Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole

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Chicago, IL

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation

2. Spring 2006 Public Act Implementation (Nicole Wills, Josh Jacobs) (pp: 2-16)

3. 2006 Veto Session and Outstanding Legislation (Nicole Wills, Josh Jacobs) (pp: 17-114)


5. Additional Items

6. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.
TO: Governmental Relations Committee
FROM: Nicole Wills, Governmental Relations Staff
Josh Jacobs, Governmental Relations Staff

Agenda Topic: 2006 Legislative Update with Agency Implementation

Materials: 2006 Legislative Summary

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Purpose (s) of Agenda Item
To update the Committee on the status of all legislation passed during the spring session, where legislation has been assigned and the status of implementation within the Agency.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
This item is for information purposes only and to possibly be used as a future resource for budget preparations.

Next Steps:
No action will be required of the Board at this time.
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<td>HB 1463</td>
<td>Rep. Flider Sen. Watson</td>
<td>Accountability Data Analysis Funding &amp; Disbursements</td>
<td>Not effective until July 1, 2007. At that time, ISBE's responsibility will be to provide drop-out comparison data if requested.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Provides for the cancellation of the drivers’ license or permit of any person under 18 who is certified as a chronic or habitual truant and prohibits the issuance of a driver's license or permit to an unmarried person under 18 years of age who fails to maintain school attendance. The bill provides that each school district shall establish written criteria for the school superintendent to use in determining whether a pupil's failure to attend school is the result of extraordinary circumstances of economic or medical necessity or family hardship and provides for quarterly notice by every local school district to the Secretary of State of the names of students no longer enrolled. Requires ISBE to provide drop-out comparison data if requested. Effective July 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>HB 2734</td>
<td>Rep. Eddy Sen. Righter</td>
<td>School Support</td>
<td>No ISBE implementation required - this is for informational purposes only.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Provides that the minimum rate shall be 20 cents per column line for each insertion of a document by an official body or board in a newspaper. The maximum rate for each insertion of a document by a public body or board in a newspaper shall not exceed the newspaper's annually published rate for comparable local advertising space. Effective January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>HB 4193</td>
<td>Rep. Fritchey Sen. del Valle</td>
<td>Accountability Legal</td>
<td>Information about the requirements for PA 94-0945 was included in the September 28th Weekly Message, but there was also a note that the Database has not yet been finalized by the State Police.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Creates the Child Murder and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act. Provides that in addition, the school district or regional superintendent shall perform a check of the Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database for each applicant. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>HB 4310PA 94-0881</td>
<td>Rep. KoselSen. Pankau</td>
<td>Accountability</td>
<td>These requirements have been included in the on-site evaluation documentation for compliance checks.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Requires that newly elected school board members take an oath of office. Also adds duties with respect to the Superintendent by stating that the school board shall make all employment decisions pertaining to the Superintendent and shall direct, through policy and without limitation to, the superintendents administration of the district in such matters concerning budget, building plans, retention, dismissal of employees, selection of textbooks, instructional materials, and courses of study. Provides that the school board shall evaluate the superintendent in his or her administration of the school board policies and stewardship of the assets of the district. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>HB 4365 PA 94-0881</td>
<td>Rep. Black Sen. Haine</td>
<td>Budget School Support</td>
<td>At this time, there are not any cooperative high schools in Illinois</td>
<td>There is not a specific appropriation for this legislation, but funds for these purposes would come from the Consolidation Incentives Line.</td>
<td>Allows cooperative high schools to receive some of the same supplementary State aid that new districts receive. Cooperative high schools would be eligible to receive two of the four incentives: the salary differential calculation and the $4,000 payment per full time, certified staff person. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>HB 4768 PA 94-0897</td>
<td>Rep. D'Amico Sen. Cullerton</td>
<td>Funding &amp; Disbursements</td>
<td>The Secretary of State is responsible for providing this info. The Division Administrator of Funding &amp; Disbursements has indicated to the Secretary of State that ISBE would be willing to link information for districts.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Effective immediately, any unemancipated minor's application for a graduated driver's license must be accompanied by the written consent of a parent or guardian, regardless of whether the required consent accompanied the minor's previous application for an instruction permit. Provides that a parent or guardian must certify that an unemancipated minor has received 50 (rather than 25) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, at least 10 hours of which must have been at night, in order for the minor to receive a graduated driver's license. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>HB 4782 PA 94-0845</td>
<td>Rep. Nekritz Sen. Schoenberg</td>
<td>Funding &amp; Disbursements</td>
<td>Information about these changes has been included in the transportation newsletter and staff is preparing to send out this information by other means.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Prohibits a vehicle using diesel fuel with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of more than 8,000 pounds (including a school bus) from idling its engine for more than five minutes within any 60 minute period in the counties of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, McHenry, Will, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe and townships in Grundy and Kendall. Provides for certain exemptions to these requirements. Effective July 1, 2006.</td>
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<td>HB 4832 PA 94-0904</td>
<td>Rep. Flider Sen. Watson</td>
<td>Career Dev &amp; Prep Curriculum</td>
<td>The most current update will be provided at the September committee meeting.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Creates the Community Education Program to be administered by the State Board of Education. Participation in the program is voluntary. The legislation lays out the best practices of a community service education program and requires the program to include local input and a Director of Community Education. Provides authority to the State Board to make grants to school districts if specific funds become available. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>HB 4986 PA 94-0855</td>
<td>Rep. Moffitt Sen. Sullivan</td>
<td>Career Dev &amp; Prep</td>
<td>The most current update will be provided at the September committee meeting.</td>
<td>No funds for implementation of this legislation.</td>
<td>Provides that a school district that offers a secondary agricultural education program approved for State and federal funds must have an instructional sequence of courses approved by ISBE, a state and nationally affiliated FFA program integral to instruction and is not treated as an extracurricular activity and a mechanism to involve students in agricultural education programs in formal, supervised agricultural-experience activities and programs. Effective January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>HB 4987 PA 94-0946</td>
<td>Rep. Brauer Sen. Bomke</td>
<td>Special Education Certification Funding &amp; Disbursements</td>
<td>Staff is working on rules &amp; internal documentation that must be altered to allow these changes. Notification that this new work assignment exists was sent out via email with a note that more info will follow.</td>
<td>Reimbursement for behavior analysts would come from the already existing Special Education - Personnel line.</td>
<td>Would allow reimbursement of &quot;behavior analysts&quot; certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board under the Special Education Personnel Line. Effective January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>HB 5375 PA 94-0888</td>
<td>Rep. Chavez Sen. Hunter</td>
<td>Legal Accountability</td>
<td>Information about the requirements of PA 94-0888 was included in the August 28th edition of the Superintendent's Weekly Message.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to expand the definition of &quot;school personnel&quot; to include administrators and certificated and non-certificated personnel. Requires that if an allegation of abuse is raised to a school board member during an open or closed meeting that a child in the school district where the individual is a board member, the board member will direct the Superintendent or have the Board direct the Superintendent to comply with the requirements for reporting abuse. Allows that for these purposes, a board member is granted authority in his or her individual capacity to direct the Superintendent to comply with the requirements. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>HB 5416 PA 94-0973</td>
<td>Rep. Mathias Sen. Link</td>
<td>School Support</td>
<td>This legislation is on the list for rulemaking needs.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Requires that ISBE adopt rules for the qualifications of persons performing reviews and inspections of school buildings which are consistent with recommendations made by the task force appointed by SB 383 (PA 94-225). Allows that if a municipality wishes to perform construction inspections under the jurisdiction of a regional superintendent of schools, the entity must register with the regional superintendent of schools. Inspections performed by municipalities must be based on the building code authorized in the School Code and be at no cost to the district. Effective January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>HB 5550 PA 94-0927</td>
<td>Rep. Giles Sen. Hunter</td>
<td>Fiscal</td>
<td>Staff in Fiscal &amp; Admin. Services is working with Rules staff to determine if a rule change is required. Vendor instruction info was updated to account for this change in law &amp; that information was sent out 8/30</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>ISBE INITIATIVE - In a provision concerning the loan of textbooks by the State Board of Education, provides that certain bonding requirements do not apply to textbook loans through the Illinois Textbook Loan Program. Effective January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>SB 176 PA 94-0835</td>
<td>Sen. Schoenberg Rep. Hannig</td>
<td>Budget Fiscal Curriculum</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Effective immediately, makes changes in State programs that are necessary to implement the Governor's FY2007 budget recommendations concerning education. Provides that the SBE Federal Department of Agriculture Fund is established to receive funds from the federal Department of Agriculture (instead of the federal Department of Education). Amends the School Code. Creates an arts and foreign language education grant program to fund arts education and foreign language education programs in the public schools, subject to appropriation to the State Board of Education. Provides that the grants shall be for the purpose of supporting arts and foreign language education in the schools, with an emphasis on ensuring that art and foreign language courses are available as part of a school's core curriculum. Provides that the State Board of Education shall enter into an agreement with the Illinois Arts Council to cooperate in administering and awarding grants under the program. Amends the Arts Council Act to make a related change. Provides that if the amount that the State Board of Education will pay to a school district from fiscal year 2007 appropriations, as estimated on April 1, 2007, is less than the amount that the State Board paid to the district from fiscal year 2006 appropriations, then the State Board, subject to appropriation, shall make a fiscal year 2007 transitional assistance payment to the district in an amount equal to the difference between the estimated amount to be paid from fiscal year 2007 appropriations and the amount paid from fiscal year 2006 appropriations. In the State aid formula provisions, increases the foundation level of support from $5,164 to $5,334 beginning with the 2006-07 school year. With regard to supplemental general State aid, provides that (i) for the 2006-07 school year, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-03 school year, (ii) for the 2007-08 school year, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-03 school year multiplied by 0.66, and (iii) for the 2008-09 school year, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-03 school year multiplied by 0.33 (except that if for any school year supplemental general State aid grants are prorated, then the grants under...</td>
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<td><strong>SB 585 PA 94-1058</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sen. Cullerton Rep. Flider</strong></td>
<td><strong>Legal</strong></td>
<td><strong>Information on the impact of this legislation will be provided to the Board at the September Board Operations Committee meeting. Legal will prepare information for other ISBE-related entities that will also be impacted.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SB 857 PA 94-0952</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sen. Clayborne Rep. Reitz</strong></td>
<td><strong>School Support</strong></td>
<td><strong>No ISBE implementation required.</strong></td>
<td><strong>None</strong></td>
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This provision shall be prorated). Effective immediately.

The legislation amends the Open Meetings Act by redefining “meeting” to include telephone conference, email, instant messaging or video or audio conference. The bill requires that the number of public body members necessary to constitute a quorum must be physically present at an open meeting and permits participation and voting by other members by audio and video conference. If a public body with statewide jurisdiction has members who are physically present in Chicago or Springfield, they may count towards a quorum if the meeting is held simultaneously in both places through interactive videoconference and notice and public access requirements are met. There is an exemption provided for certain State bodies and boards with advisory or non-binding functions from the requirement of physical quorum. It also requires that a quorum of members of a public body without statewide jurisdiction be physically present at a closed meeting and permits participation and voting by other members by video or audio conference. Effective January 1, 2007.

