

Digest of Bills



2021 Spring Session
of the Illinois General Assembly

FOREWORD

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This summary of bills passed during the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly has been compiled to allow local school officials an opportunity to review the actions of the General Assembly and the Governor during this legislative session.

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

All legislation can be viewed online at the Illinois Legislative Information System website at www.ilga.gov. Statutory citations have been removed as they can be easily obtained by accessing the bill online.

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

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BOARDS OF EDUCATION

[HB 0004](#)

Election Day E-Learning

Sponsors:

House: Mayfield

Senate: Johnson – Koehler – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill permits student instruction to be received electronically under a school district's program for e-learning days while students are not physically present because a school was selected to be a polling place under the Election Code. Also adds that a school district shall pay to its contractors who provide educational support services to the district their daily, regular rate of pay or billings rendered for any e-learning day that is used because a school was selected to be a polling place.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 30, 2021

[HB 0024](#)

Sex Education Instruction

Sponsors:

House: West – Carroll

Senate: Stadelman – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill provides that sex education course material and instruction for 6 through 12th grade must include sexting, the importance of internet safety, and identification of support personnel in the school district/community who can provide assistance and development of strategies for resisting peer pressure.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 42-12

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0041](#)

Special Education In-State Facilities

Sponsors:

House: Stuart – Carrol – Greenwood

Senate: Turner, D. – Cappel

Summary: The bill requires Illinois school districts to offer parents of special education students, special education services provided by in-state facilities providing comparable services to out-of-state facilities. Also requires the school district to annually review out-of-state placement and offer in-state placement.

Vote: House 116-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 0102](#)

Anaphylactic Policy

Sponsors:

House: Carroll – Mason – Costa Howard – Bos – West

Senate: Morrison, J. – Connor

Summary: The bill requires schools to adopt an anaphylactic policy developed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Vote: House 116-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0120](#)

Team Uniform Modifications

Sponsors:

House: Guzzardi – Gonzalez

Senate: Murphy, L. – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires school districts to allow team uniform modifications for the purposes of cultural values, religion, or modesty preferences.

Vote: House 103-5; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0156](#)

Hygiene Products in Bathrooms

Sponsors:

House: Hernandez, B. – Stuart – Avelar

Senate: Villa – Villivalam

Summary: The bill provides that menstrual hygiene products shall be made available in bathrooms of every school building that are open for student use in grades 4 through 12.

Vote: House: 68-43; Senate 39-17

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[HB 0160](#)

Religious Fasting P.E. Exemption

Sponsors:

House: Didech – Hernandez, B. – Carroll – Hernandez, E.

Senate: Johnson – Villivalam – Villa – Simmons – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires schools to excuse students participating in religious fasting to be excused from components of physical education courses.

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

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0169](#)

Religious Purpose Absence

Sponsors:

House: Didech – Ammons

Senate: Villivalam – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires superintendents to develop and distribute information about absence for religious purposes, how the school should be notified by parents, and the process for making up school work missed.

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

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0219](#)

Behavioral Restraint/Interventions

Sponsors:

House: Carroll – Buckner – Mussman – West – Wheeler

Senate: Gillespie – Simmons – Lightford – Van Pelt – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to create a grant program for schools to implement school-wide behavioral interventions. Limits a school district's use of timeout and physical restraint to be used only under certain circumstances, disallows certain restraint at the end of 2021-2022 school year, provides for certain prohibitions and information to be provided to parents.

Vote: House: 114-0; Senate 52-1

Last Action: Sent to governor June 15, 2021

[HB 0234](#)

Media Literacy

Sponsors:

House: Hernandez, E. – Kifowit

Senate: Villa – Ellman – Lightford – Stadelman – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill, as amended, provides that, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, every public high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy.

Vote: House 68-44; Senate 42-15

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0290](#)

PUNS Guide to Special Education Parents

Sponsors:

House: Hirschauer – Carroll

Senate: Villa

Summary: The bill requires school districts to distribute to special education parents the Department of Human Service (IDHS) guide, "Understanding PUNS: A guide to Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services."

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0376](#)

Asian American History Curriculum

Sponsors:

House: Gong-Gershowitz – Welch – Mah – Conroy – Ramirez

Senate: Villivalam – Van Pelt – Connor – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian American history.

Vote: House 108-10; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 16, 2021

[HB 0452](#)

Parental Notification of Specialized Service Schools

Sponsors:

House: Mussman – Ness

Senate: Fine – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill requires school districts to notify parents of the existence of schools that provide specialized services for children who are deaf, blind, or who have an orthopedic impairment. It also transfers the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS).

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[HB 0577](#)

Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Sponsors:

House: LaPointe – Kifowit – Hurley

Senate: Martwick – Van Pelt – Collins, J. – Johnson

Summary: The bill establishes a list of characteristics of students deemed at increased risk of suicide in the section requiring school districts to have a policy on youth suicide awareness and prevention.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 58-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 0597](#)

Suicide/Crisis Line on Student ID

Sponsors:

House: Marron – Stuart – Carroll – Bourne – Manley
Senate: Bennett, S. – Collins, J. – Van Pelt – Fowler – Morrison, J.

Summary: The bill requires school districts to provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and for the Crisis Text Line on the back of each student identification card issued by the school district.

