

2009 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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BOARD GOVERNANCE

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- HB 2675 (P.A. 96-0689) eff. July 1, 2009
 - *Public Health Emergency - Attendance*
 - *Provides that if a school district, after consultation with the local health department, closes one or more recognized school buildings, but not all buildings during a public health emergency, the school district may claim a full day of attendance for those days based on the average of the three school days of attendance immediately preceding the closure of the school building subject to certain conditions.*
 - *Attendance for those days may be claimed only if the school building was scheduled to be in operation on those days.*
 - *The partial or no day of attendance and the reasons thereof shall be certified, as prescribed by the State Board of Education, within a month after the closing by the school district superintendent to the regional superintendent of schools for forwarding to the State Superintendent of Education for approval.*

BOARD GOVERNANCE

- SB 189 (P.A. 96-0542) eff. January 1, 2010
 - *FOIA/OMA*
 - *Implements major revisions to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.*
 - *Revises the Illinois Open Meetings Act.*

BOARD GOVERNANCE

- SB 612 (P.A. 96-0105) eff. July 30, 2009
 - *Increase Number of Charter Schools*
 - *Increases number of charter schools allowed from 60 to 120.*

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- SB 1828 (P.A. 96-0107) eff. July 30, 2009
 - *P-20 Longitudinal Data System Act*
 - *Establishes a longitudinal data system linking early learning, elementary and secondary school student units records with institutions of higher learning student unit records.*
 - *Requires ISBE to establish a data warehouse that integrates data from multiple student unit record systems and supports all of the uses and functions of the longitudinal data system.*

BOARD GOVERNANCE

- SB 1956 (P.A. 96-0640) eff. July 1, 2009
 - *Compilation of Average Daily Hours*
 - *Revises the compilation of average daily clock hours in respect to days that are used for an in-service training program for teachers and parent-teacher conferences.*
 - *Allows school district to schedule teacher institutes, staff development or parent-teacher conference on school holidays under certain conditions.*



PERSONNEL

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- HB 1148 (P.A. 96-0546) eff. August 17, 2009
 - *Private School Pension Credit*
 - *Extends the dates to which administrators and teachers who were previously employed by a private school recognized by ISBE may apply in writing for optional service credit to August 1, 2009 until August 1, 2012.*

PERSONNEL

- HB 2235 (P.A. 96-0910) eff. January 1, 2010
 - *Administrator/Teacher Salary Report*
 - *Requires school districts to complete and forward a report to ISBE detailing administrator and teachers base salary and benefits by July 1, 2010.*

PERSONNEL

- SB 35(P.A. 96-0051) eff. July 23, 2009
 - *Use of Sick Leave for Adoption*
 - *Provides if an individual is on sick leave for adoption, a school district may require evidence that a formal adoption process is underway.*
 - *Provides a school district can limit sick leave usage to 30 days provided a longer leave has not been negotiated with an exclusive bargaining representative.*

PERSONNEL

- SB 1276 (P.A. 96-0062) eff. July 23, 2009
 - *Superintendent Mentor Program*
 - *Requires all new superintendents who begin service on or after July 1, 2009 to participate in a two-year mentoring program established by ISBE, subject to appropriations.*
 - *To date, such funding is not available.*

PERSONNEL

- SB 2270(P.A. 96-0434) eff. August 13, 2009
 - *Salary Compensation Report*
 - *Provides that all school districts must prepare and post on the school district's website a salary compensation report for all administrators who hold and work under their administrative certificate. The report must have been posted by October 1, 2009. The report must also forwarded to the local Regional Office of Education.*



**CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTI
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- HB 1035(P.A. 96-0191) eff. January 1, 2010
 - *History of Disability Movement*
 - *Requires school district to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities and disability rights movement*

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

- SB 1557(P.A. 96-0629) eff. January 1, 2010
 - *History of Hispanic Culture in U.S.*
 - *Requires history curriculum to include study of events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression.*

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

- SB 1675(P.A. 96-0099) eff. July 27, 2009
 - *Congressional Medal of Honor Video*
 - *Requires all 7th grade and high school students in U.S. History to view the Congressional Medal of Honor video.*



