

Digest of Bills Passed

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General Assembly**



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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 participate in an important lobbying function. Over the next few weeks the Governor will be considering these bills and will decide whether they merit his signature or veto. Therefore, we submit this digest to you and suggest that you contact the Governor's office regarding any bill that is important to your local district. **Address correspondence to: Office of the Governor, 207 State House, Springfield, Illinois 62706.**

The Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance lobbying team has made every effort to identify and include in this publication any bill that affects the schools. We recognize, however, that one or more bills may have escaped our attention. Also, please note that the synopsis of each bill is extremely 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.

Copies of bills may be obtained from the Illinois Legislative Information System website at <http://www.ilga.gov/>

In locating bills of interest to you, note that 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.

If you have any questions about legislation please call one of the offices of the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance and ask for the governmental relations staff. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding the content and format of this publication.

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BOARDS OF EDUCATION

HB 0243

Police Training Academy with Schools

Sponsors:

House: Flowers – Ford – Harris – Turner – Greenwood
Senate: Van Pelt – Hunter

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/22-83 new
110 ILCS 947/65.95 new
30 ILCS 105/5.878 new
30 ILCS 105/6z-102 new

Summary: The bill allows school districts with high schools in certain counties to form a partnership with local police to offer a training academy for students. It also establishes the Police Training Academy Job Training Program and Scholarship Fund in the State Treasury.

Vote: House 91-7; Senate 48-3-1

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 0619

FOIA Exempt Incarcerated Requests

Sponsors:

House: Walsh – Costello – Wheeler, K. –
Bourne – Pritchard
Senate: Haine – Bertino-Tarrant

Chapter Reference:

5 ILCS 140/7

Summary: The bill adds an exemption to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for records requested by a person incarcerated that would result in the risk of harm to any person and records containing personal information pertaining to the incarcerated person's victim or victim's family including contact information such as their school address.

Vote: House 98-9-1; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 0768

Charter School Commission

Sponsors:

House: Welch – Flowers – Davis
Senate: Holmes – Bush – Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/27A-7.5
105 ILCS 5/27A-8
105 ILCS 5/27A-9

Summary: The bill removes provisions allowing the State Charter School Commission to reverse a school board's decision to deny, revoke, or not renew a charter. If a charter school applicant submits a proposal to a school board outside of the process adopted by that school board for receiving charter school proposals on an annual basis, the applicant shall not have any right to submit its proposal to the State Charter School Commission. Concerning a charter school proposed to be jointly authorized by two or more school districts, the school boards may unanimously deny the charter school proposal with a statement that the school boards are not opposed to the charter school, but that they yield to the Commission in light of the complexities of joint administration.

Vote: House 61-46; Senate 33-17-2

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2540

Special Education Joint Agreements

Sponsors:

House: Willis – McAuliffe – Pritchard –
Chapa LaVia – Fine
Senate: Harmon

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.31

Summary: The bill provides an appeals process through intermediate service centers for a school district that loses a petition to withdraw from its special education joint agreement program.

Vote: House 112-0; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2950

Anti-Bully Resources

Sponsors:

House: Conyears-Ervin – Sauer – Gordon-Booth –
Lilly – Davis
Senate: Van Pelt – Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.7

Summary: The bill requires schools to designate personnel and periodically provide students information about what to do, and resources available, if the student is being bullied.

Vote: House 101-10; Senate 51-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2957

Insurance – Synchronization

Sponsors:

House: Fine
Senate: Mulroe

Chapter Reference:

5 ILCS 375/6.11
55 ILCS 5/5-1069.3
65 ILCS 5/10-4-2.3
105 ILCS 5/10-22.3f
215 ILCS 5/356z.25 new
215 ILCS 125/5-3
215 ILCS 130/4003
215 ILCS 165/10
305 ILCS 5/5-16.8

Summary: The bill requires school district health insurance policies to include synchronization of prescription drug refills on at least one occasion per insured, per year.

Vote: House 110-1; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3044

Prevailing Wage County Schedule

Sponsors:

House: Hoffman – Wheeler, K. – Jones –
Durkin
Senate: Silverstein – McConnaughay

Chapter Reference:

820 ILCS 130/9

Summary: The bill requires the Department of Labor (DOL) to publish on their website the prevailing wage schedule for each county based upon the rate of wages in June, by August 15 of each year.

Vote: House 117-0; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Sent to Governor June 9, 2017.

HB 3059

Daily Average Attendance by Grade Level

Sponsors:

House: Pritchard – Davis
Senate: Bertino-Tarrant – Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/18-8.05(F)(1)

Summary: The bill requires school districts to report attendance data by grade level on the attendance information report due to Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) July 1 of each year.