Effective immediately, this legislation provides that bonds issued by a community consolidated school district maintaining grades K through 8 shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation and may be issued (subject to referendum) in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness, in excess of any heretofore or hereafter imposed statutory limitation as to indebtedness, if, among other conditions, (i) residential and farm property comprises more than 80% of the equalized assessed valuation of the district for each of the 4 most recent years, (ii) the bond proceeds are to be used to acquire and improve school sites and build and equip a school building, (iii) the school sites and building additions are needed because of an increase in enrollment, and (iv) the principal amount of the bonds, including existing indebtedness, does not exceed 20% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district. Effective immediately.
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<td>SB 859 PA 94-0991</td>
<td>Sen. Maloney Rep. Dugan</td>
<td>Legal Certification</td>
<td>Information regarding PA 94-0991 was last included in the August 28th edition of the Superintendent's Weekly Message.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>In provisions concerning the suspension or revocation of a teaching certificate, the definition of unprofessional conduct is expanded to include the failure to disclose, on an employment application, any previous conviction for a sex offense as defined in Section 21-23a of the School Code, or any other offense committed in any other state or against the laws of the United States that if committed in Illinois would be punishable as a sex offense. Effective January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>SB 860 PA 94-01039</td>
<td>Sen. Demuzio Rep. Smith</td>
<td>Certification Career Dev &amp; Prep Accountability</td>
<td>The SAELP committee is continuing to meet and it's sub-committees are working on various pieces of this legislation. ISBE staff is also working with the group. Current work is focused on developing the RFP for the principal mentoring program.</td>
<td>$800,000 for the principal mentoring portion of this legislation.</td>
<td>Requires ISBE to establish a principal mentoring program beginning July 1, 2007 and subject to appropriation to allow experienced principals to serve as mentors to new principals during their first year as a principal. Provides for an alternative route to administrative certification for certain National Board certified teachers. Creates a teacher leader endorsement. Requires the ISBE to certify an organization to establish a master principal designation program. Establishes a task force to review the Illinois Administrators' Academy and recommend revisions to the program. Requires all school districts (except Chicago) establish a principal evaluation plan. Sets forth requirements for the evaluation plan and provides for failure to evaluate a principal at least once during the term of the contract. Requires the Chicago school district to establish a principal mentoring program. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 861 PA 94-1060</td>
<td>Sen. Harmon Rep. Parke</td>
<td>Accountability Legal</td>
<td>Accountability staff has been in contact with the affected institution regarding this legislation and are working with the legal division to ensure everything is done properly.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Provides that the State Board of Education must approve of the deposit of a certificate of deposit prior to January 1, 2007 for any Private Vocational and Business School. Provides that the PVBS must first satisfy the State Board that the certificate of deposit is free and clear of all liens, pledges, security interests, and other encumbrances. It requires the State Board to perfect a first priority security interest in the certificate of deposit and also provides that failure to replace the certificate of deposit with a continuous surety company bond shall result in revocation of the certificate of approval or sales representative permit. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 1497 PA 94-1054</td>
<td>Sen. Lightford Rep. Currie</td>
<td>Early Childhood Data Analysis</td>
<td>All grants have been awarded and grantees have been notified.</td>
<td>$15 million for grants</td>
<td>From 7/1/06 through 06/30/08, provides that appropriated funds for the preschool grant program administered by ISBE shall be distributed to achieve a goal of &quot;Preschool for All Children&quot; for the benefit of all children whose families choose to participate in the program, with newly funded programs selected through a process giving first priority to qualified programs serving primarily at-risk children and second priority to qualified programs serving primarily children with a family income of less than 4 times certain poverty guidelines. Provides that at-risk children are those who because of their home and community environment are subject to such language, cultural, economic, and like disadvantages to cause them to have been determined to be at risk of academic failure (now and after June 30, 2008, appropriated funds must be distributed for the benefit of children who because of their home and community environment are subject to such language, cultural, economic, and like disadvantages that they have been determined to be at risk of academic failure). Makes changes to the reporting requirements. Effective 07/01/06.</td>
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<td>SB 1520 PA 94-0798</td>
<td>Sen. Trotter Speaker Madigan</td>
<td>Budget</td>
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<td>Budget Bill. Effective July 1, 2007 except for the supplemental provisions that are effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2191 PA 94-0929</td>
<td>Sen. Collins Rep. Yarbrough</td>
<td>Curriculum Accountability</td>
<td>No action taken at this time.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Expands consumer education to provide that the instruction must include an understanding of the basic concepts of financial literacy, including installment purchasing, budgeting, savings and investing, banking, understanding simple contracts, State and federal income taxes, personal insurance policies, and the comparison of prices (now, the instruction must include installment purchasing, budgeting, and the comparison of prices). Provides for a Financial Literacy Fund, for which funds can be used to award grants for purposes of increasing financial literacy. The legislation also urges ISBE, on the next comprehensive review of the Illinois Learning Standards, to include the basic principals of personal insurance and understanding simple contracts. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2197 PA 94-1011</td>
<td>Sen. Haine Rep. Kelly</td>
<td>Accountability</td>
<td>No ISBE action taken at this time.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Provides that counties and municipalities may adopt ordinances to regulate truants within their jurisdiction, which may include fines for violators. A minor who is reported by the regional superintendent of schools as a chronic truant will be referred to a community based youth service agency for truancy intervention services if it is determined the local school did not provide the appropriate interventions. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2202 PA 94-1034</td>
<td>Sen. del Valle Rep. Soto</td>
<td>Early Childhood Certification</td>
<td>This legislation is on the list for rulemaking needs.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Provides that the student teaching portion of the practical experience may be satisfied through placement in any of grades pre-kindergarten through 3, provided that the student is under the active supervision of a cooperating teacher who is certified and qualified in early childhood education. Provides that paraprofessionals with at least one year of experience in a school or community-based early childhood setting who are enrolled in early-childhood teacher preparation programs may be paid and receive credit while student teaching with their current employer, provided that their student teaching experience meets the requirements of their early-childhood teacher preparation program. Effective January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>SB 2235 PA 94-0979</td>
<td>Sen. Martinez Rep. Golar</td>
<td>Certification</td>
<td>Certification and Legal staff are working with the Grow Your Own Organization and higher education institutions to implement these changes. We have issued two continuation funding grants and one implementation grant. We are also still accepting applications for implementation grants.</td>
<td>$3 million</td>
<td>Changes the name of the Grow Our Own Teacher Act to the Grow Your Own Teacher Act. Defines “developmental classes” and makes changes to the definition of “parent and community leaders” and “schools serving a substantial percentage of low-income students”. References to “student” and participant” are replaced with “candidate” throughout the Act. ISBE must establish criteria that address the inclusion in the planned program of strategies derived from community organizing that will help candidates develop tools for working with parents and other community members. The legislation also provides for partial loan forgiveness for shortened periods of service in hard-to-staff schools or hard-to-staff teaching positions. School districts may use those portions of the grant money designated for the expenses of supporting the work experiences of candidates and providing mentors for graduates or other applicable public funds to pay participants in programs under the initiative for student teaching required by an accredited teacher preparation program. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2336 PA 94-0981</td>
<td>Sen. del Valle Rep. Mendoza</td>
<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>Regional superintendents were sent a letter and copy of the Public Act describing the reporting changes on August 23, 2006.</td>
<td>Implementation of this change does not require funds and no new dollars were included in the FY 07 budget for it; however, the program already receives existing state dollars.</td>
<td>ISBE INITIATIVE - Amends the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act and the Childhood Hunger Relief Act by making changes concerning the breakfast incentive program, the report the State Board of Education provides to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning school breakfast and lunch programs, surveys to identify parental interest in school breakfast programs and the barriers to establishing school breakfast programs, the requirement that a school district establish a school breakfast program for certain schools, and opting out of the school breakfast program requirement. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2455 PA 94-0933</td>
<td>Sen. Trotter Rep. Coulson</td>
<td>Curriculum Accountability</td>
<td>The most current update will be provided at the September committee meeting.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>This legislation moves the provisions requiring course material and instruction to advise pupils of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act out of the sex education provisions of the School Code and into provisions for Comprehensive Health Education. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2477 Amendatorily Vetoed</td>
<td>Sen. Shadid Rep. Currie</td>
<td>School Support</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Changes the definition of &quot;municipal corporation&quot; until July 1, 2011 to include a school district that (i) was organized prior to 1860, (ii) is located partly within a city originally incorporated prior to 1840, and (iii) entered into a lease with a Public Building Commission prior to 1993, and its board of education.</td>
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<td>SB 2546 PA 94-0935</td>
<td>Sen. del Valle Rep. Soto</td>
<td>Certification Data Analysis</td>
<td>Data Analysis and Certification staff members have met to discuss the data compilation for this report, which is due August 1, 2007.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Requires ISBE to collect information on all higher education institutions that have teacher preparation programs on the number of individuals taking and passing the basic skills test and the number of subject-matter tests attempted and passed under section 21-1a of the School Code. ISBE must file a report with the General Assembly and Governor by August 1, 2007 listing pertinent higher education institutions and the data for the basic skills test. On or before August 1, 2009, and every three years thereafter, ISBE must file a report to the General Assembly and Governor listing pertinent higher education institutions and the data for basic skills and subject-matter tests. These reports must also be made available to the public. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2630 PA 94-0937</td>
<td>Sen. Lightford Rep. Lang</td>
<td>Curriculum</td>
<td>The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) is receiving the funds for this project. ICASA currently has an RFP out for it's centers for the funds.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Allows that each school district may make suitable provisions for instruction in bullying prevention in all grades and include such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught. School Boards may also collaborate with a community-based agency providing specialized curricula in bullying prevention whose ultimate outcome is to prevent sexual violence. ISBE may assist in developing instructional materials and teacher training in relation to bullying prevention. &quot;Bullying prevention&quot; includes instruction in intimidation, student victimization, sexual harassment, sexual violence and strategies for student-centered problem solving regarding bullying. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2728 PA 94-0769</td>
<td>Sen. Viverito Rep. Gordon</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The Department of Public Health is responsible for any action required.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Require the Department of Public Health to develop educational materials on meningitis for distribution in elementary and secondary schools. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 2795 PA 94-1019</td>
<td>Sen. Shadid Rep. Smith</td>
<td>School Support Legal</td>
<td>ISBE staff has prepared several guidance documents for school districts &amp; the public. These documents are available on the ISBE website. Staff has also been fielding questions of interest about reorganization options &amp; has presented on PA 94-1019 at the Superintendent's Conference.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>ISBE/ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE - Creates a new Article concerning the conversion and formation of school districts. Contains provisions concerning school district conversions; combined school district formation; unit school district formation; partial elementary unit school district formation; petitions; the holding of an election; taxes, bonds, and working cash funds; the effective date of a change; a map showing the change; assets, liabilities, bonded indebtedness, and tax rates; teachers in contractual continued service; limitations on contesting boundary changes; a limitation on successive petitions; a school district's nonrecognition status; unit district formation and a joint agreement vocational education program; and incentives. Makes related changes in the School Code and Election Code.</td>
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<td>SB 2829 PA 94-0875</td>
<td>Sen. Lightford Rep. Lang</td>
<td>Legal Data Analysis Funding &amp; Disbursement NCLB Assessment School Support Accountability</td>
<td>All divisions within the agency have been notified by Legal of action that their division is responsible for taking. A more detailed description of the implementation will be detailed at the September Committee meeting.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>ISBE INITIATIVE - Makes a number of changes, some of which include changes concerning the school building code, school and district improvement plans, the waiver and modification of mandates, staff development plans, statements of affairs, criminal history records checks of school district employees, and transportation reimbursement claims. Repeals a Section concerning latch key reports and a Section concerning school and district improvement panels. Effective July 1, 2006.</td>
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<td>SB 2882 PA 94-0894</td>
<td>Sen. Link Rep. Smith</td>
<td>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</td>
<td>Grants have been awarded and grantees have been notified.</td>
<td>$10 million</td>
<td>Creates a pilot K-3 class size reduction grant program, to be implemented and administered by the State Board of Education. Grants shall be awarded to schools to defray the costs and expenses of operating and maintaining classes of no more than 15 pupils per teacher per class. Effective July 1, 2006.</td>
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<td>SB 2898 PA 94-0792</td>
<td>Sen. Hunter Rep. Flowers</td>
<td>Legal Special Education</td>
<td>Legal is preparing guidance that will appear in an upcoming version of the Superintendent's Weekly Message.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>In provisions that require a public or nonpublic school to permit the self-administration of medication by a pupil with asthma, adds the requirement that the school permit a pupil to use an epinephrine auto-injector for immediate self-administration by a person at risk of anaphylaxis. Effective immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 3016 PA 94-0994</td>
<td>Sen. Dillard Rep. Granberg</td>
<td>Legal</td>
<td>Information regarding this Public Act was last included in the August 28th Superintendent's Weekly Message.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Amends the Sex Offender Registration Act. With regards to school districts, a principal or teacher of a public or private elementary or secondary school must notify the parents of children attending the school during school registration or during parent-teacher conferences that information about sex offenders is available to the public as provided for in the Act.</td>
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<td>HR 770</td>
<td>Rep. Froelich</td>
<td>Govt. Relations</td>
<td>No action required, but information regarding this resolution was included in the Legislative update.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Recommends that school districts develop a policy concerning the separation of multiple-birth children that considers multiples on a case-by-case basis, the preference of the parents, and the children's best interest.</td>
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<td>HR 836</td>
<td>Rep. Dunkin</td>
<td>NCLB</td>
<td>No ISBE implementation required</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Urges the State Board of Education to apply for participation in the growth-based accountability pilot program established by the U.S. Department of Education and urges the U.S. Department of Education to use more flexible criteria in determining adequate yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.</td>
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<td>HR 905</td>
<td>Rep. Jefferson</td>
<td>Accountability</td>
<td>The Task Force has met three times and is compiling information necessary for the January 1, 2007 report submission.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Establishes the Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Task Force for the purpose of recommending a best model for the distribution of Truant's Alternative and Optional Education Program grant funds to ensure that limited resources reach the students most in need. This task force shall have 11 members and submit a report to the Clerk of the House by January 1, 2007.</td>
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<td>HR 1078</td>
<td>Rep. Munson</td>
<td>Special Education</td>
<td>No action has been taken at this time.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Urges the ISBE to develop a process by which we can collect and evaluate district and statewide costs of providing special education services beyond that which is reimbursed by the State.</td>
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<td>Rep. Munson</td>
<td>Data Analysis</td>
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<td>HR 1084</td>
<td>Rep. Bradley</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>No ISBE implementation required</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Urges school boards, superintendents, school principals and teachers to incorporate technology programs in the classroom and provide appropriate training, hardware, software, and other resources needed to expand technology-based learning activities.</td>
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<td>HR 1085</td>
<td>Rep. Bradley</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>No ISBE implementation required</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Encourages the students of Illinois to develop an understanding of the value of respectful behavior, become aware of the many ways in which they show both respect and disrespect, and discover more about themselves and their schoolmates and declares April 5, 2006, as Respect Your Peers Day in Illinois.</td>
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<td>HR 1148</td>
<td>Rep. Coulson</td>
<td>Data Analysis</td>
<td>The survey has been developed and it will be posted on IWAS toward the end of September for districts to fill out.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Directs ISBE to prepare a report to the Governor and General Assembly surveying school districts to determine how many classrooms would require funding to reduce class sizes in grades K through 3 to no more than 20 students. This would include the costs of hiring additional teachers and staff and providing additional physical classroom space. The report on the findings is due to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2006.</td>
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<td>HR 1185</td>
<td>Rep. W. Davis</td>
<td>NCLB</td>
<td>No ISBE implementation required</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>With respect to measuring Adequate Yearly Progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, urges the U.S. Department of Education to create a pre-AYP classification. A copy of this resolution will be sent to the Secretary of Education.</td>
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<td>HJR 87</td>
<td>Rep. Giles</td>
<td>Accountability</td>
<td>Members of the Task Force have been named.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Creates the &quot;Task Force on Re-enrolling Students Who Dropped Out Of School&quot; in order to examine and develop ways to address the growing issue of students who left school before earning a high school diploma. The task force is to examine policies, programs, and other issues related to developing a variety of successful approaches using best program practices to re-enroll, teach, and graduate students who left school before earning a high school diploma. The task force must hold public hearings around the state, compare Illinois' drop-out information nationally, look at funding for other states for drop-out prevention programs and submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by January 10, 2007. The task force will be facilitated by ISBE and be made up of approximately 27 members.</td>
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<td>Sen. Lightford</td>
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<td>SJR 66</td>
<td>Sen. Lightford</td>
<td>NCLB</td>
<td>No ISBE implementation required</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Calls on the Illinois congressional delegation to take action to review and amend the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and urges the U.S. President and Congress to fully fund the requirements of the Act.</td>
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<td>Rep. M. Davis</td>
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<td>SJR 82</td>
<td>Sen. Lightford</td>
<td>Legal</td>
<td>After passage of the resolution, all districts who had submitted waiver applications were contacted via letter to update them on the status of the waiver.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Disapproves the waiver request made under Section 2-3.25g of the School Code by Huntley CSD 158 - Kane, McHenry with respect to a statement of affairs. Approves, for 2 years, the waiver request made by Aurora West USD 129 - Kane with respect to a statement of affairs, and disapproves the request for the remaining 3 years. Approves, for one year, the waiver request made by Warren THSD 121 - Lake with respect to driver education, and disapproves the request for the remaining 4 years.</td>
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<td>NCLB</td>
<td>Meetings are ongoing - by the September Board meeting, three meetings will have taken place.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Creates a NCLB Growth-Model Task force to examine growth models proposed by other states &amp; to explore the potential for a growth model in Illinois. The Task force shall be comprised of 10 members &amp; ISBE shall provide staff assistance. The Task force must hold a minimum of 4 meetings with at least 1 in Chicago &amp; 1 in Spfld.</td>
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TO: Governmental Relations Committee

FROM: Nicole Wills, Governmental Relations Staff
       Josh Jacobs, Governmental Relations Staff

Agenda Topic: 2006 Veto Session and Outstanding Legislation

Materials: Synopsis of active legislation

Staff Contacts: Nicole Wills, Liaison, Governmental Relations Division
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Purpose (s) of Agenda Item
For this agenda item, we will discuss:

- The upcoming November Veto Session, possible ISBE initiated legislation that may move during Veto Session and any possible legislative initiatives that may be introduced. There are no materials for this portion of the discussion.

- All outstanding legislation that may still move during the remaining days of the 94th General Assembly. The synopsis of active legislation provides a list of all active education-related legislation that is still alive and can be acted upon during the remaining days the General Assembly is in Session.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
This item is for information purposes.

Next Steps:
No action will be required of the Board at this time.
HB 6

Short Description: SCH CD-SUPP STATE AID

House Sponsors
Rep. David E. Miller-Robert F. Flider

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning general and supplemental State aid, removes language that provides that if the appropriation in any fiscal year for general State aid and supplemental general State aid is insufficient to pay the amounts required under the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculations, then the State Board of Education shall ensure that each school district receives the full amount due for general State aid and the remainder of the appropriation shall be used for supplemental general State aid, which the State Board of Education shall calculate and pay to eligible districts on a prorated basis. Provides that a General State Aid Entitlement (defined as the sum of the amounts calculated under the recomputation of claims provisions, the general State aid provisions, and the supplemental general State aid provisions of the School Code) shall be calculated for each school district. Provides that payments to districts shall be based on the General State Aid Entitlement, instead of its separate components. Provides that if the appropriation in any fiscal year for the General State Aid Entitlement is insufficient to pay the amounts required, then the payments shall be prorated as appropriate, with any shortage being subtracted from the final warrant or warrants for that fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2005.

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HB 7

Short Description: PROP TAX-SCHOOL MANDATES

House Sponsors
Rep. David E. Miller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Authorizes school districts to adopt mandate relief levies for special education mandates and transportation mandates. Requires each school district to include in its annual financial statement a report showing the receipts and disbursements for special educational purposes and for transportation purposes, including the balance in those funds. Amends the Property Tax Code. Changes the Truth in Taxation Law with respect to the form of the notice required to be published by school districts. Exempts the new school levies from the limitations imposed by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective July 1, 2005.

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HB 8

Short Description: SCH CD-MASTER TEACH CERT-EXAM

House Sponsors
Rep. David E. Miller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Teacher Certification Article of the School Code. Provides that a teacher from another state or territory of the United States who has successfully achieved National Board certification must not be required to take an examination in order to receive a Master Certificate.

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HB 11

Short Description: SCH CONSTRUCTION-SPEC ED COOP

House Sponsors
Rep. David E. Miller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Construction Law. Defines "school district" to include an administrative district, or governing board, of a special education joint agreement. Provides that a joint agreement shall be deemed eligible for a school construction project grant or debt service grant if one or more of its member districts satisfies the grant index criteria. Provides that the grant index shall not be used to calculate the amount of the grant the Capital Development Board provides to an eligible joint agreement. Provides that the amount of a school construction project grant for an eligible joint agreement shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, based on the needs of the joint agreement in its entirety. Effective immediately.

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HB 26

Short Description: SCH CD-MANDATE WAIVERS-HEARING

House Sponsors
Rep. Mark H. Beaubien, Jr.-Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the waiver and modification of mandates, removes the requirement that the public hearing on the application and plan be held on a day other than the day on which a regular meeting of the school board is held.

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HB 58

Short Description: HEALTH ED-REQUIRED INSTRUCTION

House Sponsors
Rep. Patricia Bailey-Lou Lang, Mike Boland, Calvin L. Giles, Monique D. Davis, Rosemary Mulligan and Harry Osterman

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Terry Link)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Requires a comprehensive health education program to include instruction in secondary schools on clinical depression, suicide prevention, the prevention, transmission, and spread of HIV/AIDS (rather than just AIDS), disaster and terrorism preparedness (instead of disaster survival), and organ, tissue, and blood donation.

House Amendment No. 1
Further amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Provides that notwithstanding the provisions of the Act, any provision of the School Code that allows for or requires parental consent is valid.

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HB 86

Short Description: SCH CD-COMPUTER LIT GRANTS-REP

House Sponsors
Rep. Lou Lang

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Repeals a Section concerning computer literacy grants. Changes a reference from the repealed Section to a Section concerning the School Technology Program. Effective immediately.

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HB 117

Short Description: SCH CD-TAX EQUIVALENT GRANTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Raymond Poe
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires a tax-equivalent grant to be paid to any school district where a State-owned institution is located (now, a school district is entitled to a grant only if the State owns 45% or more of the total land area of the district). Effective immediately.