Vote: House 108-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 1162](#)

Opioid Use Prevention/Avoidance

Sponsors:

House: Greenwood – Welch – Lilly
Senate: Crowe – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill, in the School Code section requiring discussion of effective methods for prevention and avoidance of drug and substance abuse, adds drugs and the dangers of opioids.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 1746](#)

Student Records – DCFS

Sponsors:

House: Hoffman – Ammons – Scherer
Senate: Morrison, J. – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill requires each school board to appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison to facilitate enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 1765](#)

Background Check on Citizens under OMA

Sponsors:

House: Buckner
Senate: Peters – Collins, J. – Van Pelt – Hunter

Summary: The bill creates the Empowering Public Participation Act prohibiting background checks on citizens wishing to address a public body defined under the Open Meetings Act (OMA), unless there is reasonable suspicion of a threat or for the protection of all persons involved in the meeting.

Vote: House 73-44; Senate 38-17

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[HB 1778](#)

Suicide Prevention on Student ID

Sponsors:

House: Rohr – Mussman – Conroy – Flowers – Marron
Senate: Cullerton – Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill requires school districts to print suicide prevention information on student identification cards included in student handbooks and planners, if they are provided, for grades 6 through 12.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 1785](#)

Notice of Hearing to Close School Building

Sponsors:

House: DeLuca – MCombie
Senate: Joyce

Summary: The bill requires a school board to hold three public hearings with 10 days' notice that includes a description of the school building the board is considering closing, when a district is determining whether a site or building has become unnecessary, unsuitable, or inconvenient.

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 1954](#)

Autism Awareness Week

Sponsors:

House: Hernandez, B. – Wheeler
Senate: Villa

Summary: The bill designates the first week of April as Autism Awareness Week to encourage school districts to participate in informed educational events.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 2521](#)

Labor Relations – Employee Rights

Sponsors:

House: Gonzalez, Jr. – Evans – Willis – Andrade, Jr. – Flowers
Senate: Villivalam – Hastings – Peters

Summary: The bill allows electronic signature and communication for labor to show interest in a labor organization petition and requires that showing of interest must occur within 12 months of petition filing. Also allows electronic secret ballot election in addition to paper ballot voting systems. Creates an unfair labor practice for employers to take any action for an employee's participation in a lawful strike.

Vote: House 71-43; Senate 40-15

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 2748](#)

Special Education Student COVID Eligibility

Sponsors:

House: Ness – Carroll
Senate: Koehler – Villa

Summary: The bill provides that if a special education student who reaches 22 years of age during a time when in-person learning/instruction are suspended for three months or more as a result of COVID-19 the student is eligible for services up to the end of the regular 2021-2022 school year. It also requires school districts to notify parents within 30 days of the effective date of the bill.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 3097](#)

Drivers Education Traffic Stops

Sponsors:

House: Harper – Ammons
Senate: Hunter – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill requires a driver education course to include a course of instruction in law enforcement procedures during traffic stops, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3202](#)

E-Cigarettes Health Education

Sponsors:

House: Mason
Senate: Hilton – Turner – Collins, J. – Morrison, J. – Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill adds e-cigarettes and other vapor devices as an education area under the Comprehensive Health Education Program.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3218](#)

College Admittance Options – Agriculture and Technical Education

Sponsors:

House: Smith – Ammons – Hammond – Harper
Senate: Sims – Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill adds college admittance options including agricultural sciences to be included in the three years of science requirement, and an option for career and technical education and agricultural education for the two years of foreign language, music, or art requirement.

Vote: House 116-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3223](#)

Pregnant, Parenting, Violence Victim Student Accommodations

Sponsors:

House: Moeller – Harris, G. – Mussman – Ammons – Scherer

Senate: Lightford – Collins, J. – Belt – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill allows a student who is a victim of gender-based violence to transfer schools immediately if the student's continued attendance at the original school poses a risk to the student's mental or physical well-being or safety. It also provides that a student's disclosure of his/her status as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of gender-based violence be a mitigating circumstance in any suspension or expulsion proceeding. Many other requirements for school districts are also included affecting homebound instruction, student absences/truancy, staff training, review/revision of policies and procedures, complaint procedures, confidentiality, and student accommodations and services.

Vote: House 86-32; Senate 42-17

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[HB 3272](#)

Pregnancy Absences – Students

Sponsors:

House: Harper
Senate: Hunter – Lightford – Van Pelt – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires school districts to adopt policies related to absences and missed schoolwork as a result of pregnancy.

Vote: House 71-39-2; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3281](#)

Naturalized U.S. Citizen Curriculum

Sponsors:

House: Ortiz – Mah – Zalewski – Buckner – Gong-Gershowitz

Senate: Villanueva – Lightford – Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill allows school districts to teach a unit of instruction on the process of becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3461](#)

Grooming – Curriculum

Sponsors:

House: Crespo – Mussman – Keicher – Elik
Senate: Curran – Villa

Summary: The bill requires school districts to adopt and implement a policy including an age-appropriate, evidence-based curriculum for students, pre-K through 12th

grade that includes training materials and instruction on prohibited grooming behaviors and how to report these behaviors to school authorities.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

HB 3922

Juneteenth National Freedom Day – School Holiday

Sponsors:

House: Ford – Flowers – Gordon-Booth – Ammons – Butler

Senate: Lightford – Johnson – Collins, J. – Sims – Hunter

Summary: The bill establishes Juneteenth National Freedom Day be observed as a school holiday.