Vote: House 109-1; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3120

Prevailing Wage Post on Website

Sponsors:

House: Demmer
Senate: Bivins

Chapter Reference:

820 ILCS 130/9

Summary: The bill allows a public body to satisfy the newspaper publication requirement for its determination of the prevailing rate of wages by posting on the public body's website a hyperlink to the prevailing wage schedule for that locality on the Department of Labor (DOL) website.

Vote: House 112-1; Senate 55-1

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3169

DCFS Youth in Care

Sponsors:

House: Sauer – Stratton – Batinick – Hammond – Flowers
Senate: McConchie – Righter

Chapter Reference:

5 ILCS 179/10
5 ILCS 350/1
20 ILCS 5/5-535 was 20 ILCS 5/6.15
20 ILCS 505/4d new
20 ILCS 505/5
20 ILCS 505/5a
20 ILCS 505/6b
20 ILCS 505/7.5
20 ILCS 505/34.11
20 ILCS 505/35.1
20 ILCS 505/39.3
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730 ILCS 5/5-6-3.1
740 ILCS 110/9
750 ILCS 50/1
750 ILCS 50/12.2
750 ILCS 50/18.3
750 ILCS 50/18.9

Summary: In sections of the School Code referring to “wards of the State”, the bill adds to the definition to include youth in care, as defined as persons placed in the temporary custody or guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3394

DCFS Investigations

Sponsors:

House: Walsh – Costello
Senate: Morrison

Chapter Reference:

325 ILCS 5/7.4

Summary: The bill allows the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to recommend removal of a school employee that is the subject of an investigation, pending the outcome, but allows all employment decisions to be the sole responsibility of the school district or employer. It prohibits DCFS from requiring a district to remove the employee or limit their duties pending the outcome of an investigation.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3437

Charter School Closing Notice

Sponsors:

House: Soto
Senate: Hunter – Martinez

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/27A-10.10

Summary: The bill requires Chicago charter schools to give at least 60 days’ notice of the closure of a school, lasting at least one school year, to all affected students, parents, and legal guardians.

Vote: House 90-8; Senate 55-2

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3601

East St. Louis Dual Credit

Sponsors:

House: Greenwood
Senate: Clayborne

Chapter Reference:

110 ILCS 805/3-29.11 new

Summary: The bill encourages East St. Louis School District 189 to allow 11th and 12th grade students to take classes at Southwestern Illinois College for dual credit at no cost to the student.

Vote: House 112-1; Senate 54-1

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0081

Minimum Wage Increase

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford – Biss – Collins
House: Guzzardi – Turner – Riley – Hernandez – Wallace

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 5/704A
820 ILCS 105/4

Summary: The bill would increase the state minimum wage incrementally to \$15 per hour by 2022.

Vote: Senate 30-23-2; House 61-53-2

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0314

Insurance – Mammogram Coverage

Sponsors:

Senate: Murphy – Bush – Van Pelt – Cunningham
House: Stuart – Moylan – Stratton

Chapter Reference:

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

Summary: The bill requires insurance coverage to include an MRI of breast tissue if a physician determines it is medically necessary.

Vote: Senate 55-0; House 114-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0447

Agriculture Education in Chicago

Sponsors:

Senate: Cunningham
House: Hurley – Welch – Butler

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/34-21.1

Summary: The bill, for Chicago public schools, would provide that a maximum of 80 students may be enrolled in the agricultural science school modified curriculum for diverse learners (special education cluster program).

Vote: Senate 53-0; House 110-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0764

DCFS Materials

Sponsors:

Senate: Morrison – Van Pelt – Lightford
House: Mayfield

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-23.12
105 ILCS 5/27A-5
105 ILCS 5/34-18.6

Summary: The bill allows the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in cooperation with school officials, to distribute appropriate materials in school buildings listing the toll-free telephone number established in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to be displayed in a clearly visible location in each school building

Vote: Senate 53-0; House 115-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1223

Accelerated Placement Policy

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford – Weaver – Koehler – McConchie
House: Lilly – Pritchard – Fortner – Wallace

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/Art. 14A heading
105 ILCS 5/14A-15
105 ILCS 5/14A-17 new
105 ILCS 5/14A-25
105 ILCS 5/14A-32 new
105 ILCS 5/14A-35

Summary: The bill requires each school district to have a policy, which includes a panel of decision-makers including the student's parents, that allows for accelerated placement. It also requires certain data to be reported to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Vote: Senate 53-1; House 99-11

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1532

Attendance Counts on Report Card

Sponsors:

Senate: Collins
House: Chapa LaVia – Pritchard

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-17a

Summary: The bill adds average daily attendance (ADA) to the list of items that schools must report on the Illinois School District Report Card. ADA is defined as the average of the actual number of attendance days during the previous school year for any enrolled student. It requires this method of reporting ADA for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and 504 plans to be reported.