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HB 160

Short Description: SCH CD-SPECIAL EDUCATION RULES

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Prohibits the State Board of Education from adopting any rule pursuant to that Article that imposes a responsibility or requirement on a school district or school that (i) conflicts with rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or (ii) is not imposed by the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Provides that any rule adopted by the State Board of Education that violates this prohibition is null and void and has no effect beginning on January 1, 2006. Effective January 1, 2006.

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HB 162

Short Description: SCH CONSTRUCTION-GRANT INDEX

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that for school districts that have consolidated within a prior fiscal year, the grant index shall be calculated for each of those school districts that form the new school district. Provides that whichever grant index is the highest shall be used as the grant index for the newly consolidated school district.

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HB 164

Short Description: SCH CD-TEACHER QUAL/RESIDENCY
House Sponsors
Rep. Monique D. Davis, Calvin L. Giles and Marlow H. Colvin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that no one may teach in the public schools of this State who is not State-certified and highly qualified as defined in the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Provides that residency within a school district must be considered in determining the employment and compensation of a teacher and whether to retain, promote, assign, or transfer that teacher (now, there is a general prohibition). Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective August 15, 2005.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Provides that a charter school that is operating in Chicago may not employ an individual in an instructional position who is not State-certified and highly qualified as defined in the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Provides that with respect to a charter school that is operating in Chicago, residency within the city must be considered in determining the employment and compensation of a teacher and whether to retain, promote, assign, or transfer that teacher. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective August 15, 2005.

House Amendment No. 2
Provides that with respect to teachers employed prior to August 15, 2006 by a charter school that is operating in a city having a population exceeding 500,000, residency within the city must not be considered in determining a teacher's employment or compensation or whether to retain, promote, assign, or transfer a teacher. Changes the effective date from August 15, 2005 to August 15, 2006.

Fiscal Note (H-AM 1 & 2) State Board of Education
House Bill 164 (H-AM 1 & 2) has no effect on the Illinois State Board of Education, but Amendment 1 is in conflict with the Charter School Law (105 ILCS 5/27A) which was created to allow charter schools additional flexibility, including employment of teachers who are not certified.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (H-AM 1 & 2) State Board of Education
House Bill 164 (H-AM 1 & 2) creates new mandates regarding teacher certification and/or residency requirements.

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HB 172

Short Description: CHILD ABUSE-RETAIN REPORT INFO

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Deanna Demuzio, John M. Sullivan, Gary Forby, James F. Clayborne, Jr., Terry Link, Jacqueline Y. Collins, Ira I. Silverstein, Mattie Hunter, Arthur J. Wilhelm and Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that identifying information in indicated reports involving the sexual abuse of a child, the death of a child, or serious physical injury to a child must be retained after the report is indicated or after the subsequent case or report is closed.
House Amendment No. 1
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that identifying information in indicated reports involving sexual penetration of a child, sexual molestation of a child, sexual exploitation of a child, torture of a child, or the death of a child, as defined by the Department of Children and Family Services in rules, shall be retained for a period of not less than 50 years after the report is indicated or after the subsequent case or report is closed. (Eliminates the provision of current law that identifying information in indicated reports involving the sexual abuse of a child or the death of a child may be retained longer than 5 years after the report is indicated or after the subsequent case or report is closed.) Effective immediately.

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HB 187

Short Description: VEH CD-SCHOOL BUSES-SEAT BELTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Lou Lang-Sidney H. Mathias-Paul D. Froehlich, Deborah L. Graham and Sara Feigenholtz

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no person shall operate a school bus manufactured after the effective date of this amendatory Act that is not equipped with seat belts for the passengers and a rooftop safety hatch. Creates an exception for buses registered in another state and not operated in this State on a regular basis. Effective immediately.

Fiscal Note (Illinois State Board of Education)
The minimum cost to add lap belts to a bus is approximately $1,065 for a 71 passenger bus. The cost to add lap-shoulder belts would be approximately $7,180. The average cost of a conventional bus is $55,000 without the addition of lap or lap-shoulder belts. There are approximately 24,280 licensed school buses in Illinois as of this date.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (Illinois State Board of Education)
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HB 250

Short Description: EDU-NUTRITION-DEPRESSN-SUICIDE

House Sponsors
Rep. Mary E. Flowers and Calvin L. Giles
Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act. Requires a school board (including the board of a private school) that (1) completes a nutritional analysis of traditional or enhanced food-based menu plans as part of the State review process, (2) provides its meals under a nutrient-based menu plan, or (3) utilizes software that calculates the nutritional content of foods or menus to publish the school lunch menu and the nutrition content, including calories, of each meal item. Provides that all other school boards are strongly encouraged to publish the school lunch menu and the nutrition content, including calories, of each meal item. Provides that a school board may determine the frequency and manner of publication. Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Requires a comprehensive health education program to include instruction in secondary schools on clinical depression and suicide prevention. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Strongly encourages (rather than requires) the publishing of a school lunch menu.

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HB 314

Short Description: LAND TRANSFER-DEPT CORRECTIONS

House Sponsors
Rep. Timothy L. Schmitz

Synopsis As Introduced
Authorizes the Department of Corrections to convey the described property to the Community Unit School District 303.

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HB 327

Short Description: SCH CD-EXPULSION ALTERNATIVE

House Sponsors
Rep. Monique D. Davis

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that upon the school board's expulsion of any student for any reason, the board must provide, and the expelled student must attend, an alternative school setting. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.
HB 343

Short Description: SCH CD-TEACHER PREP-TEST

House Sponsors
Rep. Monique D. Davis

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Teacher Certification Article of the School Code. Removes a provision that prohibits a student from enrolling in a teacher preparation program until he or she has passed the basic skills test. Removes a provision prohibiting a preservice education teacher from student teaching until he or she has passed the subject matter test in the discipline in which he or she will student teach.

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HB 344

Short Description: FINANCE-SCHOOL SAFETY BONDS

House Sponsors
Rep. Lou Lang

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Property Tax Code and the School Code. Makes changes to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law concerning the exclusion of bonds issued by school boards for fire prevention and safety purposes from the definition of "debt service extension base" and the exclusion of certain extensions for fire prevention and safety purposes from the aggregate extension for a school district. Repeals a provision in the Law concerning not reducing a school district's State aid. Makes changes to provisions of the School Code concerning urgent and required items in a school building safety survey report, bonds and taxes for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes (including increasing the maximum tax rate that may be levied), referendums for tax levies, and the debt limitations of school districts. Effective immediately.

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HB 363

Short Description: SCH CD-DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT

House Sponsors
Rep. Chapin Rose-Sandra M. Pihos-Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Boundary Changes Article of the School Code. Provides that a petition for dissolution of a school district that was approved by the regional board of school trustees and that was initiated by the registered voters residing in the district proposed to be dissolved is not effective until the question of dissolution and annexation has been submitted to the electors in each affected school district at a regular election. Makes changes concerning when a school district with a population of less than 5,000 residents may be dissolved and its territory annexed. Effective immediately.

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**HB 374**

**Short Description:** SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION-LOCAL CODE

**House Sponsors**

**Senate Sponsors**
(Sen. Adeline Jay Geo-Karis)

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that all school construction projects financed pursuant to the Law are subject to applicable local building codes. Effective immediately.

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**HB 376**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-MANDATE WAIVERS-P.E.

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Renee Kosel-Elizabeth Coulson-Mary E. Flowers-James H. Meyer-Patricia R. Ballock

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the waiver or modification of mandates within the School Code and rules, provides that an application for a waiver from or modification to a physical education mandate must be made by the particular school involved, not by the school district or joint agreement. Provides that a waiver from or modification to a physical education mandate may not be requested if the school district has received, within the last 10 years, a grant under the School Construction Law to build a new building or to upgrade an existing physical education facility, unless the school district is seeking the waiver or modification to operate under a block schedule. Instead of allowing the General Assembly to disapprove a waiver from or modification to a physical education mandate, provides that if the State Board of Education's mandate waiver report contains a request for a waiver from or modification to a physical education mandate, then the General Assembly must approve the request by adoption of a joint resolution pertaining only to that particular request, otherwise the waiver shall be deemed disapproved. Effective immediately.

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### HB 402

**Short Description:** SCH CD-DRIVER EDUCATION FEE

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Sandra M. Pihos

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. In a provision concerning driver education, removes the $50 limit on the amount that a school district may charge a participant and allows the local school board to determine the reasonable fee that may be charged. Effective immediately.

**House Amendment No. 1**
Instead of removing the $50 limit on the amount that a school district may charge a participant, provides that the maximum amount that a school district may charge a participant is $250, which must be deposited into the district's driver education fund.

**House Amendment No. 2**
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. In a provision concerning driver education, provides that the maximum amount that a school district may charge students who participate is $250, rather than $50. Provides that the total amount from driver education fees and State reimbursement must not exceed the total cost of the program in any year and must be deposited into the school district's driver education fund as a separate line budget entry. Provides that all moneys deposited into the fund must be used solely for the purpose of funding a State Board of Education approved high school driver education program that uses State Board certified instructors. Effective immediately.

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### HB 403

**Short Description:** SCH CD-HOLIDAY-WORK

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Roger L. Eddy

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that teachers and other school employees are required to work on certain legal school holidays, provided that appropriate instruction is given to students on that day or that day is used for other activities, including without limitation teachers' institutes or parent-teacher conferences. Makes technical changes.

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### HB 412
Short Description: SCH CD-MANDATE WAIVERS-G.A.

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In provisions regarding the waiver or modification of mandates within the School Code and rules, provides that any request disapproved by the State Board of Education may be appealed through an appeals advisory committee, which makes recommendations for action to the State Superintendent of Education (now, an applicant may appeal to the General Assembly). Removes provisions that allow the General Assembly to disapprove requests. Effective immediately.

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HB 424

Short Description: SCH CD-SUPP ST AID-MINIMUM AMT

House Sponsors
Rep. Jerry L. Mitchell, David R. Leitch and Aaron Schock

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. With regard to supplemental general State aid, sets a minimum grant amount through the 2013-2014 school year (now, through the 2006-2007 school year). Effective immediately.

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HB 437

Short Description: SPECIAL ED/TRANSPORT MANDATES

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy-William Davis-Robin Kelly

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Property Tax Code and School Code. Provides a notice form that must be used by school districts (other than Chicago) proposing a tax increase (now, all taxing districts use the same form). Excludes from the definition of "aggregate extension" a special purpose extension made for mandate shortfall relief under the School Code. Changes the definition of "debt service extension base" for school districts (other than Chicago). Requires a school district's annual financial statement to include a report showing the receipts and disbursements for special educational and transportation purposes. Provides that any shortfall in those funds permits the school board to levy (i) a mandate shortfall relief tax for special education mandates and (ii) a mandate shortfall relief tax for transportation mandates. Effective immediately.

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HB 455

Short Description: ED LABOR-EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEE

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that notwithstanding the definition found in the Act or any other law to the contrary, for the purposes of the Act, any individual with an administrative certificate issued pursuant to the School Code and employed full-time or part-time as an administrator, principal, or assistant principal by the Chicago school district is an "educational employee" or an "employee". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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HB 502

Short Description: UTILITIES-NATURAL GAS-SCHOOLS

House Sponsors
Rep. Kathleen A. Ryg

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that, for public schools, the "transition charge" is: (i) 0.5 cents per kilowatt-hour during the period October 1, 1999 through December 31, 2004, 1.25 cents per kilowatt-hour in calendar year 2005, and 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour in calendar year 2006, multiplied in each year by the usage identified in paragraph (1); or (ii) an amount equal to the following percentages of the amount produced by applying the applicable base rates or contract rate to the identified usage: 8% for the period October 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002, 10% in calendar years 2003 and 2004, 15% in calendar year 2005 and 25% in calendar year 2006 (now, the transition charge for public schools is calculated in the same manner as that of all nonresidential retail customers). Requires each Illinois gas corporation to file annually a set of transportation schedules or tariffs applicable to public schools authorizing a public school association to aggregate the purchase of natural gas for its members. Requires the transportation schedules or tariffs to (i) establish certain delivery charges; (ii) authorize a public school association to contract with the gas corporation at monthly market prices for interstate pipeline capacity; (iii) require the gas corporation to provide certain usage projections; and (iv) authorizes the corporation to impose a penalty under limited circumstances. Authorizes the Illinois Commerce Commission to suspend the transportation schedule or tariff for up to 3 months. Requires energy sellers to comply with applicable Commission rules. Provides that any agreement between a public school association and an energy seller is void if the energy seller does not comply with Commission rules. Requires each gas corporation to file an annual statement of its revenues and incremental charges incurred as direct result of the aggregation of natural gas for public schools. Authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules reasonable and necessary to administer the aggregation program. Effective immediately.

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HB 514

Short Description: CRIM CD-CHILD SEX OFFENDER

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that it is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly loiter on a public way within 1,000 (rather than 500) feet of a school building or real property comprising any school while persons under the age of 18 are present in the building or on the grounds, unless the offender is a parent or guardian of a student present in the building or on the grounds or has permission to be present from the superintendent or the school board or in the case of a private school from the principal. Provides that it is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly reside within 1,000 (rather than 500) feet of a school building or real property comprising any school that persons under the age of 18 attend. Permits a child sex offender to reside at least 500 feet to within 1,000 feet of a school building or the real property comprising any school that persons under 18 attend if the property is owned by the child sex offender and was purchased before the effective date of this amendatory Act.

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HB 558

Short Description: SCH CD-COMPUTER ACCESS-FILTERS

House Sponsors
Rep. Terry R. Parke-Paul D. Froehlich, Maria Antonia Berrios, Michelle Chavez and Cynthia Soto

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board must require each school that maintains any of grades kindergarten through 8 that has a student access computer to either (i) equip the computer with software that seeks to prevent minors from gaining access to explicit sexual materials or (ii) obtain Internet connectivity from an Internet service provider that provides filter services to limit access to explicit sexual materials. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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HB 564

Short Description: UTILITIES-NATURAL GAS-SCHOOLS

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel V. Beiser-Mike Boland
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Requires each natural gas public utility to file annually a set of transportation schedules or tariffs applicable to public schools authorizing a public school association to aggregate the purchase of natural gas for its members. Requires the transportation schedules or tariffs to (i) establish certain delivery charges; (ii) authorize a public school association to contract with a public utility at monthly market prices for interstate pipeline capacity; (iii) require the public utility to provide certain usage projections; and (iv) authorize the public utility to impose a penalty under limited circumstances. Authorizes the Illinois Commerce Commission to suspend the transportation schedule or tariff for up to 3 months. Requires energy sellers to comply with applicable Commission rules. Provides that any agreement between a public school association and an energy seller is void if the energy seller does not comply with Commission rules. Requires each natural gas public utility to file an annual statement of its revenues and incremental costs incurred as a direct result of the aggregation of natural gas for public schools. Authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules that are reasonable and necessary to administer the aggregation program. Effective immediately.

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HB 565

Short Description: UTIL-TRANSITION CHG-SCHOOLS

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel V. Beiser

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Utilities Act. For public schools, changes the calculation of the "transition charge" by subtracting the greater of the following amounts: (i) 0.5 cents per kilowatt-hour during the period October 1, 1999 through December 31, 2004, 1.25 cents per kilowatt-hour in calendar year 2005, and 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour in calendar year 2006, multiplied in each year by an identified usage; or (ii) an amount equal to the following percentages of the amount produced by applying the applicable base rates or contract rate to the identified usage: 8% for the period October 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002, 10% in calendar years 2003 and 2004, 15% in calendar year 2005, and 25% in calendar year 2006 (now, the transition charge for public schools is calculated in the same manner as that of all nonresidential retail customers). Effective immediately.

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HB 579

Short Description: CHILD ABUSE BCKGRD CHECKS

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Requires employees with a school district to authorize an investigation of the central register established in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to ascertain if the employee has been determined to be a perpetrator in an indicated report of child abuse or neglect.
Provides for confidentiality of the information. Provides for a criminal penalty for any employee of the Department of Children and Family Services who gives or causes to be given any confidential information concerning any child abuse or neglect reports about an employee, unless release of such information is authorized by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Amends the Hospital Licensing Act to require employees of a facility who have any possible contact with children in the course of their duties, as a condition of such employment, to authorize an investigation of the central register established in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to ascertain if the employee has been determined to be a perpetrator in an indicated report of child abuse or neglect. Provides for confidentiality of the information. Provides for a criminal penalty for any employee of the Department of Children and Family Services who gives or causes to be given any confidential information concerning any child abuse or neglect reports about an employee, unless release of such information is authorized by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to give the chief administrator of a hospital the access to information received pursuant to the Act.

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**HB 641**

**Short Description:** ARTHRITIS PREVENTN/CONTROL ACT

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Mary E. Flowers-Elizabeth Coulson-Milton Patterson-Karen May-Rosemary Mulligan, Michael Tryon, Mike Boland, Jack McGuire, Kathleen A. Ryg, Deborah L. Graham and David R. Leitch

**Senate Sponsors**
(Sen. Dave Sullivan)

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the Arthritis Prevention and Control Act. Directs the Department of Public Health to establish, promote, and maintain an Arthritis Prevention and Control Program to raise public awareness, educate consumers, and educate and train health professionals, teachers, and human services providers, and for other purposes.