Vote: House 99-0; Senate 51-0

Last Action: Public Act 102-0014, Effective date: January 1, 2022

HB 3950

Dual Credit – Disabilities

Sponsors:

House: LaPointe – Ammons – Hirschauer – Ortiz
Senate: Fine – Turner, D.

Summary: The bill requires community colleges to develop a plan to offer dual credit courses to high school students with disabilities enrolled in school districts located within the community college district. It also defines independent living skills for student transition services, requires school districts to share information about the school district's career and technical education opportunities (CTE), and requires school districts and community colleges to modify the dual credit plan to ensure access for students with disabilities with programs/supplementary aids/accommodations provided for in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

SB 0215

Opioid Litigation

Sponsors:

Senate: Crowe 23, 2021Belt – Castro – Bush – Collins, J.
House: Hoffman

Summary: The bill prohibits local governments and school districts to file or become a party to opioid litigation against an opioid defendant that is subject to a national multistate settlement unless approved by the Attorney General.

Vote: Senate 55-0; House 118-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

SB 0512

Nicotine Products Sale to Minor

Sponsors:

Senate: Morrison – Collins, J.

House: Morgan – Collins – Ammons – Gabel – Gong-Gershowitz

Summary: The bill creates the Preventing Youth Vaping Act disallowing any person to sell, buy for, distribute samples of or furnish electronic cigarettes or alternative nicotine products to persons under 21 years and establishes a Class 4 felony resulting in 1-6 years in prison and a fine of \$25,000 or more. Additionally, the Department of Revenue may impose a civil penalty up to \$10,000.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 107-7

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

SB 0539

Ethics Bill

Sponsors:

Senate: Gillespie – Curran – Harmon – Murphy, L. – Morrison, J.

House: Burke – Meyers-Martin

Summary: Restrictions are placed on types of assets and debts required to be disclosed. Limits ability of General Assembly members to lobby a General Assembly in which they served.

Vote: Senate: 59-0; House 113-5

Last Action: Sent to governor June 30, 2021

SB 0555

DHS Compliance Check – Retailers Sell Nicotine Products to Minors

Sponsors:

Senate: Bush – Belt

House: Andrade

Summary: The bill permits the Department of Human Services (IDHS) to conduct compliance checks on retailers selling tobacco products to investigate whether they are selling tobacco, nicotine, or e-cigarette products to underage persons.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 117-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0564

Faith Practices – History Curriculum

Sponsors:

Senate: Holmes – Ellman – Collins, J. – Castro – Hunter

House: Gonzalez, Jr. – Ammons – Kifowit

Summary: The bill provides that the teaching of history of the United States shall include the contributions made to society by Americans of different faith practices, including, but not limited to, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans,

Christian Americans, Hindu Americans, Sikh Americans, Buddhist Americans, and any other collective community of faith that has shaped America.

Vote: Senate 49-3; House 113-3

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0605 **Attendance Policy – Notice to Parents**

Sponsors:

Senate: Collins, J.

House: Hernandez, B. – Ramirez – Ammons

Summary: The bill sets forth the elements to be included in school district policies on absenteeism and truancy and requires annual notification to students and parents.

Vote: Senate 49-0; House 111-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 17, 2021

SB 0654 **Play Time – 30 Minutes**

Sponsors:

Senate: Peters – Holmes – Belt

House: Ortiz – Flowers – Zalewski – Croke – Lilly

Summary: The bill provides that play time shall be for all students in kindergarten through grade five. Requires play time to be for at least 30 minutes on any school day that is five clock hours or longer in length.

Vote: Senate 38-18; House 60-52

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0692 **Coal-Tar Sealant Parental Notice**

Sponsors:

Senate: Fine – Morrison, J. – Murphy, L. – Bush – Collins, J.

House: Gabel – Ammons – Hernandez, E.

Summary: The bill requires school districts to notify parents by telephone or written notice 10 days prior to application of coal-tar sealant. It also requires the district to obtain bids for an alternative for asphalt-based or latex-based sealant.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 112-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 24, 2021

SB 0805 **Unused Food Sharing Program for Needy Children**

Sponsors:

Senate: Belt – Villa – Johnson – Collins, J.

House: Greenwood – Hoffman – Mayfield – Jones, T. – Flowers

Summary: The bill requires school districts to develop an unused food sharing program for needy children. It requires school districts to incorporate the plan into the district's local

wellness policy. The program requires the school district and local health department to jointly support the program.

Vote: Senate 57-0; House 85-30

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

SB 0814 **Teacher Mentoring Program**

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford

House: Meyers-Martin – Stuart – Scherer

Summary: The bill creates a new teacher induction and mentoring program that aligns with the Illinois Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Standards and allows school districts that already have a teacher mentoring program to utilize their program and be eligible for funding if it is modified to meet the new requirements. It also establishes a competitive grant program for principal mentoring program and ties professional growth to the areas addressed in the Illinois Performance Standards for School Leaders.

Vote: Senate 36-17; House 71-44

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

SB 0817 **Dress Code – Hairstyles**

Sponsors:

Senate: Simmons – Aquino – Peters – Feigenholtz – Collins, J.

House: Harris, G. - Cassidy

Summary: The bill provides that a school uniform or dress code policy adopted by a school board or local school council shall not include or apply to hairstyles, including hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture.