Vote: Senate 48-7; House 116-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 2028

School Activity Bus Use

Sponsors:

Senate: Cullerton, T.

House: Beiser – Unes – Skillicorn

Chapter Reference:

625 ILCS 5/12-825 new

Summary: The bill allows schools to be relieved of the alternative plating and registration requirements when using a school bus for school related activities.

Vote: Senate 51-1; House 111-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

ELECTIONS

HB 0512

Election Notice of Public Questions

Sponsors:

House: Olsen – Breen

Senate: Nybo

Chapter Reference:

10 ILCS 5/12-5

Summary: The bill requires local governments and school districts to publish notice of public questions no later than 60 days nor less than 10 days prior to the referenda appearing on the ballot (currently 30 days).

Vote: House 102-0; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

PERSONNEL

HB 0106

Educator Licensure – Chief Business Official

Sponsors:

House: Batinick – Kifowit – Chapa LaVia – Davis – Sauer

Senate: Connelly

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/21B-20

105 ILCS 5/21B-25

Summary: The bill provides that the holder of a Master's Degree in Public Administration who completes an additional six semester hours of internship in school business management from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and passes applicable State tests is eligible for a chief school business official endorsement.

Vote: House 106-0; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 0655

Educator License Lapse Email

Sponsors:

House: Cavaletto – Ammons

Senate: Fowler

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/21B-45

Summary: The bill requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to use email to notify those with a lapse of their educator's license, but no sooner than six months prior to the license lapsing.

Vote: House 105-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 0826

School Social Workers Licensure

Sponsors:

House: Lilly
Senate: Koehler – Castro – Van Pelt

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new
105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a
105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new

Summary: The bill codifies in statute licensure requirements for school social workers and prohibits school social workers from providing services outside their employment to any student in the district. It makes a recommendation for a student to social worker ratio of 250 to 1.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2377

Deaf or Visually-Impaired Schools

Sponsors:

House: Davidsmeyer – Wehrli
Senate: McCann – Tracy

Chapter Reference:

20 ILCS 415/4d

Summary: The bill extends the sunset date to August 30, 2019 for the partial personnel jurisdiction exemption for all positions within the Illinois School for the Deaf and School for the Visually Impaired and makes it apply to all rehabilitation/mobility instructors and trainees.

Vote: House 114-1; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2462

Wage History Disclosure

Sponsors:

House: Moeller – Stuart – Lang – Currie – Hernandez
Senate: Biss – Cullerton, T. – Martinez –
Holmes – Hutchinson

Chapter Reference:

820 ILCS 112/10
820 ILCS 112/30

Summary: The bill prohibits employers from screening job applicants based on wage and salary history and prohibits an employer from seeking the salary and benefits of a job applicant from any current or former employer with certain exemptions.

Vote: House 91-24; Senate 35-18-1

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2470

Educator Licensure – CTE

Sponsors:

House: Walsh – Pritchard – Costello
Senate: Bertino-Tarrant

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/21B-20

Summary: The bill allows applicants for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) endorsement to count course-work from a technical institution, and allows a test of work proficiency to satisfy endorsement application.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2898

Educator Licensure – Principal

Sponsors:

House: Crespo – Pritchard
Senate: Morrison

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/21B-25

Summary: The bill removes the date (of June 30, 2021) until which a principal endorsement may be affixed to the Professional Educator License of a person who has, among other qualifications, at least four total years of experience working in the capacity of school support personnel.

Vote: House 90-1; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2966

IMRF Reported Earnings

Sponsors:

House: Andrade – Davis
Senate: Althoff – Martinez

Chapter Reference:

40 ILCS 5/7-172
40 ILCS 5/7-174

Summary: Under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the bill changes references to “salary” to “reported earnings” regarding additional contributions from the local government, and makes the change retroactive to January 1, 2012.

Vote: House 79-27; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3070

IMRF Purchased Credits

Sponsors:

House: Martwick – Davis

Senate: Clayborne

Chapter Reference:

40 ILCS 5/7-139

40 ILCS 5/7-139.2

40 ILCS 5/7-142.1

40 ILCS 5/7-145.1

40 ILCS 5/7-169

Summary: Under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the bill requires participants to notify and provide payment for purchase of certain types of service credit prior to termination of employment.