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**HB 674**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-ST AID-FOUNDATION LEVEL

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Bill Mitchell

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. In the State aid formula provisions, provides that the foundation level of support for each school year after the 2004-2005 school year shall be equal to the foundation level of support for the preceding school year, increased by (i) the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all items or (ii) 3%, whichever is greater. Effective immediately.
HB 675

Short Description: SCH CD-FREE TRANSPORT-HAZARD

House Sponsors
Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. Requires a school board to provide free transportation for a pupil residing within one and one-half miles from school if conditions are such that walking constitutes a serious hazard to the safety of the pupil (now allowed if the hazard is due to vehicular traffic or rail crossings). Provides that guidelines as to what constitutes a serious safety hazard shall be adopted by the State Superintendent of Education (in consultation with the Department of Transportation with regard to vehicular traffic or rail crossings). Provides that the State Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the Department of Transportation with regard to vehicular traffic or rail crossings, shall review and approve or disapprove a school board's determination that a serious safety hazard exists (now the Department of Transportation makes the review and approves or disapproves the determination). Makes related changes.

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HB 695

Short Description: SCH CD-INDOOR AIR-FAC QUALITY

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford, Terry Link, Antonio Munoz-Kwame Raoul and Deanna Demuzio)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In the Section concerning the school building code, provides that the State Board of Education shall require each school district to prepare an indoor air quality policy. Provides that each school district shall annually notify parents about the policy and the school board's approval of that policy and shall provide a copy of the policy along with the notification. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Removes the notification provision. Provides instead that each school district shall annually notify parents about the indoor air quality policy, that notification may be included in newsletters, bulletins,
handbooks, or other correspondence currently published by the school district or included on the school
district's Internet website, and that the policy must be made available upon verbal or written request.

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HB 718

Short Description: ENERGY CONSERVATION

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Local Government Energy Conservation Act, the School Code, the Public University Energy Conservation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Defines "energy conservation measure" to include energy conservation measures that reduce energy consumption or reduce operating costs, including future labor costs, future costs for contracted services, and related capital expenditures. Defines "related capital expenditures". Provides that a unit of local government, public university, or public community college may enter into a guaranteed energy savings contract if it finds that the amount it would spend on the energy conservation measures recommended in the proposal would not exceed the amount to be saved in either energy or operational costs, or both, within a 20-year period (now, a 10-year period) from the date of installation, if the recommendations in the proposal are followed. Makes corresponding changes. For purposes of the Local Government Energy Conservation Act, defines "unit of local government" to include park districts. Effective immediately.

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HB 727

Short Description: SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Ronald A. Wait

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the School District Income Tax Act. Allows school districts to tax income after referendum approval of district residents and record owners of property in the district. Provides for additional levies, administration and distribution of the tax, and penalties for violations. Applies only to income earned following 120 days after certification of the results of the referendum. Creates a credit against the tax in an amount not to exceed $500 equal to 5% of the amounts spent by the taxpayer on monthly rent for the taxpayer's residence. Amends the Property Tax Code to provide for abatement of residential, farm, and small business property. Amends the School Code to require that school districts certify income tax levies and amounts realized for property tax abatement purposes and to coordinate the calculation of school aid with the income tax levies by adjusting the operating tax rate accordingly. Amends the State Finance Act to create the School District Income Tax Fund. Effective immediately.
HB 750

Short Description: PROP TX-SCHOOL DIST

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the School District Property Tax Relief Fund. Requires the General Assembly, in FY06, to appropriate $2.4 billion from the education appropriation minimum to the School District Property Tax Relief Fund and to appropriate additional amounts each fiscal year thereafter. Requires the Department of Revenue to annually determine and certify the total amount of property tax relief grants that each school district will receive from the Fund. Sets forth procedures for appropriating these grants. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that for taxable years beginning after January 1, 2005, the rate of income tax for individuals, trusts, and estates is increased from 3% to 5% of the taxpayer's net income and the rate of income tax for corporations is increased from 4.8% to 8% of the taxpayer's net income. Includes retirement income within the definition of base income for individuals with an adjusted gross income of $75,000 or more annually. Eliminates certain exemptions for corporations located in Enterprise Zones or federally designated Foreign Trade Zones. Creates the Family Tax Credit, which is a refundable tax credit available to any natural person or married couple filing jointly that reports a total annual income of $47,000 or less. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers’ Occupation Tax Act. Eliminates exemptions concerning newsprint and ink and concerning manufacturing and assembling machinery. Includes certain arts, entertainment, and recreation services within the definition of sale at retail in the Retailers’ Occupation Tax Act. Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires the county clerk to abate the extension for educational purposes for each school district in the county by the amount of the property tax relief grants received by each of those school districts. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Deletes provisions concerning discounts for timely filing and paying the taxes. Amends the School Code. In the State aid formula provisions, increases the foundation level of support and grant amount for supplemental general State aid. Provides for an education appropriation minimum and supplemental State aid for rapidly expanding school districts.

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HB 755

Short Description: SCH CD-POLIC LINE UP-MUG PHOTO

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires a school board to prohibit a law enforcement agency or school
official, while on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity, from recruiting or compelling a student to participate in a police line-up, mock police line-up, or mug photograph shoot without the permission of the student's parent or guardian. Effective July 1, 2005.

### HB 791

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Michael K. Smith

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning teacher tenure.

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### HB 842

**Short Description:** SCH BDS-CUMULATIVE VOTING

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Paul D. Froehlich

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Allows certain boards of education to give cumulative voting rights in the election of board members, in which case each elector may cast a specified number of votes, equal to the number of members to be elected at that election, for one candidate or distribute them equally among no more than the number of candidates that equals the number of members to be elected, and the candidates highest in votes shall be declared elected.

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### HB 846

**Short Description:** SCH CD-ADVISORY REFERENDA

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Mike Boland-Paul D. Froehlich

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Authorizes a school board to place an advisory question on the ballot by a majority vote of the board.
HB 924

Short Description: SCH CD-TEXTBK WEIGHT STANDARDS

House Sponsors
Rep. Robert W. Churchill

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that on or before July 1, 2006, the State Board of Education shall adopt maximum weight standards for textbooks used by pupils in elementary and secondary schools. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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HB 925

Short Description: SCHOOL MANDATES-ELIMINATE

House Sponsors
Rep. Robert W. Churchill

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Mandates Act. Provides that on and after January 1, 2007, no school district is required to implement or continue complying with any service mandate, tax exemption mandate, or personnel mandate, unless the cost of implementing or continuing to comply with the mandate is wholly recovered by the school district from federal, State, or other external aid. This applies (i) regardless of when the mandate was imposed, (ii) regardless of whether the mandate was previously exempted from the State reimbursement requirements of the Act, and (iii) notwithstanding any other provision of the Act or any other law to the contrary.

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HB 955

Short Description: SCH CD-ST AID-INCREASE ADA FIG

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael K. Smith

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. Provides that for the purpose of
calculating general State aid only, the Average Daily Attendance figure, for pupils in grades 9 through 12, shall be increased by 2% for fiscal year 2006, by 4% for fiscal year 2007, by 6% for fiscal year 2008, by 8% for fiscal year 2009, and by 10% for fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter. Effective immediately.

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HB 978

Short Description: SCH CD-REG SUP-BUILDING PLANS

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that within 10 business days after the regional superintendent of schools receives school building plans and specifications from a school board and prior to the bidding process, the regional superintendent shall notify the municipality (or county in an unincorporated area) and, if applicable, the fire protection district where the school is being constructed or altered that the plans and specifications have been submitted. Allows local fire, building, and plumbing inspectors to review the plans and specifications. Removes a provision regarding requests by the local fire department or fire protection district where the school is being constructed or altered to review the plans and specifications. Effective immediately.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (State Board of Education)
Creates a mandate.

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HB 1038

Short Description: OPEN MEETING-ATTENDANCE

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Redefines "meeting" to include gatherings, whether in person or by telephone call, electronic means, or other means of contemporaneous interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business
(now, a gathering of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business). Provides that if a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body are physically present at a meeting, then a majority of a quorum may allow a member of that body to attend a meeting by other means, subject to certain limitations. Defines "other means" as by telephone call, electronic means, or other means of contemporaneous interactive communication. Provides that a quorum of the members must be physically present for the public body to vote on the issuance of bonds. Provides that transmissions by other means made during a meeting by a member who is in attendance shall be made available to the public contemporaneously with the transmission and in such a manner or format that the public body and the public may contemporaneously hear or observe the transmission. Allows a public body to adopt rules concerning attendance at meetings by electronic means. Requires the agenda to disclose all locations at which members of the public may attend a meeting at which one or more members are present by a means other than physical presence. Requires the physical presence of the person testifying in any contested case, as defined in the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, unless all parties waive the requirement of physical presence. Requires minutes of all public bodies to reflect whether members were physically present or present by other means. Makes other changes.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Redefines a "meeting" to include gatherings, whether in person or by telephone call, video or audio conference, electronic means (such as e-mail, chat, and instant messaging), or other means of interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business (now, a gathering of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business). Requires that the number of public body members necessary to constitute a quorum must be physically present at a meeting and that members in excess of the number required for a quorum may participate by means of a video or audio conference. If a member attends by video or audio conference, requires the minutes reflect his or her attendance by video or audio conference. Updates references to Code of Civil Procedure citations. Specifies the conditions under which a public body member not necessary for a quorum may attend a meeting by other than physical presence and permits public bodies to adopt additional provisions by rule.

House Amendment No. 6
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of House Amendment No. 1 with the following changes: Requires the physical presence of a quorum at an open meeting (now, a meeting) and exempts from this requirement State advisory boards or bodies not authorized to make binding recommendations or determinations or to take other substantive action. Permits those boards and bodies to adopt procedures for members to attend meetings by audio or video conference. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. When there is no vacancy, sets the quorum of the Pollution Control Board at 3, (now, 4) members.

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HB 1057

Short Description: OPEN MEET-ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Redefines a "meeting" to include gatherings, whether in person or by telephone call, electronic means, or other means of interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business (now, a gathering of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business).
HB 1090

Short Description:  SCH CD-ACCT/BUDGET PER MONTH

House Sponsors
Rep. Randall M. Hultgren

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires that the forms, procedure, and regulations for school district accounts and budgets be on a per month basis and that the budget and accounting system be on a per month basis. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (Illinois State Board of Education)
The text of the bill includes an exemption from the State Mandates Act. While the costs would increase somewhat, there are no data available to provide a reliable estimate of the increase in costs.

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HB 1094

Short Description:  CD CORR-AGG CRIM SEX ABUSE

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Dale A. Righter)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that a period of probation, a term of periodic imprisonment, or conditional discharge shall not be imposed for the offense of aggravated criminal sexual abuse if the offender who held a position of trust, authority, or supervision in relation to the victim was the victim's teacher.

House Amendment No. 2
Provides that a period of probation, a term of periodic imprisonment, or conditional discharge shall not be imposed for the offense of aggravated criminal sexual abuse if the offender: (i) was an administrator, teacher, employee, or volunteer in the same school district in which the victim was a student; or (ii) held a position of trust, authority, or supervision in relation to the victim (instead of held a position of trust, authority, or supervision in relation to the victim as the victim's teacher).

Correctional Note (H-AM 2) (Dept. of Corrections)
HB 1150

Short Description: EDU-TRANSITION SPECIALIST CERT

House Sponsors
Rep. Constance A. Howard and Jack McGuire

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a transition specialist certificate shall be issued to persons who, through their education and training, have a comprehensive understanding of the requirements for transition planning and of transition services for students with all types of disabilities and are aware of the array of options available to students with disabilities after they exit high school. Provides that before the 2006-2007 academic year, the Board of Higher Education shall, in collaboration with the Interagency Coordinating Council and the Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities, develop coursework for students who want to qualify for a transition specialist certificate. Provides that those public universities that are teacher training institutions shall implement the coursework developed by the Board beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year. Effective immediately.

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HB 1159

Short Description: SCHL CD-SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Patricia Reid Lindner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires each school district to establish a process by which each parent or guardian of a pupil is given an opportunity to enter into a school-parent compact that shall commit the parent or guardian to assist and cooperate with the educational process of his or her child. Sets forth the elements of the compact, including a description of the school and school district's responsibilities regarding curriculum and instruction, the school's and school district's commitment to assist and encourage active participation, and the parent's or guardian's commitment to share responsibility for pupil learning. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (Illinois State Board of Education)
(1) Requires school boards to develop a local process for implementing compacts; (2) May require opening negotiations if teachers are required to complete a compact for each student as they would interpret that as a change of working conditions; (3) Requires schools to create a NEW process that promotes meaningful and regular communication between home and school; (4) The school district will need to create and produce a Compact that contains certain obligatory duties for parent and
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HB 1320

Short Description: CHILD ABUSE-SCHOOL ADMIN REPRT

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Dale A. Righter)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that a school administrator who has reasonable cause to believe that a child known to him or her in his or her official capacity may be an abused child or a neglected child and who fails to immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Department of Children and Family Services is guilty of a Class 4 felony (instead of a Class A misdemeanor) for a first offense and a Class 3 felony (instead of a Class 4 felony) for a second or subsequent offense. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that any school administrator, school principal, school teacher, school board member, or other school personnel having reasonable cause to believe that a child known to that school administrator, school principal, school teacher, school board member, or other school personnel in his or her professional capacity was the victim of a sex offense committed by a person responsible for the child's welfare shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to DCFS. Provides that a school administrator, school principal, school teacher, school board member, or other school personnel who knowingly and willfully fails to report any suspected cases involving a sex offense against a child committed by a person responsible for the child's welfare is guilty of a Class 4 felony for a first violation and a Class 3 felony for a second or subsequent violation; except that if the school administrator, school principal, school teacher, school board member, or other school personnel acted as part of a plan or scheme having as its object the prevention of discovery of a child that was the victim of a sex offense by lawful authorities for the purpose of protecting or insulating any person or entity from arrest or prosecution, the person is guilty of a Class 3 felony for a first offense and a Class 2 felony for a second or subsequent offense (regardless of whether the second or subsequent offense involves any of the same facts or persons as the first or other prior offense). Effective immediately.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (H-AM 1)(Illinois State Board of Education)
School personnel are currently required to be Mandated Reporters under Section 5/4 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, for any suspected child abuse, including any sex offenses. This legislation simply increases the penalties for first and subsequent violations of the Reporting law where a sex offense is suspected, including when the mandated reporter acts to prevent discovery.
of the suspected abuse. The penalties for willful failure to report suspected abuse other than suspected sexual abuse remain the same.

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### HB 1359

**Short Description:** SCH CD-DRIVER ED-PERMISSIVE

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Kevin A. McCarthy

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Driver Education Act of the School Code. Allows (instead of requires) a school district that maintains grades 9 through 12 to offer driver education.

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### HB 1393

**Short Description:** VEH CD-SCHOOL BUS NOISE

**House Sponsors**
Rep. James D. Brosnahan

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the driver of any bus that meets specified requirements for a school bus must, in addition to following all other required procedures, turn off all noise producing accessories before crossing a railroad track or tracks. Provides that any school bus manufactured on or after January 1, 2006 must be equipped with a noise suppression switch capable of turning off noise producing accessories.

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### HB 1468

**Short Description:** SCH CD-FINANC AID-PREP COURSES

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Michelle Chavez
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish a program to provide financial aid to high school students to pay for the costs of enrolling in courses that prepare students to take those standardized examinations that are commonly required for college entrance.

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HB 1475

Short Description: SCH CD-CONTRACTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Jerry L. Mitchell

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Edward D. Maloney-Dan Cronin)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. With respect to school districts other than Chicago, requires that certain contracts involving an expenditure in excess of $25,000 or a lower amount as required by local policy (rather than $10,000) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Makes changes concerning the exceptions to this requirement, including an exception for contracts for services of corporations possessing a high degree of professional skill where ability and fitness play an important part, contracts for food services, contracts for utilities and related services when the cost is less than that offered by a local distribution company, and contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or construction involving an expenditure not to exceed $50,000 (rather than $20,000). Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 2
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced. Restores current law with respect to contracts for the purchase of natural gas when the cost is less than that offered by a public utility (instead of contracts for the purchase of utilities and related services when the cost is less than that offered by the local distribution company). Changes a reference from a consortia of agencies to a consortia of governmental agencies. Effective immediately.

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HB 1484

Short Description: SCH CD-SUPP ST AID-MINIMUM

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. With regard to supplemental general State aid, provides that (i) for the 2005-2006 school year, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year, (ii) for the 2006-2007 school year, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by 0.66, and (iii) for the 2007-2008 school year, the grant shall be no
less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by 0.33. Effective immediately.