Vote: Senate 41-12; House 89-22-1

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0818 **Comprehensive Sexual Health Education**

Sponsors:

Senate: Villivalam – Villanueva – Holmes – Murphy, L. – Pacione-Zayas

House: Lilly – Willis – Ramirez – Evans – Costa Howard

Summary: The bill requires school districts that deliver comprehensive sexual health education to utilize a standards-based sex education course for 6th through 12th grade. They may provide age and developmentally appropriate consent education for kindergarten through 5th grade students. It also includes school disclosure, parental requests, and notice of program. Allows school districts to collaborate with public health departments to identify a point of contact for inquiries and comments about course instruction and materials.

Vote: Senate 37-18; House 60-48

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

SB 0820 **Freedom Schools**

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford

House: Ammons

Summary: The bill provides clean-up provisions from the passage of PA 101-654. For Freedom Schools, it expands the definition for those eligible to include African American students and other students of color; adds members to the Inclusive American History Commission; expands the definitions regarding advanced placement and dual-credit coursework; changes the membership of the Whole Child Task Force; and extends early intervention services for pre-k children with an individualized education program (IEP) up to the beginning of the school year of their third birthday.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 72-43

Last Action: Sent to governor June 17, 2021

SB 0825 **Illinois Election Day Change – Omnibus**

Sponsors:

Senate: Harmon – Van Pelt – Villivalam

House: West – Stuart – Smith – Ammons – Carroll – Welch

Summary: The bill includes numerous changes regarding Illinois Elections, including vote-by-mail procedures, requiring vote centers to allow area voters to vote outside their precinct, and extending the county reapportionment deadline from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. For schools, the bill:

- Requires the Illinois State Board of Elections to provide a one-page document to be disseminated to all high school age students regarding voter registration and disallows school districts to prohibit nonpartisan voter registration on the school property.
- Establishes November 8, 2022 as a state holiday for everyone and requires schools to be available to be polling places for the November 8, 2022 General Election
- Changes the Primary Election Day from March 15, 2022 to June 28, 2022.

Vote: Senate 41-18; House 72-46

Last Action: Public Act 102-0015, Effective date: June 17, 2021

SB 1624 **College Admittance Options – Agriculture and Technical Education**

Sponsors:

Senate: Turner, D. – Turner, S. – Bailey – Plummer

House: Yednock – Stuart – Hammond

Summary: For students seeking college admittance, the bill adds college admittance options including agricultural sciences to be included in the three years of science requirement, and an option for career and technical education and agricultural education for the two years of foreign language, music, or art requirement.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

SB 1646 **TRS Employee Contributions**

Sponsors:

Senate: McClure – Villa

House: Marron – Welch – Severin – Didech – Scherer

Summary: The bill, in a provision that requires an employer to make an additional contribution to the System for certain salary increases greater than 6%, excludes salary increases resulting from teaching summer school on or after May 1, 2021 and before September 15, 2022.

Vote: Senate 55-1; House 110-5

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 1786 **Mental Health Resources Database**

Sponsors:

Senate: Murphy, L. – Plummer

House: Conroy – Ammons – Didech

Summary: The bill requires Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to develop an online database that contains mental health resources for access by school administrators.

Vote: Senate 55-0; House 111-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 17, 2021

SB 1830 **Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement Option**

Sponsors:

Senate: Loughran Cappel – Belt – Hastings – Cullerton – Collins, J.

House: Hirschauer – Hurley – Yang Rohr – Kifowit

Summary: The bill provides that a semester or part of semester of financial literacy may be a part of the fulfillment of the social studies requirement that each pupil entering the ninth grade must successfully complete to receive a high school diploma.

Vote: Senate 55-0; House 111-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 17, 2021

SB 1965 **Juneteenth – School Holiday**

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford – Belt – Collins, J. – Johnson – Hunter

House: Ford – Greenwood – Butler – Lilly – Batinick

Summary: The bill establishes Juneteenth National Freedom Day, June 19, to be observed as a school holiday.

Vote: Senate 48-0; House 117-0

Last Action: Sent to Governor June 7, 2021

[SB 2109](#)

School Board Professional Development Training

Sponsors:

Senate: Villa – Bush – Belt – Fine
House: Kifowit

Summary: The bill requires that professional development leadership training for school board members cover trauma-informed practices for students and staff beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

Vote: Senate 41-18; House 70-43

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[SB 2164](#)

Student Transportation – Agrarian-Related Activities

Sponsors:

Senate: Anderson – Crowe
House: Davidsmeyer

Summary: The bill allows transportation of students for agrarian-related school activities in vehicles other than school buses.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[SB 2340](#)

Adult Victim – Privacy

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford – Munoz – Collins, J. – Connor
House: Cassidy – Bos – Ammons

Summary: The bill provides that when a criminal sexual offense is committed by a school district employee or contracted employee, a copy of the criminal history record information related to the investigation shall be transmitted to the superintendent, excluding the adult victim's identity.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 117-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[SB 2354](#)

Forensic Speech Graduation Requirement Option

Sponsors:

Senate: Rezin
House: McCombie

Summary: The bill adds forensic speech to the list of options to fulfill the language arts graduation requirement.