Vote: House 85-25-2; Senate 46-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3298

Substitute Teacher License Refund

Sponsors:

House: Scherer – Mayfield – Kifowit – Stratton – Harper

Senate: Manar

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/21B-40

Summary: The bill allows substitute teachers a refund of the \$50 licensure application fee if they teach 10 full school days within 18 months of issuance.

Vote: House 99-1; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3615

DCFS Abuse Reporting – School Employee Due Process

Sponsors:

House: Jesiel – Bellock

Senate: Weaver – Lightford

Chapter Reference:

325 ILCS 5/7.4

Summary: The bill changes due process rights for any school employee accused of child abuse or neglect and reported to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Vote: House 108-0; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3684

Food Service Sanitation Certification

Sponsors:

House: Burke, K. – Hernandez – Hammond – Frese

Senate: Koehler – Mulroe

Chapter Reference:

410 ILCS 625/3

Summary: The bill changes the certification requirements for certified food service sanitation managers and food service sanitation manager instructors beginning January 1, 2018.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3820

Educator Licensure – CTE and Special Education Endorsement

Sponsors:

House: Crespo – Cavaletto – Pritchard

Senate: Bertino-Tarrant – Bush

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/21B-15

105 ILCS 5/21B-20

105 ILCS 5/21B-25

105 ILCS 5/21B-35

105 ILCS 5/21B-45

Summary: The bill makes changes for teacher licensure for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Special Education endorsements. It also lowers the minimum age to obtain a teaching license from 20 to 19.

Vote: House 93-0; Senate 48-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3869

Racial Bias Training

Sponsors:

House: Wallace – Chapa LaVia – Harper –

Ammons – Evans

Senate: Hunter – Stadelman – Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new

105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new

Summary: The bill requires in-service training for school personnel on civil rights and cultural diversity, including racial and ethnic sensitivity and implicit racial bias.

Vote: House 60-51-1; Senate 49-0

Last Action: Sent to Governor June 9, 2017.

SB 0318

Employee Genetic Testing

Sponsors:

Senate: Manar
House: Ammons

Chapter Reference:

410 ILCS 513/25

Summary: This bill disallows employers from penalizing any employee who does not disclose his or her genetic information or does not choose to participate in a program requiring disclosure of such.

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

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0701

IMRF Pension Earnings

Sponsors:

Senate: Morrison – Bush – Murphy
House: Nekritz

Chapter Reference:

40 ILCS 5/7-114
40 ILCS 5/7-172

Summary: The bill excludes vehicle allowances from the definition of “earnings” for an Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) pension.

Vote: Senate 53-0; House 112-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1739

Minority Teachers Scholarships

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford – Manar – Van Pelt
House: Ford – Chapa LaVia – Flowers – Welch – Willis

Chapter Reference:

110 ILCS 947/50

Summary: The bill provides that a student who is already licensed to teach, and is enrolled in a course of study leading to an additional teaching endorsement or a master’s degree in an academic field in which he or she is teaching or plans to teach, may participate in the Minority Teachers of Illinois scholarship program.

Vote: Senate 56-0; House 113-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1991

Agriculture Education Task Force

Sponsors:

Senate: Bennett – Holmes
House: Costello – Chapa LaVia – Mayfield –
Pritchard – Cavaletto

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.80c new

Summary: The bill creates a task force to study the pool of agriculture educators, shortage areas, and licensure standards.

Vote: Senate 47-0; House 115-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

REGIONAL OFFICES OF EDUCATION

HB 0425

Regional Superintendent Salary Structure

Sponsors:

House: Welch – Nekritz – Jones – Durkin – Harris
Senate: Lightford

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/3-2.5

Summary: The bill makes changes to the salary structure of Regional Superintendents of Schools and their assistants, especially in regard to the Educational Service Centers in Cook County.

Vote: House 84-16-1; Senate 35-19

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SCHOOL FINANCE

HB 0261

Homeless Child Housing Assistance

Sponsors:

House: Mussman
Senate: Bennett – Collins – Hunter

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/29-5
105 ILCS 45/1-17 new
105 ILCS 45/1-18 new

Summary: The bill allows school districts to use transportation funds, in certain circumstances, to assist parents of a child at risk of homelessness with rent, mortgage, and assistance to pay unpaid bills.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 39-15

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 0656

TRS Federal Fund Rate

Sponsors:

House: Gordon-Booth – Wallace –
Sosnowski – Kifowit – Jesiel
Senate: Holmes – Stadelman – Manar – Bush – Koehler

Chapter Reference:

40 ILCS 5/16-158

Summary: The bill changes the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) federal funds rate from the unfunded liability rate to the normal cost rate for school staff paid with federal program dollars.