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**HB 1521**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-SCH REPORT CARD-SPEC ED

**House Sponsors**
Rep. David E. Miller

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that the school report card assessing the performance of a district's schools and students shall include a description of the total spending to educate children with disabilities for the school, district, and State. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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**HB 1534**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-LIMIT PE MANDATE WAIVER

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Tom Cross-Elizabeth Coulson

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the waiver of mandates within the School Code and administrative rules, provides that an approved waiver from or modification to a physical education mandate may remain in effect for a period not to exceed 2 (instead of 5) school years, and must not be renewed. Provides that, as long as physical education remains a part of the regular curriculum, however, a waiver from or modification to a physical education mandate that is approved before the effective date of the amendatory Act for a school that operates under a block schedule or for an alternative school that operates under an alternative schedule may remain in effect until the expiration of the already approved period and may be renewed one or more times for a period not to exceed 5 school years per renewal.

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**HB 1535**

**Short Description:** COMP HEALTH EDUC-NUTRITION

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Tom Cross-Elizabeth Coulson-Roger L. Eddy
Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Susan Garrett)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Specifically includes, as part of the design of the Comprehensive Health Education Program, learning experiences that will aid students in making wise personal decisions in matters of nutrition. Provides that in the educational area of nutrition, the Program shall include an emphasis on nutritional values and wellness. Requires the State Board of Education to develop and make available, through Internet website resources, instructional materials and guidelines concerning nutrition and wellness to all schools. Effective immediately.

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HB 1536

Short Description: SCH CD-VENDING MACHINES

House Sponsors
Rep. Tom Cross-Elizabeth Coulson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that each school board must adopt, no later than the 2006-2007 school year, nutritional goals and policies regarding the use of vending machines in schools. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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HB 1537

Short Description: SCH-VENDING MACHINE ACCESS

House Sponsors
Rep. Tom Cross-Elizabeth Coulson-Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires school districts to restrict access to vending machine products during times when school breakfasts and lunches are being served. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything. Amends the School Code. Requires school boards in cities having less than 500,000 inhabitants to restrict access to all foods not being served as part of the federally funded lunch or breakfast program including, but not limited to, vending machine foods, if a school receives funding under the National School Lunch and National School Breakfast programs. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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HB 1539

Short Description:  DHS-IDPH-TANF-NUTRITION

House Sponsors
Rep. Tom Cross-Elizabeth Coulson, Jack D. Franks and Linda Chapa LaVia

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Kirk W. Dillard-Mattie Hunter)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Human Services, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health, to develop materials and resources on nutritional health for new TANF, Food Stamp, and early intervention program enrollees. Effective immediately.

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HB 1558

Short Description:  SCH CD-UNIT DIST-TAX RATE

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Shane Cultra

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. For school districts having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants, provides that, subject to referendum, the maximum tax rate for certain recently formed community unit school districts that have a combined rate of more than 4% is as follows: for 2 years, the same as the actual combined rate of the previous elementary and secondary district; and in each subsequent year the rate shall be reduced by 0.10% or reduced to 4.00%, whichever is less. The school board may seek to increase the reduced rate by referendum. Effective immediately.

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HB 1577

Short Description:  OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Opportunity Scholarship Act and amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides findings
and declarations of policy. Establishes the Opportunity Scholarship Program. Provides that under the program the custodian of a qualifying pupil is entitled to a Tutoring Opportunity Scholarship or a School Opportunity Scholarship to pay for qualified education expenses at participating Chicago elementary and secondary schools or tutoring agencies. Requires the principal of each school in the Chicago school district to notify custodians of qualified pupils of the availability of scholarships. Requires custodians to apply to the State Board of Education for a scholarship and provide documentation as to eligibility. Requires the State Board to issue a scholarship to custodians who have made proper application and to honor the scholarship when presented for payment by a school or tutoring agency pursuant to certain procedures. Provides for the dollar amount of a scholarship and provides that the total amount of scholarships paid under the program may not exceed $15,000,000 in a school year. Provides that the scholarship may be renewed each year through the 12th grade so long as the pupil and custodian remain eligible. Requires pupils receiving scholarships to be assessed in the same manner as Illinois public school students. Provides that the amount received under the program shall not be considered base income for purposes of Illinois' income tax. Requires the State Board to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2010. Provides criminal penalties for certain violations. Requires the State Board to adopt rules to implement the Act.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. Provides that the scholarship program applies to all schools in Illinois not just in Chicago. Removes a provision requiring the State Board of Education to submit a report to the General Assembly reviewing the status of the program. Makes changes concerning dates. Adds an immediate effective date.

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HB 1585

**Short Description:** ARSENIC IN SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

**House Sponsors**

**Senate Sponsors**
(Sen. Susan Garrett)

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the Arsenic in School Playgrounds Act. Provides that on and after January 1, 2006 no unit of local government or school district within this State shall construct or install any new playground equipment treated or containing the pesticide chromated copper arsenate.

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HB 2000

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH
House Sponsors
Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Barbara Flynn Currie-Calvin L. Giles

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the School Code's construction.

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HB 2002

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Lisa M. Dugan-Calvin L. Giles-Careen M Gordon

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Edward D. Maloney)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning State Urban Education Partnership Grants.

House Amendment No. 4
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Teacher Certification Article of the School Code. Includes as unprofessional conduct for which a certificate may be suspended the failure to disclose relevant information on an employment application or during the hiring process, including without limitation any previous arrest or conviction for a sex offense or any other criminal offense involving an element that is sexual in nature and how that matter was resolved. Provides that prior to a hearing on the suspension of a certificate, a certificate holder may be suspended from his or her duties if it is deemed necessary for the safety of students.

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HB 2005

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Barbara Flynn Currie-Calvin L. Giles

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning alternative public schools.
HB 2006

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the annual budgets of school districts other than the Chicago school district.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Requires public schools to provide age-appropriate instruction to all pupils in grades kindergarten through 12 concerning the dangers of methamphetamine use, abuse, and manufacturing. Effective July 1, 2006.

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HB 2012

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Miguel del Valle-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Iris Y. Martinez)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning instructional materials.

House Amendment No. 2
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that prior to the Chicago Board of Education voting to close any school in the district, the board shall announce its intention to do so at least 6 months prior to the vote. Provides that before the vote, the board shall conduct 3 public hearings, each in a separate location. Provides that if a preponderance of the testimony at the hearings is in opposition to the closure, the board and any parties opposing the closure must submit to federal mediation. Provides that if there is no resolution within 60 days after submitting to mediation, the board may not close the school until the question of closing the school has been submitted to the electors of the school's local attendance area at a regular election and approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question. Provides that if a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in the negative, the board may not attempt to close the school during the current school year or the following school year. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Adds a Section concerning the closure of schools. Contains only a caption.
HB 2359

Short Description: FOIA-CHILD ABUSE REPORTERS

House Sponsors
Rep. Marlow H. Colvin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that identification information relating to mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect contained in records of a law enforcement agency or the Department of Children and Family Services is exempt from inspection and copying under the Act.

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HB 2361

Short Description: SCHOOL CD-LIMIT BEVERAGE SALES

House Sponsors
Rep. David E. Miller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Limits the type and size of beverage items that may be sold in a public school during school hours. Prohibits a public school or school board from entering into a contract with a beverage vending company if the contract contains certain provisions. Provides for a penalty. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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HB 2369

Short Description: CHILD ABUSE-UNREPORTED-PENALTY

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Cheryl Axley and Pamela J. Althoff)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Adds members of a school board, the Chicago Board of Education, or the governing body of a private school as mandated reporters. Provides that within one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act or within one year after becoming a mandated reporter, whichever is later, a person mandated to report suspected child abuse or neglect must do one of the following: (1) attend an educational seminar, approved by the Department of Children and Family Services, concerning child abuse and neglect and the making of reports; or (2) sign an affidavit stating that the person understands his or her reporting responsibilities. Provides that any person who knowingly and willfully violates any mandated-reporter provision of the Act other than a second or subsequent violation of transmitting a false report is guilty of a Class 4 felony (instead of a Class A misdemeanor) for a first violation and a Class 3 (instead of Class 4) felony for a second or subsequent violation. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that "school personnel" who are mandated reporters of child abuse or neglect include administrators and both certified and non-certified school employees. Provides that any school board member who has actual knowledge that a child enrolled in the school district of which he or she is a board member is an abused child as defined in the Act shall immediately report that knowledge to DCFS or cause such a report to be made to DCFS. Provides that within one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act or within one year after becoming a mandated reporter, whichever is later, a person mandated to report suspected abuse or neglect under the Act must do one of the following: (1) read the requirements of the Act concerning mandated reporters, or read a document prepared by or approved by DCFS concerning child abuse and neglect and the making of reports under the Act; or (2) sign a statement, on a form prescribed by or approved by DCFS, to the effect that the person understands his or her responsibilities as a mandated reporter. Effective immediately.

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HB 2372

Short Description: SCH CD-CHI-LSC-CRIM BKGRND CHK

House Sponsors
Rep. Robert S. Molaro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code with regard to the Chicago school district. Provides that no fingerprint images shall be required as part of the initial criminal background investigation conducted concerning incoming local school council members. Provides that these local school council members shall be required to submit their full name, sex, race, date of birth, and social security number. Provides that if the initial criminal background investigation indicates that the person has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit certain enumerated offenses, he or she shall be required to provide fingerprint images, and the Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall furnish records of convictions, until expunged, to the president of the school board.

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HB 2437

Short Description: SCH CD-FOUNDAT LEVEL-DROP OUTS
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In the State aid formula provisions, provides that a school district with an annual high school dropout rate of at least 10% shall receive an incentive weighting of 2 times the foundation level of support for each high school dropout who has been reenrolled in a small school, if the small school meets certain standards. Requires the school district to provide the same local and other funding for each reenrolled dropout that is provided for other students already enrolled in the district. Provides that the reenrolled dropout must not be counted by a school district with respect to State test reporting and enrollment and dropout rate reporting for federal, State, and local purposes. Effective July 1, 2005.

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HB 2438

Short Description: SCH CD-CI-EMPLOYEE-ARBITRATOR

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. In a Section concerning the removal of teachers and principals, provides that each person on the State Board of Education's list of prospective hearing officers must have had a minimum of 5 years of experience as an arbitrator or attorney (instead of requiring that he or she be accredited by a national arbitration organization and have had a minimum of 5 years of experience as an arbitrator in cases involving labor and employment relations matters between educational employers and educational employees or their exclusive bargaining representatives). Makes a technical change having a revisory function.

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HB 2516

Short Description: SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAMS

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Authorizes school districts to establish and implement tutorial programs whereby qualified, able noncertificated volunteers assist students with their studies and course work. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Allows a $500 income tax credit for individual taxpayers who volunteer for 100 or more hours during the taxable year with a volunteer tutorial program. Provides that the credit may not be carried forward or back and may not reduce the taxpayer's liability to less than zero. Effective immediately.
HB 2584

Short Description: SCH CD-ACAD WARN/WATCH STATUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Sandra M. Pihos-David Reis

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that placing a school on academic early warning status for not meeting adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual calculations shall not begin until the 2006-2007 school year. For schools, removes the requirement that the adequate yearly progress criteria be specified by the State Board of Education. Provides instead that the criteria must not be met in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in the school's participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate in order for the school to be placed on academic early warning or watch status. Provides that a school on academic early warning or watch status that meets adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation (instead of 2 consecutive annual calculations) shall be considered as having met expectations and shall be removed from any status designation. Effective immediately.

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HB 3500

Short Description: SCH CD-ACADEMIC WATCH STATUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Aaron Schock-Ruth Munson-Monique D. Davis-Lovana Jones-Renee Kosel and David R. Leitch

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that only scores on State assessments of students enrolled in a school on or before the last school day in September of the school year in which a State assessment is given shall be used in determining whether a school is placed on academic early warning status or academic watch status. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. In a Section concerning academic early warning and watch status, provides that adequate yearly progress criteria specified by the State Board of Education must be specified by the State Board through the adoption of rules. Provides that for the purpose of calculating adequate yearly progress by the State, a school district, or a school, a full academic year must be defined as continuous enrollment of a student in the district or school for 176 days of pupil attendance prior to the date of the administration of State assessments. Provides that nothing in the amendatory Act prohibits a school district or school from administering a State assessment to any student for the purpose of assessing the student's mastery of the curriculum. Effective
immediately.

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HB 3524

Short Description: METH-CHILD-PROTOCOL

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Dale A. Righter-Pamela J. Althoff)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of State Police shall develop a protocol for one statewide reporting requirement to be followed when law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency management personnel, or other governmental employees engaged in public safety encounter a dwelling, structure, or other site at which methamphetamine had been illegally manufactured. Provides that the Department of State Police must develop the protocol by January 1, 2007 and post the protocol on the Department's official Web site. Further amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and amends the School Code and the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that the Department of State Police and the State Board of Education shall jointly create "scratch and sniff" cards that contain the odor emitted by anhydrous ammonia, which is a component in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Provides that the Department of State Police and the State Board of Education shall distribute these cards to teachers and employees of public and private elementary schools, secondary schools, nursery schools, and day care centers throughout the State so that these teachers and employees may be able to detect the odor of children who have been exposed to the manufacture of methamphetamine.

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HB 3554

Short Description: SCH CD-DRUG TESTING

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Martin A. Sandoval)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Allows a school board to require a student who participates in a school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extra-curricular activity to submit to a drug test as a condition of participation. Effective immediately.
HB 3555

Short Description:  SCH CD-4 DAY SCH WEEK

House Sponsors
Rep. Sidney H. Mathias-Paul D. Froehlich

Senate Sponsors
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Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Allows a school district, by resolution of its board, to operate on a 4-day school week plan approved by the State Board of Education. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Provides that a school district that operates on a 4-day school week plan must ensure a minimum of 880 hours of student contact in addition to required institute days (instead of requiring a minimum term of 180 days). Makes related changes. Removes a provision referring to the closing of schools on January 29, 1981.

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HB 3615

Short Description:  ENSURING SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Creates the Ensuring Success in School Law to (1) ensure that youth who are expectant parents, parents, or the victims of domestic or sexual violence are identified by schools in a manner respectful of their privacy and safety, treated with dignity and regard, and provided the protection, instruction, and related support services necessary to enable them to meet State educational standards and successfully attain a high school diploma; (2) ensure that key Illinois school-level staff and policymakers understand and are sensitive to the needs and characteristics of such youth; (3) afford protections in a school setting to a population of youth who have historically been stigmatized and discriminated against; and (4) promote best practices in Illinois' schools. Contains provisions concerning a statewide working group and model polices, procedures, and protocols; confidentiality; specially trained school personnel; parental involvement; enrollment and re-enrollment; special attention to youth not in school; school transfer; the right to attend school; absences and attendance; chronic or habitual truants and minors; in-school support services; in-school accommodations; non-school based support services; the responsibility to inform youth of available services and accommodations; a student success plan; missed classes and work; procedural safeguards and an ombudsperson; dispute resolution procedures; educational placement during pendency of proceedings; a notice of rights; review and revision of policies;
dropout and graduation rates; and compliance. Makes other changes in the School Code concerning the transfer of students, the suspension and expulsion of pupils, home instruction, alternative schools, truants, and charter schools. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Provides that the provisions are severable. Effective immediately.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (State Board of Education)

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HB 3624

Short Description: ALT TEACHER CERT-PROGRAM LIMIT

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Pamela J. Althoff)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Increases the maximum number of new participants that may be in the Alternative Teacher Certification Program each year from 260 to 500. In the provision concerning the employment requirement, removes the minimum period of time that the person must have been employed. Effective July 1, 2005.

Pension Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)
House Bill 3624 would not impact any public pension fund or retirement system in Illinois.

State Debt Impact Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)
House Bill 3624 would not change the amount of authorization for any type of State-issued or State-supported bond, and, therefore, would not affect the level of State indebtedness.

Judicial Note (Admin Office of the Illinois Courts)
Would neither increase nor decrease the number of judges needed in the state.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (Illinois State Board of Education)
There are no fiscal implications to these revisions for the Illinois State Board of Education.

Fiscal Note (Illinois State Board of Education)
There are no fiscal implications to these revisions for the Illinois State Board of Education.

House Amendment No. 1
Restores the provision that requires a person to have been employed for a period of at least 5 years in an area requiring application of the individual's education in order to be issued a provisional alternative teaching certificate.
HB 3626

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TEACHER EVALUATION

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that in a school district having a population of 500,000 or less, if an evaluation rates a fourth-year probationary teacher as "unsatisfactory", but the teacher's immediately preceding evaluation rated the teacher as "excellent" or "satisfactory", and if there has been a change in the administration or personnel responsible for evaluating that teacher at any time between the current evaluation and the preceding evaluation, then that teacher may receive an optional fifth year of probationary teaching upon the agreement of the school board and the probationary teacher. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**State Mandates Fiscal Note (Illinois State Board of Education)**
There appears to be no direct mandate in this legislation that would automatically cost a district money. However, if a teacher were to be dismissed under these circumstances there would almost certainly be a contested dismissal. In that event the district could face considerable cost.