Vote: Senate 56-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[SB 2356](#)

Open Meetings – Session Minutes

Sponsors:

Senate: Curran
House: Mazzochi – Bennett, T. – Weber

Summary: The bill, under the Open Meetings Act, requires public bodies to meet no less than semi-annually and review minutes of all closed meetings. It also provides for review of minutes when a public body has been dissolved.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 111-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[SB 2357](#)

Educator Misconduct

Sponsors:

Senate: DeWitte
House: Crespo – Mussman – Keicher – Bourne

Summary: The bill requires the school board, instead of the State Superintendent, to promptly notify the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) when the school board has been notified that a teacher has been convicted of any felony offense. It also provides for school district notification to the State Superintendent when a teacher terminates employment.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[SB 2434](#)

Student Record Sharing

Sponsors:

Senate: Harmon
House: Lilly

Summary: The bill allows intergovernmental sharing of student records and information between elementary and high schools that overlap in boundaries so long as a parent/guardian expresses in writing, that the student intends to enroll in the high school.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[SJRCA 0011](#)

Workers' Right Bargain Collectively

Sponsor:

Senate: Villivalam – Murphy, L. – Aquino – Anderson – Peters

House: Evans – Welch – Hurley – Welter – Gonzalez

Summary: The Senate Joint Resolution Constitution Amendment proposes to amend the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution providing that employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively

for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. Disallows any law be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the rights of employees collectively bargain, including any law or ordinance that prohibits organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

Vote: Senate 49-7; House 80-30

Last Action: Adopted both houses

PERSONNEL

[HB 0012](#)

Family Medical Leave

Sponsors:

House: Costa Howard – Stuart – Andrade – Evans – Willis

Senate: Villivalam – Bush – Lightford – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill requires school districts to grant Family Medical Leave to employees who have been employed for 12 months and worked at least 1,000 hours in the previous 12 months.

Vote: House 95-14; Senate 47-3

Last Action: Sent to governor June 21, 2021

[HB 0018](#)

Teacher Evaluation Timeline

Sponsors:

House: Scherer

Senate: Morrison, J. – Loughran Cappel

Summary: The bill changes the evaluation timeline for those teachers who receive excellent or proficient rating, to every three years.

Vote: House 116-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 0816](#)

Parental Leave of Absence

Sponsors:

House: Mussman – DeLuca

Senate: Feigenholtz

Summary: The bill rewrites parental leave of absence for birth or adoption of a child and allows paid sick leave to be used for up to 30 days of leave, also providing days do not have to be taken consecutively, immediately after birth or adoption, and disallows the district from counting any day in which school is not in session.

Vote: House 103-11; Senate 43-10

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 2569](#)

TRS – Return to Teaching

Sponsors:

House: Windhorst

Senate: Fowler

Summary: The bill extends the provision allowing retired teachers to return to teaching without penalty until June 30, 2024. It also requires schools to post vacancies on the district's website and in an online database. It also allows for a substitute teacher, under this section, to extend the 90 day period if they became ill after they were hired as a long-term substitute teacher.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3100](#)

Implicit Bias Training

Sponsors:

House: Ramirez

Senate: Villa – Collins, J. – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill requires mandated reporters under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA) to complete implicit bias training within three months of their date of engagement in a professional or official capacity as a mandated reporter and at least once every three years thereafter.

Vote: House 77-36; Senate 38-17

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 3582](#)

Crime Victim Leave

Sponsors:

House: Gabel – Conroy

Senate: Peters – Rezin – Van Pelt – Feigenholtz

Summary: The bill provides that victims and family members of victims of crimes of violence are also subject to the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act allowing them access to certain employee leave of absences.

Vote: House 105-9-1; Senate 42-13

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0661

Social Worker – Scholarship

Sponsors:

Senate: Gillespie – Fine

House: LaPointe – Carroll – West – Davis – Lilly

Summary: The bill establishes a scholarship program for students seeking a school social work professional educator licensure, requiring priority for scholarship distribution be given to students who are members of a racial minority.

Vote: Senate 51-6; House 72-44-1

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0662

Social Worker – Grant

Sponsors:

Senate: Gillespie – Fine

House: Carroll

Summary: The bill establishes a loan repayment program up to \$6,500 for repayment of an educational loan for students seeking a school social work professional educator licensure, requiring priority for grant distribution be given to students who are members of a racial minority.

Vote: Senate 42-15; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0698

School Bus Driver Applicants

Sponsors:

Senate: Villivalam – Hastings

House: D'Amico

Summary: The bill disallows school bus driver applicants to be licensed if they have been convicted of certain crimes, including aggravated domestic battery or specified offenses under the Liquor Control Act.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

SB 0808

Student Teacher Candidate Licensure

Sponsors:

Senate: Murphy, L. – Pacione-Zayas – Loughran Cappel – Aquino – Curran

House: Guzzardi

Summary: The bill states, in order to obtain a license under

the Article, a student teacher candidate may not be required to videotape himself or herself or his or her students in a classroom setting.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 89-25

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 1056

TRS Eligibility

Sponsors:

Senate: Martwick – Stewart

House: Halpin

Summary: For the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), the bill increases the eligibility age from 70 ½ to 72 for receipt of survivor benefits. It also adds Educational Service Center (ESC) chief administrative officers to those who are eligible for benefits under TRS and authorizes a refund under the Teacher Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) for discrepancies between Medicare rates and TRIP program rates.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 86-27-1