Vote: House 105-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2426

Preschool Grants

Sponsors:

House: Currie – Chapa LaVia – Hernandez
Senate: Aquino – Lightford – McConnaughay – Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/1D-1

Summary: The bill requires that 25 percent of the overall Early Childhood Education Block Grant be allocated to programs for children 0-3 years of age.

Vote: House 111-3; Senate 38-13

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3012

Waukegan Fund Transfer

Sponsors:

House: Mayfield
Senate: Link – Bush

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/17-2A

Summary: The bill allows Waukegan CUSD 60 to make a one-time transfer of funds from its bond fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund with a proper resolution following a public hearing.

Vote: House 81-30; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Sent to Governor June 8, 2017.

SB 0001 School Funding Reform

Sponsors:

Senate: Manar – Bush – Collins – Trotter –Harris

House: Davis – Crespo – Currie – Gordon-Booth

Chapter Reference:

20 ILCS 620/7
30 ILCS 105/13.2
35 ILCS 200/18-200
35 ILCS 200/18-249
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105 ILCS 5/29-5
105 ILCS 5/34-2.3
105 ILCS 5/34-18
105 ILCS 5/34-18.30
105 ILCS 5/34-43.1
105 ILCS 70/25
105 ILCS 126/15
105 ILCS 5/2-3.170 new

Summary: The bill contains a new school funding distribution formula which uses an evidence-based approach. The model uses a unique formula for each district based on the demographics and characteristics of the district enrollment. The criteria used is based on years of evidence of best practices in student achievement and, in some cases, statewide averages. The formula is designed to drive state funding dollars to those school districts in the most need based on their financial situation and unique characteristics.

Each school year, a district will receive its Base Funding Minimum (generally, a hold harmless) as well as its portion of new state dollars appropriated above the Base Funding Minimum total. To allocate new state dollars, the Evidence-Based Formula places districts into one of four tiers. In aggregate, districts in Tier 1 will receive 40 percent of new state dollars; districts in Tier 2 (including Tier 1) will receive 59 percent of new state dollars; districts in Tier 3 will receive .9 percent and districts in Tier 4 will receive .1 percent of new dollars. Tier 1 and 2 districts will receive new state dollars based on their Funding Gap which is determined by multiplying the Target Ratio of the Tier they are in by their individual Adequacy Target.

Vote: Senate 35-22; House 60-52

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH

HB 1332

Insurance Coverage for Certain Disorders

Sponsors:

House: Fine – Conroy – Harper

Senate: Morrison

Chapter Reference:

215 ILCS 5/370c

Summary: The bill requires health insurance coverage for treatment of serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and certain eating disorders.

Vote: House 74-34-1; Senate 55-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 1772

Fingerprinting Equipment Specifications

Sponsors:

House: Parkhurst – Wheeler, B.

Senate: Barickman

Chapter Reference:

225 ILCS 447/31-10

225 ILCS 447/31-15

Summary: The bill requires that fingerprinting equipment and software meet specifications required by the Department of State Police.

Vote: House 109-0-1; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Sent to Governor June 13, 2017.

HB 2369

Breastfeeding Areas in Schools

Sponsors:

House: Harper – Wallace – Gordon-Booth – Stratton

Senate: Hunter

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new

105 ILCS 5/27A-5

105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new

Summary: The bill requires public schools to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil to express breast milk.

Vote: House 103-8; Senate 53-0

Last Action: Sent to Governor June 9, 2017.

HB 2959

Insurance Coverage – Pre-existing Conditions

Sponsors:

House: Fine – Yingling

Senate: Biss – Bennett – Raoul – Collins – Holmes

Chapter Reference:

215 ILCS 5/356z.25 new

215 ILCS 5/356z.16

Summary: The bill provides that no health insurance coverage may impose preexisting condition exclusions with certain exemptions.

Vote: House 87-26; Senate 46-5

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3215

Feminine Hygiene Products

Sponsors:

House: Wallace – Chapa LaVia – Davis – Stratton

Senate: Hunter – Stadelman – Castro –

Holmes – Martinez

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new

105 ILCS 5/27A-5

105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new

Summary: The bill requires schools to provide feminine hygiene products to students at no cost, in school restrooms.

