plan and a method and time frame for reviewing the student's progress and for transitioning the student back to the regular educational program in the public school. Provides that the date after which the student will return to the regular educational program may not be extended over the objection of the student's parent or guardian but may be extended upon written agreement

by the transferring school district, the alternative school program, and the student's parent or guardian.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0473

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

*PRESS Materials: 7:50, School Admissions and Student
Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:190, Student Behavior
7:190-AP9, Administrative Transfer to
Regional Safe School Program*

SB724

Children Behavioral Health Services

House Sponsor: Sara Feigenholtz

Senate Sponsor: Laura LaPointe

Summary: Establishes a Care Portal for families with children who have complex behavioral health needs. Creates training and communication for school districts and other entities to demonstrate how individuals can assist a family seeking youth behavioral health services and how to access the portal. Requires the State Board of Education, on or before December 15, 2023, and other entities to report to the Governor and General Assembly including recommendations for implementation of mental health screening in school for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12. Requires an IEP meeting prior to a provider terminating a special education student's placement in a nonpublic special education facility. Unless the health and safety of any student are endangered, the provider must give notice of termination to the guardian, school district, and State Board of Education at least 20 days prior to termination with reasons for the termination and any actions taken to address the reason for the termination.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0546

Effective Date: August 11, 2023

*PRESS Materials: 6:65, Student Social
and Emotional Development*

SB2243

Illinois Literacy Plan

House Sponsor: Rita Mayfield

Senate Sponsor: Kimberly A. Lightford

Summary: Amends the School Code. Provides that, in consultation with education stakeholders, the State Board of Education shall develop and adopt a comprehensive literacy plan for the State on or before January 31, 2024 and specifies what guidance and considerations shall be included in that comprehensive literacy plan. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt and make available to school districts, by July 1, 2024, a rubric by which districts may evaluate curricula and select and implement evidence-based, culturally inclusive core reading instruction programs, a template to support districts when developing literacy plans, and guidance on practices for effective structures for training and deploying literacy coaches. Requires the State Board of Education, by July 1, 2026, to develop a plan to transition

the test of content area knowledge in the endorsement area of elementary education, grades one through 6, to a content area test that contains specific language and literacy testing elements. A valid and reliable language and literacy subscore shall be determined on those language and literacy elements along with a recommended cut-score. While candidates need not achieve a particular subscore in the area of language and literacy, the State Board shall aggregate and publish the number of candidates in each preparation program who take the test and the number who pass the language and literacy

portion. Requires the State Board of Education to develop and make available training opportunities for educators in teaching reading that are aligned with the comprehensive literacy plan on or before January 1, 2025.

Vote: House 106-01; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0402

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

PRESS Materials: 6:60, Curriculum Content

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[HB2033](#)

Local Government Bonds Ordinance

House Sponsor: Brad Stephens

Senate Sponsor: Andrew S. Chesney

Summary: Amends the Local Government Debt Reform Act. Provides that an ordinance levying a tax for the payment of principal of and interest on general obligation bonds or limited bonds may be filed electronically with the county clerk.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0137

Effective Date: June 30, 2023

[SB74](#)

Property Tax Installment Payments

House Sponsor: Debbie Meyers-Martin

Senate Sponsor: Robert Peters

Summary: Amends the Illinois Housing Development Act. Creates the Property Tax Payment Plan Task Force to study and make recommendations for the implementation of one or more payment plan options in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants to prevent eligible tax-delinquent owner-occupied properties in those counties from being sold at the annual tax sale. Provides that, at the discretion of both co-chairpersons of the Task Force, additional individuals may participate as nonvoting members of the Task Force. Provides that certain members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the co-chairpersons of the Task Force (instead of by the Governor). Effective immediately.

Vote: House 94-11; Senate 37-17

Last Action: Public Act 103-0369

Effective Date: July 28, 2023

[SB696](#)

Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act

House Sponsor: Hoan Huynh

Senate Sponsor: Omar Aquino

Summary: Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code and

statutorily approves specified 35-year and 47-year TIF extensions in certain communities.

Vote: House 94-11; Senate 53-01

Last Action: Public Act 103-0575

Effective Date: December 8, 2023

[SB1225](#)

Property Tax Common Area

House Sponsor: Jenn Ladisch Douglass

Senate Sponsor: Donald P. DeWitte

Summary: Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the chief county assessment officer in a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants may require an application to be made to establish or reestablish that a parcel is entitled to common area assessment of \$1. Effective immediately.

Vote: House 103-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0083

Effective Date: June 9, 2023

[SB1675](#)

Property Tax Religious Property

House Sponsor: Kam Buckner

Senate Sponsor: Celina Villanueva

Summary: Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes changes concerning interest penalties due on delinquent amounts in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants beginning in tax year 2023. Specifies that counties shall be the designated holders of all tax liens and certificates that are forfeited to the State or county. Makes changes concerning sales in error and forfeited tax certificates in provisions concerning the assignment of tax certificates; databases of properties available for sale; scavenger sales; forfeited tax liens and certificates; records of forfeitures; payments for property purchased at tax sales; certificates of purchase; refunds of costs; redemption of properties; special assessments; partial settlements; notices; and the issuance and contents of deeds. Provides that, in the case of a sale in error because of an error by the assessor, chief county assessment officer, board of review, board of appeals, or other county official, the error must be material to the tax certificate at issue. Provides that, in the case of a sale in error because of a bankruptcy, provides that the bankruptcy case must be open

on the date the collector's application for judgment was filed. Provides that, in Cook County, service of process may be made by a person who is licensed or registered as a private detective (currently, those provisions apply in counties other than Cook). Makes other changes.

Vote: House 77-37; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0555

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

SB1988

Property Tax Appeals

House Sponsor: Kelly M. Burke

Senate Sponsor: Cristina Castro

Summary: Amends the Property Tax Code. Allows a county assessor in a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants to accept appeals from the taxpayer for a period of not less than 30 business days from the date the assessment notice was mailed or published on the assessor's website.

Vote: House 105-01; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 103-0583

Effective Date: June 1, 2024



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