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 1640

Guidance Counselor Gift Ban

Sponsors:

Senate: Rose – McConchie

House: Stuart – Ammons

Summary: The bill disallows guidance counselors from receiving gifts from prohibited sources.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

SB 1989

Retired Teachers Return to Service

Sponsors:

Senate: Joyce – Loughran Cappel – Connor

House: Davidsmeyer

Summary: The bill extends the sunset date to 2023 allowing retired teachers to return to work up to 120 days or 600 hours per year without impairing retirement status.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

REGIONAL OFFICES OF EDUCATION

HB 1934

Cash Basis Accounting

Sponsors:

House: McCombie – Hammond

Senate: Ellman

Summary: The bill allows Regional Offices of Education and Educational Service Regions to use cash basis, modified cash basis, or GAAP basis accounting in the preparation of financial statements.

Vote: Senate 117-0; House 57-0

Last Action: Public Act 102-0025, Effective Date: June 25, 2021

SCHOOL FINANCE

[HB 1725](#)

Cook County Trustees of Schools Information

Sponsors:

Senate: Davis – Ammons

House: Harris, N. – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires Cook County trustees of schools to maintain a website for certain information to be available for public viewing. Also requires township school treasurers to provide an investment report to the schools they serve within 30 days of the end of each quarter.

Vote: House 116-1; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[SB 0813](#)

Average Student Enrollment Calculation

Sponsors:

Senate: Johnson – Belt

House: Mayfield

Summary: The bill, with respect to the Evidence-Based Funding formula, provides that, in recognition of the impact of COVID-19, the definition of “Average Student Enrollment” or “ASE” shall be adjusted for calculations for fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

Vote: Senate 49-6; House 75-39

Last Action: Public Act 102-0033, Effective Date: June 25, 2021

[SB 2017](#)

Budget Implementation

Sponsors:

Senate: Harmon – Sims

House: Harris, G.

Summary: The Budget Implementation Bill (BIMP) contains numerous provisions affecting Illinois state government operations. For schools the bill includes the following,

- Allows tech-based learning resources to include reimbursements for cost of tuition incurred by a school district for online courses, under the School Technology Program
- Extends the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) deadline for completing school report cards from October 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021
- Allows Collinsville CUSD 10 to forgo a referendum for building, with certain requirements including holding two public hearings
- Establishes matching grant levels, based upon Evidence Based Funding (EBF) Tiers, for school districts seeking early childhood school construction grants
- Expands the Advanced Placement (AP) exam fee waiver program to all students eligible for free and reduced lunch and reduces by state subsidy, the fees charged by the College Board for Advanced Placement

- Makes changes to the 6% cap on end-of-service salary increases that may result in penalty payments under the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) when calculating final average salary for retirement.
- Establishes a Children’s Mental Health Plan and adds recommendations for ensuring all Illinois youth receive mental health education and services in the school setting
- Sunsets the “Invest in Kids” income tax incentive program in 2024. Also establishes a new eligible Career and Technical Education Program where ISBE determines program qualifications and includes a five year program review. This new program has a limit of credit award to 15% of the annual statewide program cap and must register as an entity within 30 days of the effective date of this Act.
- Creates a property tax exemption for educational trade schools
- Under the Coronavirus Vaccine Incentive Public Health Promotion, allows monetary awards including scholarships or educational awards for minors, to encourage vaccinations.

Vote: Senate 38-19; House 73-44

Last Action: Public Act 102-0016, Effective date: June 17, 2021

[SB 2232](#)

School Library Grant Increase

Sponsors:

Senate: Murphy, L. – Hastings

House: Mussman

Summary: The bill increases State Librarian grants to public schools from \$.75 per student to \$.885 per student and that the State Librarian shall endeavor to increase the qualifying school library total grant to at least \$850 (rather than \$750).

Vote: Senate 56-0; House 115-1

Last Action: Public Act 102-0039, Effective Date: June 25, 2021

[SB 2800](#)

Budget Bill and Capital

Sponsors:

Senate: Harmon – Sims – Hunter

House: Welch – Harris, G.

Summary: Summary:

\$42.3 billion total state spending

- \$350 million new investment in Evidence Based Funding
- \$17 million for Freedom Schools
- Over \$20 million for after school programs
- \$1 million grant for student mental health
- Various grants to school districts from the Build Illinois Bond Fund

Vote: Senate: 36-21; House 72-44-1

Last Action: Public Act 102-0017, Effective date: June 17, 2021

SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH

[HB 0343](#)

Traffic School Zone Start Time

Sponsors:

House: Batinick – Butler

Senate: Loughran Cappel

Summary: The bill changes the beginning of the school day from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. for the special speed limits while passing schools.

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

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 0576](#)

Mental Health Student Absence

Sponsors:

House: LaPointe – Kifowit – Greenwood – Stuart

Senate: Martwick – Van Pelt – Rezin – Villa

Summary: The bill allows student absences, up to five days, for mental or behavioral health to be excused absences.

Vote: House 118-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[HB 2400](#)

School Safety Drills

Sponsors:

House: Hirschauer – Costa Howard – Stava-Murray – Ammons

Senate: Villa – Gillespie

Summary: The bill sets forth several limitations, requirements, and notice requirements regarding school safety drills.