Vote: House 64-51; Senate 34-16

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3903

Booking Stations in Schools

Sponsors:

House: Stratton – Mayfield – Cabello – Davis – Parkhurst

Senate: Hutchison – McConnaughay – Holmes – Bush

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new

105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new

Summary: The bill prohibits student booking stations on school grounds, but allows a place operated by law enforcement to perform their duties within schools and use of temporary detention spaces under certain circumstances.

Vote: House 100-0; Senate 47-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0822

School Bus Violation Penalty

Sponsors:

Senate: Harris
House: Moylan

Chapter Reference:

625 ILCS 5/6-205
625 ILCS 5/6-500
625 ILCS 5/6-507.5
625 ILCS 5/6-508.1

Summary: The bill provides that the Secretary of State shall immediately revoke the license, permit, or driving privileges of any driver who is involved in an accident that results in death to another and the violation is a proximate cause of the death, while overtaking or passing of a school bus.

Vote: Senate 56-0; House 109-2

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1692

Athletic Concussion Evaluations

Sponsors:

Senate: Raoul – Hunter
House: Mitchell, C. – Sente

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/22-80

Summary: The bill expands who can be on the concussion oversight team and evaluate a student who has been removed from practice or competition. It adds physical therapists, psychologists, occupational therapists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, and other non-licensed healthcare professionals to the list of persons required to take a concussion-related continuing education course.

Vote: Senate 52-0; House 117-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1846

School Health Exam include Asthma

Sponsors:

Senate: Hunter
House: Davis – Hernandez – Bellock – Welch – Fine

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/27-8.1
410 ILCS 520/4

Summary: The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to include asthma in the standard school health exam and requires DPH to collect and maintain data.

Vote: Senate 54-0; House 111-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HB 1254

Partial Days of Attendance – Community Use

Sponsors:

House: Costello – Meier – Cavaletto – Bryant – Phelps
Senate: Schimpf

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/18-12

Summary: The bill expands the list for which partial days of attendance counts may be used to include the utilization of the school district's facilities by local or county authorities for the purpose of holding a memorial or funeral services in remembrance of a community member.

Vote: House 111-0; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Sent to the Governor June 9, 2017.

HB 2461

Gifted Education on School Report Cards

Sponsors:

House: McAsey – Pritchard – Fine – Mayfield – Crespo
Senate: Bush – Lightford

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-17a

Summary: The bill adds new requirements to be included on the school report card regarding gifted education and advanced academic programs.

Vote: House 116-1; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2612

School Boundary Changes

Sponsors:

House: Pritchard – Davis – Crespo – Chapa LaVia
Senate: Bertino-Tarrant – Bush – Murphy

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/5-1
105 ILCS 5/7-01a new
105 ILCS 5/7-01b new
105 ILCS 5/7-04
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105 ILCS 5/12-24
105 ILCS 5/16-2
105 ILCS 5/32-4.6
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105 ILCS 5/7-2 rep.
105 ILCS 5/7-13 rep.
105 ILCS 5/7-27 rep.
105 ILCS 5/7-28 rep.
105 ILCS 5/7-30 rep.

Summary: The bill provides greater flexibility and efficiency in the detachment and dissolution of school districts, including creation of a local hearing panel and a process for petitioning for boundary changes.

Vote: House 115-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3139

Chronic Absenteeism Definition and Collection

Sponsors:

House: Chapa LaVia – Batinick
Senate: Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/26-18 new
105 ILCS 5/27A-5

Summary: Facilitating the work of the Balanced Accountability Model, the bill establishes a definition of chronic absenteeism and requires school districts to collect and review the data and determine needed resources to engage chronically absent students and their families.

Vote: House 99-12-1; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3368

Entrepreneurial Skills Resources

Sponsors:

House: Sims – Wheeler, B. – Gordon-Booth – Breen
Senate: Trotter – Bush – Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.170 new

Summary: The bill requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to post resources for teaching entrepreneurial skills for use by high schools.

Vote: House 113-0-1; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3369

Manufacturing Education Programs

Sponsors:

House: Sims
Senate: Van Pelt – Castro

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.170 new

Summary: The bill requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to post resources for teaching high-skilled manufacturing education programs.

Vote: House 102-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0449

Performance Evaluation Council

Sponsors:

Senate: Lightford
House: Chapa LaVia – Bellock

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/24A-7

Summary: The bill requires the State Superintendent of Education to convene a Performance Evaluation Advisory Council to advise the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) on the ongoing implementation of performance evaluations in this State.

Vote: Senate 57-0; House 111-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0865

Pension Costs on Report Card

Sponsors:

Senate: Manar
House: Mitchell, C. – Davis

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-17a

Summary: The bill requires a school district report card to include the total and per pupil normal cost amount the state contributed to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) in the prior fiscal year for the district's employees.