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HB 3782

**Short Description:** SCH CD-ELECTION DAY INSTITUTES

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Charles E. Jefferson

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. In scheduling teachers' institute days, requires that election and primary election days must be used before other days.

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HB 3811

**Short Description:** WHISTLEBLOWER-REFERENDUM POWER

**House Sponsors**

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act. Adds entities that may elect to adopt a referendum to the definition of "State". Grants any school district, public community college district, municipality, municipal corporation, or unit of local government the authority to pass, by initiative petition and referendum, a binding ordinance authorizing the adoption of provisions of the Act. Sets out requirements for passing an initiative petition.

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HB 3829

Short Description: SCH CD-SERVICE CONTRACT BIDS

House Sponsors
Rep. Cynthia Soto

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. For competitive bids for service contracts involving an expenditure in excess of $10,000, provides that the bidder must disclose, before the public bid opening, in an affidavit that becomes part of the bid, (1) any charges filed against the bidder within the past 10 years pursuant to the National Labor Relations Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, or the Illinois Human Rights Act, (2) any charges filed against the bidder within the past 10 years related to bid-rigging or bid manipulation, (3) any legal claims pending against the bidder, (4) all workplace injuries reported by employees within the past year, (5) all employee turnover, (6) any units of government that have barred the bidder or its affiliates from future bidding, (7) any contributions given to the political campaigns of school board members or any political action committee created with the purpose of affecting policies related to a particular school district or its students, (8) any gifts given to a prohibited recipient under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and (9) any gifts or contributions given to non-profit organizations established with the purpose of affecting a particular school district or its students. Provides that if the affidavit contains false or incomplete information, the school district does not have to consider the bid. Effective immediately.

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HB 3845

Short Description: SPECIAL EDUCATION RULES-CHANGE

House Sponsors
Rep. Ruth Munson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Provides that certain rules of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) concerning special education are changed by operation of law. Provides that ISBE may amend the rules only by general rulemaking under the Act.

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HB 3879

Short Description: SCH CONSTRUCTION-RANK-NOTIFY

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Christine Radogno-Pamela J. Althoff)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that the State Board of Education shall rank school districts based on certain school construction priorities and notify each school district of its rank. Provides that the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability may take whatever actions are necessary to determine whether the State Board of Education is complying with this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

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HB 4031

Short Description: DESIGNATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Elizabeth Coulson, Angelo Saviano, Michael P. McAuliffe and Michael Tryon

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Designation of Person to Exercise Parental Rights Act. Provides that a parent of a minor may designate another person to exercise parental rights in relationship to the minor child. Lists the requirements for a designation. Provides that a parent may revoke a designation by notifying, either verbally or in writing, the designee or a school, health care provider, or health plan to which the designation has been presented, or by any other act evidencing a specific intent to revoke. Provides that a designation is revoked by the execution of a subsequent designation by the parent. Limits the liability of a person who acts based upon the consent of a designee and who reasonably and in good faith believes that the parent has in fact authorized the designee to provide the consent. Provides that a person may be deemed to have acted negligently, unreasonably, or improperly if he or she has knowledge of facts indicating that the designation was never given, did not extend to act or acts in question, or was revoked. Effective immediately.

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HB 4066
**Short Description:** SCHOOL CD-AUTISM CENTER

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Patricia R. Bellock-Donald L. Moffitt

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall implement and administer a Giant Steps Autism Center for Excellence pilot program for the study and evaluation of autism and to provide related training for teachers, paraprofessionals, and respite workers, therapist training, and consultative services. Provides that the State Board of Education is authorized to make grants to school districts and other programs that apply to participate in the Giant Steps Autism Center for Excellence program. Effective immediately.

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**HB 4214**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TAX EQUIVALENT GRANTS

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Raymond Poe

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Requires a tax-equivalent grant to be paid to any school district where a State-owned institution is located (now, a school district is entitled to a grant only if the State owns 45% or more of the total land area of the district). Effective immediately.

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**HB 4309**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-LIFE SAFETY TAXES/BONDS

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Jerry L. Mitchell

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Authorizes the levy of life safety taxes and the issuance of life safety bonds to upgrade cafeteria tables to current safety standards and for other fire prevention and safety projects if there is a substantial, immediate, and otherwise unavoidable threat to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils due to the absence of equipment (such as a lightning rod) to prevent damage or destruction to a school building from a lightning strike. Effective immediately.

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HB 4343

Short Description: SCH CD-PARENTING EDUCATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Annazette Collins-Monique D. Davis

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires (instead of allows) school districts to provide instruction in parenting education to students in grades 6 through 8. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2006.

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HB 4363

Short Description: WILDLFE PRESRVTION SCRATCH-OFF

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Louis S. Viverito-James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Don Harmon-William E. Peterson and Pamela J. Althoff)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Lottery Law. Requires the Department of Revenue to offer a special instant scratch-off game for the benefit of endangered species, to commence on January 1, 2007. Provides that the net revenue from the game shall be deposited into the Endangered Species Rehabilitation Fund for appropriation by the General Assembly solely to the Department of Natural Resources for making grants for the maintenance of wildlife rehabilitation facilities that take care of threatened or endangered species. Sets forth certain provisions for the operation of the scratch-off game. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Endangered Species Rehabilitation Fund. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the bill as introduced. Provides that the scratch-off game shall be referred to as the wild about animals scratch-off game. Sets forth the game shall benefit threatened or endangered species, humane education programs, and dogs and cats. Provides that the net revenue from the game shall be deposited into the Endangered Species Rehabilitation Fund for appropriation by the General Assembly as follows: (i) 1/3 of net revenue to the Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance of wildlife rehabilitation facilities that take care of threatened or endangered species, (ii) 1/3 of net revenue to the Department of Education for character and humane education programs; and (iii) 1/3 of net revenue into the Pet Population Control Fund (instead of solely to the Department of Natural Resources). Effective immediately.

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HB 4380

Short Description: SPECIAL ED/TRANSPORT MANDATES

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Thomas Holbrook-Kurt M. Granberg

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Property Tax Code and School Code. Provides a notice form that must be used by school districts (other than Chicago) proposing a tax increase (now, all taxing districts use the same form). Excludes from the definition of "aggregate extension," a special purpose extension made for mandate shortfall relief under the School Code. Changes the definition of "debt service extension base" for school districts (other than Chicago). Requires a school district's annual financial statement to include a report showing the receipts and disbursements for special educational and transportation purposes. Provides that any shortfall in those funds permits the school board to levy (i) a mandate shortfall relief tax for special education mandates and (ii) a mandate shortfall relief tax for transportation mandates. Effective immediately.

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HB 4381

Short Description: SCH CD-HOLIDAY-WORK

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that teachers and other school employees may be required to work on certain legal school holidays, provided that appropriate instruction is given to students on that day or that day is used for other activities, including without limitation teachers’ institutes or parent-teacher conferences. Makes technical changes.

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HB 4394

Short Description: SCH CD-ST AID-PRIVATE DONATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Robert W. Churchill

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. Provides that any financial donation that is made to a school district by a private entity and that is part of the district's budget for a particular school year must not be considered in determining the amount of State aid that the district receives for that
school year.

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HB 4399

Short Description: SCH CD-BUDGET-CLASSROOM

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district must spend at least 65% of its total operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures and if a school district's direct classroom expenditures for the 2006-2007 school year are less than 65% of its total operating expenditures, then the district must increase its direct classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per school year beginning with the 2007-2008 school year until at least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are spent on direct classroom expenditures. Provides that a school district that is unable to meet these expenditure standards due to special circumstances may apply to the State Superintendent of Education for a one-year, renewable waiver. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

State Mandates Fiscal Note (Ill. State Board of Education)

Has no fiscal impact on the State Board of Education. Would remove local control over how a school district expends its funds. Additional administrative burdens may be created as "direct classroom expenditures" are not well defined in the bill or by the National Center for Education Statistics.

House Amendment No. 1
Provides that "direct classroom expenditures" includes librarian salaries and library resources.

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HB 4401

Short Description: SCH CD-COUNSELOR-MASTER CERT

House Sponsors
Rep. Frank J. Mautino

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that school counselors who, before January 1, 2003, earned the National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) credential through the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. shall be issued a Master School Service Personnel Certificate. Effective July 1, 2006.

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HB 4414

Short Description: SCH CD-POLIC LINE UP-MUG PHOTO

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires a school board to prohibit a law enforcement agency or school official, while on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity, from recruiting or compelling a student to participate in a police line-up, mock police line-up, or mug photograph shoot without the permission of the student's parent or guardian. Effective July 1, 2006.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that no school official or law enforcement agency may recruit or compel (instead of requiring a school board to prohibit a school official or law enforcement agency from recruiting or compelling) a public school student to participate in a police line-up, mock police line-up, or mug photograph shoot while on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity without the permission of the student's parent or guardian. Provides that the prohibition does not apply to the subject of an investigation who is under arrest. Effective July 1, 2006.

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HB 4421

Short Description: SCH CD-REIMBURS TRANSPORTATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia and Edward J. Acevedo

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. With respect to reimbursement for qualified transportation expenses of a custodian of a qualifying pupil, provides that a public school pupil qualifies if, among other requirements, conditions are such that walking constitutes a serious hazard to the safety of the pupil, including without limitation a serious safety hazard due to gangs, violent activity, or vehicular traffic (now the serious safety hazard must be due to vehicular traffic, which requirement still applies to nonpublic school pupils). Provides that the State Board of Education makes the determination as to what constitutes a serious safety hazard, except for serious safety hazards due to vehicular traffic, which the Department of Transportation determines. Effective July 1, 2006.

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HB 4442

Short Description: OPEN MEETINGS-48 HOUR NOTICE
**House Sponsors**

**Senate Sponsors**
(Sen. Terry Link)

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Open Meetings Act. With respect to posting meeting notices at the public body's principal office and at the meeting's location at least 48 hours before the meeting, requires that the notices be placed in locations visible and accessible by the public at all times the notice is posted.

**State Mandates Fiscal Note (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity)**
In the opinion of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, HB 4442 does not create a State mandate under the State Mandates Act.

**Home Rule Note (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity)**
In the opinion of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, HB 4442 does not pre-empt home rule authority.

**House Amendment No. 1**
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. With respect to posting public notices of special, rescheduled, or reconvened meetings at least 48 hours before the meeting, requires that at least 8 of the hours must be during normal business hours.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

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**HB 4522**

**Short Description:** SCHL CON-PROJECT LABOR AGREE

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Jim Sacia

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Construction Law. Defines "project labor agreement". Provides that the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board shall not require a project labor agreement for any school construction project grant or debt service grant provided under the Law.

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**HB 4540**
**Short Description:** SCH CD-CHARTER SCH-TEACHER-CHI

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Monique D. Davis-Michael P. McAuliffe

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Provides that a charter school that is operating in Chicago may not employ an individual in an instructional position who is not State-certified and highly qualified as defined in the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Provides that with respect to a charter school that is operating in Chicago, beginning August 15, 2006, residency within the city must be considered in determining the employment and compensation of a teacher and whether to retain, promote, assign, or transfer that teacher. Provides, however, that with respect to teachers employed prior to August 15, 2006 by a charter school that is operating in a city having a population exceeding 500,000, residency within the city must not be considered in determining a teacher’s employment or compensation or whether to retain, promote, assign, or transfer a teacher. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective August 15, 2006.

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**HB 4542**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-CHI-TEACHER SENIORITY

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Monique D. Davis

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code with regard to the Chicago school district. Provides that teacher seniority shall be based on employment within the school district, not employment at a particular attendance center. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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**HB 4575**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-CHARTER SCH CAMPUSES

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Calvin L. Giles

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Provides that a charter school may not have more campuses than the number of campuses it has on the effective date of the amendatory Act, except that if a charter school has more than one campus and a campus closes on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, then the number of campuses that the charter school may have shall be reduced by the number of campuses that have closed.

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HB 4661

Short Description: SCH CONSTRUCTION-JT AGREEMENT

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Construction Law. Defines “school district” to mean a school district, special charter district, or joint agreement. Provides that, for purposes of determining a joint agreement's eligibility for an entity included in a school construction project grant or a school maintenance project grant, a joint agreement shall be deemed eligible if one or more of its member school districts satisfy the grant index criteria. Provides that the amount of a school construction project grant to an eligible joint agreement shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, based on the needs of the joint agreement in its entirety (instead of using the grant index to calculate the amount). Effective immediately.

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HB 4697

Short Description: FORM NEW SCH DISTRICT-SALARIES

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that provisions concerning the employer's contribution for salary increases in excess of 6% do not apply to salary increases as a result of the formation of a new school district. Amends the School Code to make a related change.

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HB 4712

Short Description: SCH CD-GA SCHOLARSHIP-COM COL

House Sponsors
Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a General Assembly scholarship may be used at a public community college, not just a State university. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation
Amends the School Code. In school districts other than the Chicago school district, reduces the probationary period of time before a teacher enters upon contractual continued service from 4 to 3 consecutive school terms. Provides that the provisions concerning a teacher’s entrance into contractual continued service after a probationary period of 3 consecutive school terms apply to the Chicago school district (now, the appointment of a teacher in the Chicago school district becomes permanent after a probationary period of 4 years). Makes other changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

HB 4735

Short Description: PROP TX-RATE ADJUSTMENTS

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Pamela J. Althoff)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Property Tax Code and the School Code. Sets forth procedures for calculating certain adjustments and recomputations with respect to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Makes a technical change in a Section authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules.

House Amendment No. 2
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the bill as introduced, but deletes the changes made to a Section in the School Code concerning the recomputation of claims.
HB 4784

Short Description: SCH CD-PSYCHOLOGIST-MASTR CERT

House Sponsors
Rep. Sandra M. Pihos

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that persons who are certified school psychologists and who have successfully achieved National Board certification through the National School Psychology Certification System shall be issued a Master School Service Personnel Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable thereafter every 10 years through compliance with requirements set forth by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. Under the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program, provides for an annual payment of $3,000 to be paid to each school psychologist who successfully completes the program leading to and who receives a Master Certificate and is employed as a school psychologist by a school district. Effective immediately.

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HB 4825

Short Description: CHILDREN'S PROTECT REGISTR ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Jack D. Franks

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Family and School Communications Protection Registry Act. Requires the Attorney General to establish and operate, or contract with a qualified third party to establish and operate, a Family and School Communications Protection Registry. Provides that a parent, guardian, individual, or an entity, who is responsible for a contact point to which a minor may have access, may register that contact point with the Attorney General. Provides that a person shall not send, cause to be sent, or conspire with a third party to send a message to a contact point that has been registered for more than 30 calendar days with the Attorney General if the primary purpose of the message is to, directly or indirectly, advertise or otherwise link to a message that advertises a product or service that a minor is prohibited by law from purchasing, viewing, possessing, participating in, or otherwise receiving. Provides that, except in specified instances, a person shall not release information concerning another person or provide access to contact points or other information contained on the Family and School Communications Protection Registry. Establishes certain exceptions to a violation of the Act. Provides civil and criminal penalties for a violation of the Act. Amends the Freedom of Information Act to exempt information contained in the Family and School Communications Protection Registry from the requirements of the Act. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Family and School Communications Registry Fund. Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that a person commits the offense of communication registry violation when he or she knowingly violates the Family and School Communications Protection Registry Act. Provides that a person who commits the offense of communication registry violation shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor for the first offense, a Class A misdemeanor for the second offense, and a Class 4 felony for each subsequent offense after the second offense. Effective immediately.
HB 4831

Short Description: SCH CD-SAFETY TAX-TRAFFIC

House Sponsors
Rep. Jay C. Hoffman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. With respect to a school district's power to levy a tax and issue bonds for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes, authorizes a school district (other than the Chicago school district) to levy a tax and issue bonds if, as a result of substantial changes in traffic patterns or similar hazardous conditions, it is necessary to design and install new site improvements, including, but not limited to, traffic control signals, underpasses, overhead walkways, or road improvements.

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HB 4864

Short Description: SCH CD-ACADEMIC WATCH STATUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Sandra M. Pihos-Patricia R. Bellock-Aaron Schock-Elizabeth Coulson-Carolyn H. Krause

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Dan Cronin-Pamela J. Althoff-John J. Millner)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Changes the determination for placing a school or school district on academic early warning status or academic watch status from not meeting adequate yearly progress criteria in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate to not meeting adequate yearly progress criteria for the percentage meeting or exceeding standards in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their attendance rate or graduation rate. Effective immediately.

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HB 4891

Short Description: SCHOOL CD-EXPULSION

House Sponsors
Rep. Mary E. Flowers

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a student may not be expelled, except (i) for any criminal offense for which a sentence to the Department of Corrections may be imposed or (ii) when the student is determined to have brought a weapon to school, any school-sponsored activity, or an activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school.