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 2584](#)

School Bus Safety Equipment

Sponsors:

House: Murphy, M. – Carroll

Senate: Rose – Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill makes changes to specifications regarding stop signal arms under school bus regulations and allows the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to establish a pilot program for testing school bus safety equipment.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[SB 0346](#)

School Based Dental Program

Sponsors:

Senate: Morrison, J. – Fine – Feigenholtz

House: Kifowit – LaPointe

Summary: The bill requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) to administer a school-based dental program beginning January 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 112-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 24, 2021

[SB 1577](#)

Mental Health Student Absence

Sponsors:

Senate: Martwick – Hastings – Belt – Collins, J.

House: La Pointe

Summary: The bill allows students to be absent up to five days for mental or behavioral health without a medical note, and students shall be allowed to make up any school work missed.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[SB 2245](#)

Pesticides Use Limits

Sponsors:

Senate: Morrison, J.

House: Welter – Hernandez, E.

Summary: The bill prohibits the use of certain pesticides within 500 feet of a school during normal hours, except for whole structure fumigation, and defines normal school hours as 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding days when classes are not in session.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 109-3

Last Action: Sent to governor June 24, 2021

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

[HB 2438](#)

Report Card Data – National Certified Teachers

Sponsors:

House: Stuart – Davis – Mussman
Senate: Pacione-Zayas – Van Pelt – Villa

Summary: The bill adds the number of teachers who are National Board Certified Teachers, disaggregated by race and ethnicity to Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) school report cards.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 2878](#)

Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity

Sponsors:

House: Stuart – Ammons – Crespo
Senate: Pacione-Zayas – Castro – Van Pelt – Lightford – Villa

Summary: The bill creates the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Act to serve the needs of early childhood workforce and employers of early childhood educators to advance racial equity while meeting the needs by improving accessibility of degree completion pathways. By January 31, 2022 the consortium shall determine Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

Vote: House 118-0; Senate 58-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

[HB 3114](#)

State Education Equity Committee

Sponsors:

House: Delgado – Smith – Andrade – Kifowit
Senate: Aquino – Lightford – Belt – Collins, J. – Van Pelt

Summary: The bill creates a State Education Equity Committee to address systemic inequities and ensure each and every child is equipped to reach their fullest potential.

Vote: House 111-5; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

[HB 3178](#)

Agriculture Committee – Advise ISBE

Sponsors:

House: Harper – Chesney
Senate: Bennett, S. – Plummer

Summary: The bill, for the committee of agriculturalists, adds the duty to advise the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) on the administration of agricultural education appropriation and rulemaking that affects agricultural education teachers.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3906](#)

Special Education – Parent Location Unknown

Sponsors:

House: Davis
Senate: Harris, N. – Lightford

Summary: The bill allows Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to determine the location of a parent of a student is unknown after considering information from a school district or special education facility providing services to the student.

Vote: House 99-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[SB 0517](#)

High Cost Special Education Funding Commission

Sponsors:

Senate: Loughran Cappel – Bryant
House: Manley – Mussman

Summary: The bill creates the High-Cost Special Education Funding Commission to make recommendations to the governor and the General Assembly for an alternative funding structure in this state for high-cost special education students that is aligned to the principles of the Evidence-Based Funding formula.

Vote: Senate 54-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 21, 2021

[SB 0633](#)

Report Card Data – Incidents of Violence

Sponsors:

Senate: Murphy, L. – Lightford – DeWitte
House: Conroy

Summary: The bill requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) report card, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, to include data on the number of incidents of violence on school grounds that resulted in out-of-school disciplinary action.

Vote: Senate 55-0; House 117-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[SB 0673](#)

Bullying Prevention Funding

Sponsors:

Senate: Collins, J. – Connor – Castro
House: Gonzalez – Hurley

Summary: The bill requires Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide funding for counselors and social workers to support mediation for Human Rights Act student bullying.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 112-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 24, 2021

SB 0812

Support Personnel Data

Sponsors:

Senate: Bennett, S.

House: Mussman

Summary: The bill requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to make available the total number of school support personnel and the pupil-to-school support personnel ratio beginning January 1, 2023. It also requires school districts to report this information annually no later than November 16 beginning in 2022.

Vote: Senate 58-1; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 2043

ISBE Omnibus Initiative

Sponsors:

Senate: Pacione-Zayas – Villa

House: Bourne – Hernandez, E.

Summary: The bill is the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) omnibus initiative making numerous changes, including a focus to increase equity in all Illinois schools.

- For the School Report Card: ISBE will post the report on December 31 and require districts to report the number of students graduating or leaving bilingual programs.
- For school board suspension & expulsion hearings: Requires school boards to invite a local mental health

provider to consult with the board when acting on a suspension or expulsion where mental health may be the cause.

- Removes the requirement that bilingual teachers pass the English language proficiency test.
- For transportation reimbursement, clarifies that the state will pay the prorated allowable cost, less the real equalized valuation as computed under the Evidence Based Funding law.