Vote: Senate 56-0; House 115-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1486

School Code Clean Up

Sponsors:

Senate: Weaver
House: Olsen – McAsey

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a
105 ILCS 5/14-13.01
105 ILCS 5/27-22
105 ILCS 128/15
105 ILCS 128/20

Summary: The bill makes various changes to clean up and modernize the School Code in sections pertaining to school safety drills, home or hospital instruction, required high school courses, and private school bus evaluation drills.

Vote: Senate 52-0; House 116-1

Last Action: Passed both houses.

STUDENTS

HB 1785

Birth Certificate Gender Change

Sponsors:

House: Harris – Cassidy – Currie – Guzzardi – Welch
Senate: Hutchison – Castro – Harmon – Biss

Chapter Reference:

410 ILCS 535/1
410 ILCS 535/17

Summary: The bill amends the Vital Records Act to allow an individual to change the gender on their birth certificate without having to first undergo an operation. It includes a verification process with licensed health care professionals.

Vote: House 63-43-1; Senate 32-22

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2404

Credit for Prior Learning

Sponsors:

House: Willis – Kifowit – McAuliffe –
Pritchard – Chapa LaVia

Senate: Rose

Chapter Reference:

New Act

Summary: The bill creates the Credit for Prior Learning Act, requiring public universities to submit policies concerning credit for prior learning to the Illinois Board of High Education (IBHE). It also requires IBHE to adopt rules to permit public universities to award credit.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 56-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2442

College Entrance Exam Test Day

Sponsors:

House: Bennett – Pritchard – Willis – Lilly – Crespo
Senate: Barickman

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5

Summary: The bill requires student assessments for application or admissions to colleges administered by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to be given on a school day during regular attendance hours.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 42-8

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2618

Special Education Mediation Option

Sponsors:

House: Gabel
Senate: Harmon

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/14-8.02
105 ILCS 5/14-8.02a

Summary: For parties who agree not to use mediation during a challenge in a special education hearing process, the bill gives the parent 10 days after a party declines to use mediation to file a request for a due process hearing to allow the student to remain in their current placement.

Vote: House 113-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2663

Early Childhood Expulsions

Sponsors:

House: Stratton – Welch – Moeller – Bourne – Andersson
Senate: Lightford – McConnaughay –
Martinez – Hutchison – Steans

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.71
105 ILCS 5/2-3.71a
105 ILCS 5/10-22.6
225 ILCS 10/5.10 new

Summary: The bill prohibits early childhood programs receiving grants from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to expel children from the program.

Vote: House 95-20; Senate 48-0-1

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2740

High School Equivalency Certification

Sponsors:

House: Welch – Sims
Senate: Rezin

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/3-15.12

Summary: The bill requires the community college board to establish alternative methods of credentialing for issuance of high school equivalency certification, based on high school credit, post-secondary credit, foreign diplomas, and completion of a competency-based program.

Vote: House 108-0; Senate 58-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 3507

Excused Absence – Military Parent

Sponsors:

House: Greenwood – Kifowit – Manley
Senate: Clayborne – Castro – Hastings – Collins

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/26-1

Summary: The bill allows a student to be granted up to five days of excused absence if his/her parent is active duty military and has been called to duty for, on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment.

Vote: House 110-0; Senate 54-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0757

Student Transcript

Sponsors:

Senate: Morrison – Jones
House: Nekritz – Drury

Chapter Reference:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5

Summary: The bill removes the requirement that college and career ready assessment scores must be included on a transcript.

Vote: Senate 54-0; House 113-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1796

Student Online Protection

Sponsors:

Senate: Hastings – Connelly – Martinez – Cullerton, T.
House: Hoffman – Thapedi – Conyears-Ervin – Ammons

Chapter Reference:

New Act
815 ILCS 505/2z

Summary: The bill creates the Students Online Personal Protection Act and contains various provisions to safe guard student data.

Vote: Senate 51-0; House 98-15-1

Last Action: Passed both houses.

TAXATION

HB 0465

TIF Pearl City

Sponsors:

House: Stewart
Senate: Bivins

Chapter Reference:

65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3.5

Summary: The bill extends the tax increment financing (TIF) district in the Village of Pearl City to 35 years.

Vote: House 110-2-1; Senate 48-3

Last Action: Passed both houses.

HB 2813

Property Tax on Wooded Acreage

Sponsors:

House: Hammond
Senate: Tracy

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 200/10-505

Summary: The bill clarifies that property taxation of wooded acreage as unimproved real property is defined as “woodlands” by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management.