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HB 4894

Short Description: FIRE SPRINKLER-INSPECT-TEST

House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Antonio Munoz)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that all inspections and testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be performed by a licensee under the Act or an individual employed by a licensee. Sets forth qualifications for individuals performing the inspection and testing duties. Exempts individuals performing inspection or testing of fire sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, county, or fire protection district from the requirement.

House Amendment No. 1
Makes a technical change to the bill title. Provides that State employees who perform inspections and testing on behalf of State institutions and who meet all other requirements of the provision concerning inspections and testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment need not be licensed under the Act or employed by a licensee under the Act in order to perform inspection and testing duties. Provides that an individual who performs inspection and testing duties must possess proof of (i) NICET Certification Level II or higher in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems by January 1, 2009 (now, there is no date by which the certification must be obtained) or (ii) satisfactory completion of a certified sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S. Department of Labor (instead of just a certified sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program). Exempts individuals performing inspections or testing of fire sprinkler systems on behalf of the Office of the State Fire Marshal from the requirements of the provision concerning inspections and testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment.

Fiscal Note (H-AM 1) (Dept. of Financial & Prof. Regulation)
As amended, will not have a fiscal impact on the agency as written.

House Amendment No. 2
Exempts cursory weekly and monthly inspections of gauges and control valves conducted in accordance with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association from the provision concerning inspections and testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment.

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HB 4955

Short Description: SCH-CD-CHI-MORGAN PARK HIGH

House Sponsors
Rep. Kevin Joyce-Michael J. Madigan-Mary E. Flowers

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Edward D. Maloney)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that the Chicago Board of Education shall prohibit Morgan Park High School from having more than 1,800 students enrolled at any one time in its regular academic track program. Provides that the Chicago Board of Education shall prohibit Morgan Park High School from accepting a student for enrollment in its regular academic track program if the student resides outside the school's local attendance area, as set by the Board. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that the Chicago Board of Education shall prohibit Morgan Park High School and Bogan Computer Technical High School from each having, at any one time, more than the following number of students: (i) for the 2006-2007 school year, 450 students in grade 9; (ii) for the 2007-2008 school year, 450 students in each of grades 9 and 10; (iii) for the 2008-2009 school year, 450 students in each of grades 9, 10, and 11; and (iv) for the 2009-2010 school year and each school year thereafter until the high school's total enrollment reaches 1,800 students, 450 students in each of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Provides that once the high school's total enrollment reaches 1,800 students, the board shall prohibit the high school from having more than 1,800 students enrolled at any one time. Provides that the board shall prohibit both high schools from accepting a student for enrollment if the student resides outside the high school's local attendance area, as set by the board. Provides that the board shall prohibit students of either high school from leaving school grounds during the lunch hour, except for academic reasons and school-sponsored activities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 3
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as amended by House amendment No. 1, with the following changes. Requires the board of education to prohibit the high school from having more than 1,800 students enrolled at any one time once the high school's total enrollment reaches 1,800 or fewer students (instead of once enrollment reaches 1,800 students). Provides that the prohibition on students leaving school grounds during the lunch hour applies once the high school's total enrollment reaches 1,800 or fewer students. Provides that each high school may accept a student for enrollment who resides outside the high school's local attendance area if the student is enrolled in one of the high school's specialized educational programs for which an additional application is required. Effective immediately.

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HB 5003

Short Description: SCH CD-SCHOOL REPORT CARD
House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district's school report card assessing the performance of its schools and students must include for the school district (i) the percentage of teachers in contractual continued service or who have achieved permanent appointment status, (ii) the number of minutes the district's schools are in session during the school year (minimum of 880 hours), and (iii) the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who elect to take an advanced math or advanced science course. Effective immediately.

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HB 5004

Short Description: VEH CD-SCHOOL BUSES-SEAT BELTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Elizabeth Coulson-Sidney H. Mathias

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no person shall operate a school bus manufactured after the effective date of this amendatory Act that is not equipped with seat belts for the passengers and a rooftop safety hatch. Effective immediately.

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HB 5222

Short Description: SCH CD-CHARTR SCH-CONTRACT SCH

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael P. McAuliffe-Angelo Saviano

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Provides that beginning on the effective date of the amendatory Act, a charter school may not enter into or renew a contract with a for-profit entity to manage or operate the school.

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HB 5244

Short Description: I-CONNECT COMPUTER TECH ACT
House Sponsors

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins)

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the I-Connect Computer Technology Act. Requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to establish and implement, with the advice of the I-Connect Advisory Board, the I-Connect Computer Advisory Program in order to provide 7th grade students in public schools and their teachers with portable computers. Sets forth standards for the Program. Establishes the I-Connect Computer Technology Advisory Board and sets forth qualifications for its members. Requires the Advisory Board, in conjunction with ISBE, to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the progress of the Program. Establishes the I-Connect Computer Technology Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that it is the sole duty of school districts, school administrators, and school teachers to make decisions relating to the use of portable computers provided by the Program. Amends the State Finance Act to create the I-Connect Computer Technology Fund. Amends the School Code to provide that participation in courses, seminars, or other courses of instruction that develop the technology skills of the teacher or that provide the teacher with skills for integration of technology into the classroom constitutes continuing professional development activities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Replaces with the bill as introduced with the following changes. Defines "low income student". Provides that a set-aside funding mechanism must be established to cover the costs of replacement portable computers and parts (rather than replacement portable computers, servers, and other equipment). Provides that ISBE shall establish a competitive procurement process for the selection of vendors for the purchase of portable computers and related technical support and professional development. Provides that each Regional Office of Education shall select one vendor that has responded to ISBE's procurement process for the purchase of portable computers and related technical support and professional development for program recipients in its region. Changes the name of the I-Connect Computer Technology Advisory Board to the I-Connect Computer Technology Board. Increases the number of Board members to 10 (rather than 9). Deletes Board member background requirements of higher education administration or teaching and education policy and provides that a background in the Illinois Century Network or other means of accessing the internet in schools is permissible. Requires ISBE to reimburse Board members for necessary travel expenses. Sets forth requirements for Program participants and application to the Program. Deletes a provision prohibiting funds for the Program from being used for the construction of a building or other facility. Deletes provisions allowing any school to opt out of the Program and requiring participating schools to provide necessary data to ISBE and the Board for the annual report. Effective immediately.

Fiscal Note (H-AM 1)(State Board of Education)
The State Board of Education estimates that House Bill 5244 will have the following fiscal impact: Purchase of Laptop Computers - $10,800,000; Cost of I-Connect Board - $30,000; ISBE Staffing - $200,000; Software Updates - Unknown; Maintenance and Technical Support - Unknown; Laptop Lifespan - Unknown.

House Amendment No. 3
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Replaces with the bill as amended by House Amendment No. 1 with the following changes. Provides that the I-Connect Computer Technology Board shall, in conjunction with ISBE (rather than ISBE, by rule and with the advice of the I-Connect Computer Technology Board) establish and implement the I-Connect Computer Technology Program. Permits contracts with governmental entities. Provides that the Lieutenant Governor shall serve as Chair of the I-Connect Computer Technology Board. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee shall serve as a member of the Board. Provides that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor
(rather than ISBE) shall reimburse members for expenses. Removes a requirement that a teacher or administrator designated by a participating school must coordinate with ISBE and the Board. Provides that an application to the Program must contain a requirement to provide the number of 7th graders anticipated for the attendance center for the school year in which the portable computers would be delivered. Requires the annual report to be submitted no later than October 1st (rather than July 1st) of each year. Requires ISBE to adopt rules. Removes a provision of the School Code relating to the registration and renewal of certificates. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Fiscal Note (H-AM 3)(State Board of Education)**

The State Board of Education estimates that House Bill 5244 (H-AM 3) will have the following fiscal impact: Illinois Estimated Cost of Laptops, Tech Support, & Software - up to $5,256,000; Cost of I-Connect Board - $30,000; ISBE Staffing - this may require additional staff at ISBE to provide assistance for the I-Connect Program. It is important to note that schools may experience additional costs as well for technical support personnel and capital investments to upgrade school networks.

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**HB 5308**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-EVAC PLAN-1ST RESPONDER

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kathleen A. Ryg

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Requires a school board to provide a copy of each school's emergency evacuation plan for children with disabilities to all first responders who serve the school district. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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**HB 5340**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-SICK LEAVE-BIRTH-ADOPT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Keith P. Sommer-Linda Chapa LaVia-Calvin L. Giles-David E. Miller-Sara Feigenholtz, Kevin Joyce, Randall M. Hultgren, Mike Bost, Dan Brady, Rich Brauer, Elizabeth Coulson, Ruth Munson, Raymond Poe, Jim Sacia and Ronald A. Wait

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Susan Garrett)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. In school districts other than the Chicago school district, allows sick leave for birth, adoption or placement for adoption, or foster care of a child. Allows the school board to require a certificate from a physician or other health care provider as a basis for pay during this leave after an absence of 30 days. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.
Effective immediately.

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**HB 5358**

**Short Description:** JUV CT&CD CORR-SCHOOL

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Annazette Collins-Paul D. Froehlich-Monique D. Davis

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that if a person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for an offense is under 21 years of age and has not received a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, the court shall order that person to attend school or courses that lead to a high school diploma or the receipt of a General Educational Development (GED) certificate until the person has attained 21 years of age. This provision does not apply to a person who is determined by the court to be developmentally disabled or otherwise mentally incapable of completing the educational requirements.

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**HB 5370**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-MANDATE WAIVER REPORTS

**House Sponsors**

**Senate Sponsors**

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code to make changes concerning the waiver or modification of mandates within the School Code and rules. Provides that the General Assembly must act upon (now, may disapprove) the State Board of Education report outlining requests for mandate waivers within 60 days after each house of the General Assembly next convenes after the report is filed. Provides that if the General Assembly fails to act upon (now, disapprove) any waiver request within the 60-day time period, the waiver shall be deemed disapproved (now, granted). Beginning with the report filed by the State Board before March 1, 2007 and for each report filed by the State Board in each odd-numbered year thereafter, requires that the resolution be introduced in the House of Representatives. Beginning with the report filed by the State Board before March 1, 2008 and for each report filed by the State Board in each even-numbered year thereafter, requires that the resolution be introduced in the Senate. Effective immediately.

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HB 5374

Short Description: SCH DIST-LIFE SAFETY TAX/BONDS

House Sponsors
Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Property Tax Code and the School Code. Makes changes to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law concerning excluding bonds issued by school boards for fire prevention and safety purposes from the definition of "debt service extension base" and the exclusion of certain extensions for fire prevention and safety purposes from the aggregate extension for a school district. Repeals a provision in the Law concerning not reducing a school district's State aid. In the Section of the School Code concerning the power of a school board to levy a tax or to borrow money and issue bonds for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes, provides that the tax rate limit otherwise specified in the Section may be increased to 0.15% (instead of 0.10%) upon referendum approval. Provides that if additional alterations or reconstructions are required to be made because of surveys conducted by an architect or engineer after bonds are issued as provided in the Section, then the district may levy a tax at a rate not to exceed 0.10% (instead of 0.05%) per year.

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SB 2

Short Description: EDUCATION FUNDING-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Miguel del Valle-Emil Jones, Jr.-Kwame Raoul

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Education Funding Reform Act of 2005. Contains only a short title provision.

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SB 11

Short Description: HEALTHY ILLINOIS ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson-Terry Link-Iris Y. Martinez-Susan Garrett-Mattie Hunter, Kwame Raoul, Jacqueline Y. Collins and M. Maggie Crotty

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Healthy Illinois Act. Contains only a short title provision.
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Creates the Healthy Illinois Act. Establishes the Healthy Illinois Authority to arrange for the provision of comprehensive, affordable health care coverage to eligible businesses, the self-employed, and eligible individuals on a voluntary basis through the Healthy Illinois Plan. Sets forth powers and duties of the Authority. Creates the Healthy Illinois Authority Fund. Creates the Healthy Illinois Plan to provide health benefits coverage. Requires contributions to the costs of the plan by employers and enrollees. Provides for subsidies and uncompensated care savings payments. Creates the Healthy Illinois Quality Forum and sets forth duties of the Forum. Requires the Authority to create the Health Resource Plan to set forth a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the development of health care resources and facilities in the State. Provides for a voluntary system of cost and resource restraint by health practitioners, hospitals, and insurers. Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act to include definitions of "limited service provider" and "Health Resource Plan" and to require the Health Facilities Planning Board to take into account the Health Resource Plan when developing health care facility plans. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Healthy Illinois Authority Fund. Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Sets forth requirements for making health insurance rates. Amends the Illinois Antitrust Act to subject health insurers to the provisions of that Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 30

Short Description: JUV CT-TRUANT MINORS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. William R. Haine-M. Maggie Crotty

House Sponsors
(Rep. John E. Bradley-Daniel V. Beiser)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that a chronic truant may be subject to a petition as a truant minor in need of supervision, provided that prior to the filing of the petition, a comprehensive community based youth service agency shall have certified that the minor has been referred to that agency for truancy intervention services, and the regional superintendent or Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication shall have certified that truancy intervention services have not resulted in the cessation of chronic truancy after 180 days of the referral for truancy intervention services. Defines "truancy intervention services" as services provided by a comprehensive community based youth service agency that are designed to assist the minor's return to an educational program, and includes assessments, counseling, mental health services, shelter, tutoring, and educational advocacy.

House Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the comprehensive community based youth service organization shall certify that the minor has been referred by the regional superintendent or Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication to that agency for truancy intervention services. Provides that if the comprehensive community based youth service agency is incapable or unwilling to provide the certification, then this requirement of a certification is not applicable. Provides that the comprehensive community based youth service agency shall submit reports to the regional superintendent of the Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication within 30, 120, and 180 days of the minor's referral, or at any other time requested by a regional superintendent of the Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication, which reports each shall certify the date of the minor's referral and the extent of the minor's progress and participation in truancy intervention services provided by the comprehensive community based youth service agency. Provides that if referral by the regional superintendent or the Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication, the minor declines or refuses to fully participate in truancy intervention services provided by the comprehensive community based youth service agency, then the agency shall immediately certify such facts to the regional superintendent or the Office of Chronic Truant
Adjudication.

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**SB 47**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-ST AID-COMPILE ADA

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Peter J. Roskam

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code with regard to the State aid formula. In compiling average daily attendance for pupils in grades 2 through 12, provides that a pupil in attendance for at least one clock hour of school work, but less than 5 clock hours of school work, may be counted on the basis of 1/5 day of attendance for every clock hour of school work. In compiling average daily attendance for first grade pupils and pupils in full day kindergarten, provides that a pupil in attendance for at least one clock hour of school work, but less than 4 clock hours of school work, may be counted on the basis of 1/4 day of attendance for every clock hour of school work. Effective July 1, 2005.

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**SB 58**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-INSTITUTES-FIRST AID

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. J. Bradley Burzynski, Martin A. Sandoval and Antonio Munoz-Mattie Hunter

**House Sponsors**

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that a teachers' institute may include training in First Aid. Effective immediately.

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**SB 68**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TAX EQUIVALENT GRANTS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Larry K. Bomke
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires a tax-equivalent grant to be paid to any school district where a State-owned institution is located (now, a school district is entitled to a grant only if the State owns 45% or more of the total land area of the district). Provides that tax-equivalent grants are subject to appropriation. Effective July 1, 2005.

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SB 81

Short Description: LOCAL OPTION SCH DIST INC TAX

Senate Sponsors
Sen. J. Bradley Burzynski

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Local Option School District Income Tax Act and amends the School Code, the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act, and the Property Tax Code. Authorizes school districts by referendum to impose an income tax on individual residents of the district. Provides that, with referendum approval, the income tax shall be levied at an annual rate, adjusted each year, that will produce for distribution to the district in each calendar year an amount equal to the corresponding 50% reduction that is required to be made in the annual extension of the real property taxes that are levied by the district against residential property for educational, operations and maintenance, and transportation purposes and that are collected and distributed to the district in the same calendar year in which the corresponding income tax revenues are distributed. Provides for a referendum repeal of the tax. Provides for the manner of levying and collecting the tax and for deposit of the income tax revenues in the educational, operations and maintenance, and transportation funds of the district in proportion to the respective amounts by which the taxes in those funds are abated. Provides for disbursement of the tax to school districts by the State Treasurer. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law to exclude from the definition of "aggregate extension" school district levies made to cover amounts lost because of the repeal of the local income tax for schools as formerly imposed by the district under the Local Option School District Income Tax Act. Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. Provides that the adoption or failure to adopt a local income tax for schools and any disbursement of funds or any tax abatement required under the Local Option School District Income Tax Act shall not affect the computation or distribution of State aid for school districts. Effective immediately.

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SB 119

Short Description: BIODIESEL FUEL-USE & TAXES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. John J. Cullerton-Jeffrey M. Schoenberg

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2006, all diesel powered vehicles owned or operated by the State, any county or unit of local government, any school board, or
any State College or University, as well as all diesel powered Chicago Transit Authority, Pace, and METRA vehicles, must use a blend containing at least 50% biodiesel fuel. Provides that the Secretary of Transportation shall adopt rules for implementing the provision. Effective immediately.