Vote: Senate 53-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

SB 2088

Suspend/Expel Student – Prevent Learning Loss

Sponsors:

Senate: Belt – Pacione-Zayas – Loughran Cappel – Sims – Lightford

House: Davis – Flowers

Summary: The bill adds, as a goal of the Whole Child Task Force, recommending legislation, policies, and practices to prevent learning loss in students during periods of suspension and expulsion, including, but not limited to, remote instruction.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

STUDENTS

HB 0026

Internet Accessibility – Disabled Students

Sponsors:

House: Mah – Stoneback – Mussman – Morgan – Carroll

Senate: Pacione-Zayas

Summary: The bill requires third party online curriculum to be accessible to disabled students.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

HB 0040

Special Education – Maximum Age

Sponsors:

House: Hurley – Burke – Ness – LaPointe – Manley

Senate: Cunningham – Morrison, J. – Bush – Holmes

Summary: The bill provides that a student whose 22nd birthday occurs during the school year is eligible for special education services through the end of the school year.

Vote: House 96-9-3; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

HB 0212

Mental Health Task Force

Sponsors:

House: Conroy – Hoffman – Welch

Senate: Glowiak Hilton – Van Pelt – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill, within the state's Children's Mental Health Plan, calls for recommendations for ensuring all Illinois youth receive mental health education and have access to mental health care in the school setting.

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

HB 0557

Military Dependent Tuition

Sponsors:

House: Keicher – Kifowit

Senate: Crowe – Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill provides that if a dependent of active United States military personnel is a nonresident of the school district and his or her parent or guardian is being transferred to a military installation located within the district, then the district must permit the dependent to enroll in school and must not charge the dependent nonresident tuition.

Vote: House 108-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 23, 2021

TAXATION

[HB 0227](#)

TIF Ottawa/Melrose Park

Sponsors:

House: Yednock
Senate: Rezin

Summary: The bill extends the City of Ottawa and Village of Melrose Park Tax Increment Financing Project (TIF) to 35 years.

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 0453](#)

Property Tax – Vendor Report

Sponsors:

House: Davis – Ammons – Smith – Meyers-
Martin
Senate: Harris, N. – Collins, J.

Summary: The bill requires taxing districts having an aggregate property tax levy of \$5 million or more to collect and publish as to whether vendors or subcontractors are minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned.

Vote: House 110-5-1; Senate 44-14

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

[HB 0571](#)

TIF Reporting

Sponsors:

House: Carroll – Zalewski – Greenwood

Senate: Gillespie – Turner, D. – Morrison, J. – Fine –
Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill, for new redevelopment projects beginning in 2022, requires municipalities to provide additional information in the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) annual report submitted to the comptroller and taxing districts.

Vote: House 114-1-1; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 2061](#)

TIF Mount Carroll/Elizabeth

Sponsors:

House: Chesney
Senate: Stewart

Summary: The bill extends the City of Mount Carroll and Village of Elizabeth TIF projects to 35 years.

Vote: House 108-2; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 2365](#)

TIF Mt. Pulaski

Sponsors:

House: Butler
Senate: Turner, S.

Summary: The bill extends the City of Mt. Pulaski TIF to 35 years.

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 2826](#)

TIF Washington

Sponsors:

House: Sommer
Senate: Turner, S.

Summary: The bill extends the City of Washington TIF from 35 to 47 years.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

[HB 3289](#)

Homestead Exemption No-Reapply Approval

Sponsors:

House: Walsh – Hoffman – Mayfield
Senate: Connor – Loughran Cappel – Holmes – Collins,
J. – Murphy, L.

Summary: The bill allows the county assessment officer to approve homestead exemptions for the 2021 tax year without application for any property that was previously approved for the exemption in 2020 with certain limitations.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 21, 2021

[HB 3313](#)

TIF Morris/Springfield

Sponsors:

House: Welter
Senate: Rezin

Summary: The bill extends the City of Morris and City of Springfield TIFs from 35 to 47 years.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 59-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 25, 2021

SB 0060

Tax-Equivalent Grants

Sponsors:

Senate: Connor – McClure – Stadelman

House: West

Summary: The bill, for school districts that are eligible for tax-equivalent grants, allows the grants to be awarded to school districts where the state owns 40% or more of the total land area of the district.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 0508

Aggregate Extension Base Error Adjustment

Sponsors:

Senate: Hastings

House: Zalewski – Guerrero-Cuellar

Summary: The omnibus property taxation bill that also provides that a taxing district's aggregate extension base shall be adjusted whenever an assessment increase or decrease due to the issuance of a certificate of error, a decision of the board of review, or a decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 111-1-1

Last Action: Sent to governor June 29, 2021

SB 1667

Electronic Levy Certification

Sponsors:

Senate: Holmes

House: Welter – Ammons

Summary: The bill allows school districts to certify the levy and any supplemental/supportive information to the county clerk electronically.

Vote: Senate 59-0; House 113-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

SB 2244

Senior Assessment Freeze Income Eligibility

Sponsors:

Senate: Murphy, L. – Hunter – Sims – Jones, E.

House: Meyers-Martin – Ford – Hurley – Moylan – Greenwood

Summary: The bill increases the income limitation for eligibility to receive the senior citizens assessment freeze home-
stead exemption from \$65,000 to \$75,000.

Vote: Senate 58-0; House 117-0

Last Action: Sent to governor June 28, 2021

GUBERNATORIAL ACTION ON BILLS

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

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

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

DETERMINING EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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

Bills Passed Prior to June 1

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

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

A bill passed prior to June 1 of a calendar year that does provide for an effective date in the bill shall become effective on

the date that it is signed if the effective date provided in the bill occurs before the date of signing.

Bills Passed After May 31

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

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

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

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