Vote: House 114-0; Senate 57-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0473

Homestead Exemption Increase

Sponsors:

Senate: Munoz – Harmon
House: Martwick – Conyears-Ervin –
D’Amico – Andrade – Arroyo

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 200/15-170
35 ILCS 200/15-172
35 ILCS 200/15-175

Summary: The bill increases and expands various homestead exemptions and assessment freezes. For Cook County: increases the senior citizens homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$8,000; beginning taxable years 2017, increases the income qualification from \$55,000 to \$65,000 to access the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze; and, increases the General Homestead Exemption from \$6,000 to \$10,000. For all other counties, the bill: maintains the current senior citizens homestead exemption at \$5,000; beginning taxable years 2018, increases the income qualification from \$55,000 to \$65,000 to access the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze; and, maintains the General Homestead Exemption at \$6,000.

Vote: Senate 48-1; House 87-24

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0588

TIF Milledgeville

Sponsors:

Senate: Bivins
House: Stewart

Chapter Reference:

65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3.5

Summary: The bill extends the tax increment financing (TIF) district in the Village of Milledgeville to 35 years.

Vote: Senate 52-0; House 108-2

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 0609

Property Tax Appeal Board Filing

Sponsors:

Senate: Morrison – Cullerton, T. – Bush – Cunningham
House: Nekritz

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 200/16-185

Summary: The bill allows taxpayers to appeal a decision of the Property Tax Appeals Board (PTAB) directly to PTAB when the decisions are rendered after the Board of Review deadline for filing complaints.

Vote: Senate 50-0; House 111-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1567

EDGE Tax Credits Report

Sponsors:

Senate: Castro – Collins – Raoul
House: Davis – Wallace – Ammons – Harper – Stratton

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 10/5-57 new

Summary: The bill provides that each taxpayer claiming a credit shall, by April 15 each year, submit to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) an annual report containing certain information concerning procurement goals and spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises.

Vote: Senate 56-0; House 99-12

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1593

Property Tax Exemption-Parking

Sponsors:

Senate: McConnaughay
House: Chapa LaVia

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 200/15-125
30 ILCS 805/8.41 new

Summary: The bill provides that parking areas, owned by religious institutions, when leased or rented to a municipality are exempt from property taxes.

Vote: Senate 43-0; House 116-0

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1783

Rivers Edge Tax Credit

Sponsors:

Senate: Stadelman – Holmes – Koehler –
Syverson – Castro
House: Wallace – Chapa LaVia – Kifowit –
Spain – Gordon-Booth

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 5/221

Summary: The bill extends the Rivers Edge Income Tax Credit for historical structures to December 31, 2021.

Vote: Senate 50-0; House 101-12

Last Action: Passed both houses.

SB 1795

Blight Reduction

Sponsors:

Senate: Stadelman
House: Wallace

Chapter Reference:

35 ILCS 200/21-95

Summary: The bill provides that a property tax abatement applies to property acquired by a governmental unit under a blight reduction or abandoned property program administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

Vote: Senate 52-0; House 107-6

Last Action: Passed both houses.

GUBERNATORIAL ACTION ON BILLS

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

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

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

DETERMINING EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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

Bills Passed Prior to June 1

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

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

A bill passed prior to June 1 of a calendar year that does

provide for an effective date in the bill shall become effective on the date that it is signed if the effective date provided in the bill occurs before the date of signing.

Bills Passed After May 31

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

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

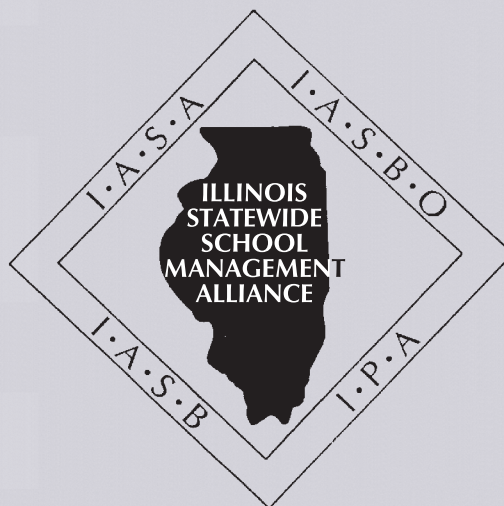
A bill passed after May 31 of a calendar year that does provide for an effective date in the bill and passes the General Assembly with a majority of those voting (at least 60 in the House and 29 in the Senate) shall become effective on June 1 of the next calendar year.

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

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