SCHOOL FINANCE

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- HB 944 (P.A. 96-0668) eff. July 1, 2009
 - *School District Financial Certification*
 - *Disallows certification of school districts as “in financial difficulty” solely as a result of the failure of the state to make timely payments of General State Aid or any of the mandated categorical grants.*

SCHOOL FINANCE

- HB 1107(P.A. 96-0252) eff. August 11, 2009
 - *Emergency Health/Life Safety Projects*
 - *Provides in case of emergency where estimated cost of an emergency Health/Life Safety project is less than the amount specified under the contract bidding provisions, a school district may proceed with the repairs prior to approval of the State Superintendent of Education.*

SCHOOL FINANCE

- HB 2362 (P.A. 96-0392) eff. January 1, 2010
 - *Transportation of Pupils with Disabilities*
 - *Amends contract bidding exception to the requirement that certain contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder to include transportation of pupils with special needs or disabilities.*

SCHOOL FINANCE

- SB 2051 (P.A. 96-0152) eff. August 7, 2009
 - *General State Aid Calculation*
 - *Revises the General State Aid calculation for school districts that have successfully passed a limiting rate increase.*
 - *For each year after 2010 school year, if voters in a county under PTELL approve an increase in the limiting rate for a school district, the increase in local resources will not result in a decrease in GSA for the approved duration of the limiting rate increase.*



STUDENTS

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- HB 272 (P.A. 96-0132) eff. August 7, 2009
 - *IHSA/Performance Enhancing Drugs*
 - *Disallows athletes to participate in an athletic competition unless the student agrees not to use performance-enhancing drugs and submits to random drug testing.*
 - *Requires IHSA to ensure that each athletic coach complete an educational program on prevention of abuse of performance –enhancing substances and complete an exam.*
 - *Requires at least 1,000 students from at least 25% of the schools participating in IHSA events annually to be tested for performance-enhancing drugs.*

STUDENTS

- HB 281 (P.A. 96-0349) eff. August 13, 2009
 - *Life-Threatening Allergies*
 - *Requires ISBE and IDPH to develop guidelines for management of students with life-threatening food allergies by July 1, 2010.*
 - *Requires school boards to implement a policy on the guidelines by January 1, 2011.*
 - *Requires at least every two years an in-service training for personnel who work with students conducted by persons with expertise in anaphylactic reactions and management.*

STUDENTS

- HB 628 (P.A. 96-0657) eff. August 25, 2009
 - *Reasonable Access to Educational Facility*
 - *Provides that a parent, independent educational evaluator or a qualified professional retained by a parent must be afforded reasonable access to an educational facility, personnel and to the child for a sufficient duration to conduct an evaluation and review the child's current or proposed educational program, placement or services.*
 - *The date and time must be established by both the parties.*

STUDENTS

- HB 3982 (P.A. 96-0410) eff. July 1, 2010
 - *Transportation of Students*
 - *Provides that any school district transporting students for an interscholastic, interscholastic athletic, or school-sponsored, noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require student participation as part of the educational services of the district and (ii) is not associated with the students' regular class-for-credit schedule or required 5 clock hours of instruction shall transport the students only in a school bus, a vehicle manufactured to transport not more than 10 persons, including the driver, or a multifunction school-activity bus manufactured to transport not more than 20 persons, including the driver.*

STUDENTS

- SB 1718 (P.A. 96-0633) eff. August 24, 2009
 - *Expulsion/Suspension Requirements*
 - *Clarifies expulsion and suspension requirements for weapons violations in accordance with the federal Gun Free Schools Act, as well as other weapons such as billy clubs and knives.*
 - *Allows Superintendent on a case-by-case basis to review expulsion requirement.*

STUDENTS

- SB 2014 (P.A. 96-0430) eff. August 13, 2009
 - *PSAE Testing Opportunities*
 - *Allows students one opportunity (instead of two) to take the PSAE.*



MISCELLANEOUS

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- HB 72 (P.A. 96-0131) eff. January 1, 2010
 - *Cell Phone Use in School Speed Zone*
 - *Prohibits any driver from using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or construction zone.*



QUESTIONS

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