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### SB 136

**Short Description:** PROC CD-VEHICLES-FUELS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dale A. Righter, Deanna Demuzio, Martin A. Sandoval and Antonio Munoz

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. With respect to motor vehicles purchased under a State contract awarded after July 1, 2006, requires that (i) vehicles that burn gasoline must be capable of burning majority blended ethanol and (ii) vehicles that burn diesel fuel must be capable of burning biodiesel or blended biodiesel fuel. Effective January 1, 2006.

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### SB 161

**Short Description:** SCH CD-CHI-TEACHER SENIORITY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code with regard to the Chicago school district. Provides that teacher seniority shall be based on employment within the school district, not employment at a particular attendance center. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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### SB 163

**Short Description:** SCH CD-MANDATE WAIVERS-P.E.

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the waiver or modification of mandates within the
School Code and rules, provides that the Spring mandate waiver report that the State Board of Education files with the General Assembly shall be filed before each March 1 (instead of May 1) and gives the General Assembly 60 days (instead of 30 days) to disapprove the report in whole or in part. Provides that requests for waivers from or modifications to physical education mandates must be contained in a separate report of the State Board. Instead of allowing the General Assembly to disapprove a waiver from or modification to a physical education mandate, provides that the General Assembly must approve the report containing waivers from and modifications to physical education mandates in whole or in part within 60 calendar days after each house of the General Assembly next convenes after the report is filed by adoption of a resolution by a record vote of the majority of members elected in each house, otherwise the waiver shall be deemed disapproved. Makes an exception to the daily physical education requirement for pupils in schools engaged in block scheduling. Effective July 1, 2006.

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**SB 208**

**Short Description:** CHILD ABUSE-UNREPORTED-PENALTY

**Senate Sponsors**

**House Sponsors**

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Adds members of a school board, the Chicago Board of Education, or the governing body of a private school as mandated reporters. Provides that any person who knowingly and willfully violates any mandated-reporter provision of the Act other than a second or subsequent violation of transmitting a false report is guilty of a Class 4 felony (instead of a Class A misdemeanor) for a first violation and a Class 3 (instead of Class 4) felony for a second or subsequent violation. Effective immediately.

**House Amendment No. 1**
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that a member of a school board, a local school council, the Chicago Board of Education, or the governing body of a private school, while acting in his or her official capacity, who acquires actual knowledge that a child who is enrolled in the school or school district that is subject to the board or body of which he or she is a member is an abused child as defined in the Act shall immediately report that knowledge to the Department of Children and Family Services or cause such a report to be made to the Department. Provides that if any such board or body has directed one of its members or employees to make a report to the Department, the members of that board or body (other than the member directed to report) shall be deemed to have fulfilled their duty to report under the Act. Effective immediately.

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**SB 212**
Short Description: SCH CD-INDOOR AIR-FAC QUALITY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In the Section concerning the school building code, provides that the State Board of Education shall require each school district to prepare an indoor air quality policy. Provides that each school district shall annually notify parents about the policy and the school board's approval of that policy and shall provide a copy of the policy along with the notification. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1
Removes the notification provision. Provides instead that each school district shall annually notify parents about the indoor air quality policy, that notification may be included in newsletters, bulletins, handbooks, or other correspondence currently published by the school district or included on the school district's Internet website, and that the policy must be made available upon verbal or written request.

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SB 231

Short Description: SCHOOL CD-LIMIT BEVERAGE SALES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mattie Hunter

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Limits the type and size of beverage items that may be sold in a public school during school hours. Prohibits a public school or school board from entering into a contract with a beverage vending company if the contract contains certain provisions. Provides for a penalty. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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SB 277

Short Description: SCH CD-PROBATIONARY TEACHERS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. William R. Haine and Pamela J. Althoff

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In school districts other than the Chicago school district, reduces the probationary period of time before a teacher enters upon contractual continued service. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

House Amendment No. 1
Provides that provisions concerning a teacher's entrance into contractual continued service after a probationary period of 3 consecutive school terms apply to the Chicago school district (now, the appointment of a teacher in the Chicago school district becomes permanent after a probationary period of 4 years). Makes related changes.

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SB 295

Short Description: SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-REIMBURSEMENT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Wendell E. Jones

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Increases the reimbursement amount to school districts for teachers, professional workers, directors, school psychologists, readers, and non-certified employees. Effective immediately.

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SB 296

Short Description: INC TX-EDUCATION EXPENSE CR

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Cronin and Edward D. Maloney

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that for taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2005, the education expense credit may not exceed $1,000 (now, $500). Effective immediately.

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SB 378

Short Description: SCH CONTIN APPROP-CATEGORICALS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Cronin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Continuing Appropriation for Categorical Education Funding Act. Provides that the Act constitutes an irrevocable and continuing appropriation from the Common School Fund of all amounts necessary if the General Assembly fails to make Common School Fund appropriations to the State Board of Education sufficient to fund the disbursement for programs that are described in the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act and provisions of the School Code concerning children attending private schools, public out-of-state schools, public school residential facilities, or private special education facilities; children requiring extraordinary special education services and facilities; special education classes for children from orphanages, foster family homes, children's homes, or in State housing units; reimbursement for furnishing special educational facilities in a recognized school to children with disabilities; tuition of children from orphanages and children's homes; summer school grants; and reimbursement for transportation. Effective June 30, 2005.

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**SB 380**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-IMPROVE TEACHER CERT

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Dan Cronin

**House Sponsors**
(Rep. Sidney H. Mathias-Paul D. Froehlich-Kevin A. McCarthy, David Reis, John E. Bradley and Daniel V. Beiser)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education, in collaboration with regional offices of education, to develop additional improvements to and streamlining and refinement of the teacher certification process.

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**SB 382**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-REGIONAL SERVICES-REP

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Dan Cronin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Repeals a Section granting the State Board of Education the power to provide certain regional services. Effective immediately.

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SB 409

Short Description: SCH CD-LOWER COMPULSORY AGE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kwame Raoul-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Martin A. Sandoval

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, lowers the compulsory school age from 7 years to 5 years; makes a related change. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, requires all school districts to establish kindergarten for the instruction of children who are 5 years of age or older.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1
Adds any child attending a non-profit or for-profit child care center where children are taught the branches of education taught to children of corresponding age and grade in the public schools and where the instruction of the child in the branches of education is in the English language to the list of children who are not required to attend the public schools. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, provides for an exception to the compulsory school age provision for any child who has not reached the age of 6 years by September 1 and whose parent or guardian notifies the school board that he or she does not wish the child to attend school until the following school year because the child, in the opinion of the parent or guardian, is not mentally, physically, or emotionally prepared to attend school. Provides that in such cases, the child's attendance may be delayed for one school year.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2
Provides that the non-profit or for-profit child care center where children are taught the branches of education taught to children of corresponding age and grade in the public schools and where the instruction of the child in the branches of education is in the English language must be a non-profit or for-profit child care center that provides kindergarten. In the exception to the compulsory school age provision, provides that a child's attendance may be delayed for one school year for any child who has not reached the age of 7 years (rather than 6 years) by September 1 and whose parent or guardian notifies the school district or the school at which the child would be enrolled (rather than the school board) that he or she does not wish the child to attend school until the following school year because the child, in the opinion of the parent or guardian, is not mentally, physically, or emotionally prepared to attend school.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts provisions similar to the bill as engrossed, except that the provisions apply only to the Chicago school district.

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SB 433

Short Description: SCH CD-DEBT LIMIT-REGION DIFF

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Christine Radogno
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code with regard to the debt limitations of school districts. In a provision allowing additional indebtedness to be incurred in an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of acquiring or improving school sites or constructing and equipping additional building facilities when the enrollment of students for the next school year is estimated to increase over the actual present enrollment by not less than 35% or by not less than 200 students or the actual present enrollment of students has increased over the previous school year by not less than 35% or by not less than 200 students, requires the State Board of Education to take into account regional economic differences when considering whether to allow a school district to incur the additional indebtedness and provides that the State Board may not unreasonably withhold approval of a request to incur the additional indebtedness. Effective immediately.

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SB 435

Short Description:  PROP TX-REFUND RECAPTURE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kathleen L. Wojcik

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Authorizes a school district to, without referendum, adopt a levy to recapture revenue lost by a property tax refund it is required to make. Provides that, for purposes of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, the school district's aggregate extension base shall not include the recapture levy. Provides that any taxpayer who has received a refund of property taxes has been included in a recapture levy by a particular school district under this Section shall have the right to have the extension of the district's levy against his or her property abated to the extent that the extension exceeds $500.

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SB 446

Short Description:  PEN CD-CHI TCHRS-BD OF TRUSTEE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Iris Y. Martinez

House Sponsors
(Rep. Richard T. Bradley)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the 2 members of the Board of Trustees that are members of the Board of Education shall instead be appointed by the Board of Education. Provides guidelines for the selection of the appointees. Effective immediately.

Pension Note (Commission on Gov't Forecasting and Accountability)
Senate Bill 446 changes requirements for certain Board of Trustees appointments and therefore does not affect the Fund's accrued liabilities or annual costs.

### SB 457

**Short Description:** DHS-SEX EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Carol Ronen, Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Iris Y. Martinez, Kwame Raoul, Mattie Hunter and Ira I. Silverstein

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Creates the caption for a Section concerning comprehensive sex education grants.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Age-appropriate Sex Education Grant Program Act. Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Human Services to develop and administer a program of grants for programs of sex education for youth that are age-appropriate. Provides that eligible grant applicants include (i) public school districts, (ii) community based organizations, (iii) religious entities, and (iv) consortiums or partnerships of school districts and community based organizations or religious entities. Effective immediately.

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### SB 535

**Short Description:** VEH CD-SCHL BUS-REMINDER SYSTM

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, on and after January 1, 2007, a school bus may not be operated or used as a school bus within this State unless the school bus is equipped with a post-trip inspection reminder system that alerts the driver or attendant that a passenger remains on the bus and that prevents the driver or attendant from leaving the bus while the passenger remains on the bus. Provides that a school bus manufactured on or after January 1, 2006 may not be used as a school bus unless it is equipped with the reminder system. Provides that the provision does not apply to out-of-state school buses operating temporarily in Illinois for specified purposes. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall adopt rules for implementing the provision. Effective July 1, 2005.

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SB 543

Short Description: SCH STUDENT RECORD ACCESS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Rutherford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Provides that school student records shall not include the name or schools attended of a former student who has been deceased for no less than 10 years. Allows access to school student records by agents or consultants of the school, school district, or the State Board of Education with an interest in the student, by an individual or entity for the purpose of alumni activities and development (provided that certain information is provided, the information pertains to former students who are 18 years of age or older, the release is limited to the name, years of attendance, year of graduation, and last known address, and the individual or entity to whom the information is released signs an affidavit agreeing to comply with all applicable statutes and rules pertaining to school student records), and by the surviving spouse or heir of a deceased former student. Deletes language requiring that school student records released for the purpose of research, statistical reporting, or planning not contain information that can identify a student or parent. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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SB 750

Short Description: PROP TX-SCHOOL DIST

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the School District Property Tax Relief Fund. Requires the General Assembly, in FY06, to appropriate $2.4 billion from the education appropriation minimum to the School District Property Tax Relief Fund and to appropriate additional amounts each fiscal year thereafter. Requires the Department of Revenue to annually determine and certify the total amount of property tax relief grants that each school district will receive from the Fund. Sets forth procedures for appropriating these grants. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that for taxable years beginning after January 1, 2005, the rate of income tax for individuals, trusts, and estates is increased from 3% to 5% of the taxpayer's net income and the rate of income tax for corporations is increased from 4.8% to 8% of the taxpayer's net income. Includes retirement income within the definition of base income for individuals with an adjusted gross income of $75,000 or more annually. Eliminates certain exemptions for corporations located in Enterprise Zones or federally designated Foreign Trade Zones. Creates the Family Tax Credit, which is a refundable tax credit available to any natural person or married couple filing jointly that reports a total annual income of $47,000 or less. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Eliminates exemptions concerning newsprint and ink and concerning manufacturing and assembling machinery. Includes certain arts, entertainment, and recreation services within the definition of sale at retail in the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires the county clerk to abate the extension for educational purposes for each school district in the county by the amount of the property tax relief grants received by each of those school districts. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Deletes provisions concerning discounts for timely filing and paying the taxes. Amends the School Code. In the State aid formula provisions, increases the foundation level of support and grant amount for supplemental general
State aid. Provides for an education appropriation minimum and supplemental State aid for rapidly expanding school districts.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Common School Fund.

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SB 853

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors


House Sponsors

(Rep. Kevin Joyce-Renee Kosel and Jay C. Hoffman)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Makes technical changes in a Section concerning debt limitations of school districts.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Illinois Dollars for Scholars Program Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes the Illinois Dollars for Scholars Program, to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, to encourage local communities to develop scholarship programs that assist their residents in obtaining a higher education. Requires the Commission to award a chapter $2,000 upon demonstration to the Commission that the chapter has raised $2,000 for scholarships or the creation of an endowment for scholarships. Limits the total number of chapters that may operate under the Act at any one time to 28. Sets forth the maximum number of chapters that may operate at any one time within certain cities and counties of the State. Sets forth procedures to be implemented by the Commission as they relate to the maximum numbers of chapters authorized to operate. Creates the Illinois Dollars for Scholars Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Repeals the Act on June 30, 2008. Effective immediately.

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SB 854

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Martin A. Sandoval and Dale E. Risinger

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a school building code.
SB 855

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. George P. Shadid

House Sponsors
(Rep. Michael K. Smith)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the compulsory school age.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provide that through the 2010-2011 school year, any restriction on the amount of tuition a school district may charge a non-resident pupil does not apply to a school district that, during February 2005, requested a 5-year mandate waiver or modification with respect to this restriction and for which the General Assembly approved only one year of the 5-year request. Effective immediately.

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SB 856

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Chicago school district.

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SB 858

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins-Emil Jones, Jr., Martin A. Sandoval and Cheryl Axley-Chris Lauzen
House Sponsors
(Rep. James D. Brosnahan-Kevin Joyce-Kevin A. McCarthy-David E. Miller, Jack D. Franks and Linda Chapa LaVia)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Common School Fund.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a non-public school may not obtain recognition status unless the school requires all applicants for employment with the school, except school bus driver applicants, to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history records check as a condition of employment and has the check performed by the Department of State Police. Provides that a non-public school may not obtain recognition status unless the school also performs a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database for each applicant for employment with the school to determine whether the applicant has been adjudicated a sex offender. Provides that no non-public school may obtain recognition status that knowingly employs a person for whom a criminal history records check and a Statewide Sex Offender Database check has not been initiated or a person who has been convicted of certain offenses. Provides that in order to obtain recognition status, a non-public school must require compliance with the criminal history records check and Sex Offender Database check requirements from all employees of persons or firms holding contracts with the school.

House Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed, with the following changes. Provides that the non-public school must also require school bus driver applicants to authorize a criminal history records check (now, school bus driver applicants are exempted). In a provision of the School Code requiring applicants for employment with a school district to authorize a criminal history records check, requires school bus driver applicants to also authorize the check (now, school bus driver applicants are exempted).

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SB 1465

Short Description: SCH CD-TEXTBK WEIGHT STANDARDS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Donne E. Trotter

House Sponsors
(Rep. Robert Rita-Monique D. Davis-Kevin Joyce-Kevin A. McCarthy)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that on or before July 1, 2006, the State Board of Education shall adopt maximum weight standards for textbooks used by pupils in elementary and secondary schools. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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SB 1484

Short Description: EDUCATION FINANCE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Richard J. Winkel, Jr.-Miguel del Valle

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the School District Property Tax Relief Fund. Requires the General Assembly, in FY06, to appropriate $3.5 billion from the education appropriation minimum to the School District Property Tax Relief Fund and to appropriate additional amounts each fiscal year thereafter. Requires the Department of Revenue to annually determine and certify the total amount of property tax relief grants that each school district will receive from the Fund. Sets forth procedures for appropriating these grants. Creates the Higher Education Operating Assistance Fund for the purpose of making grants to colleges and universities. Requires the General Assembly to annually appropriate $500 million to the Fund. Sets forth requirements for appropriating and using moneys from the Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that for taxable years beginning after January 1, 2005, the rate of income tax for individuals, trusts, and estates is increased from 3% to 5% of the taxpayer's net income and the rate of income tax for corporations is increased from 4.8% to 8% of the taxpayer's net income. Provides that the amount of net revenues attributable to those increases shall not be used to calculate the amount transferred into the Local Governmental Distributive Fund. Beginning July 1, 2005, requires 100% of the amount attributable to the income tax increases be deposited into the Education Assistance Fund. Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires the county clerk to abate the extension for educational purposes for each school district in the county by the amount of the property tax relief grants received by each of those school districts. Amends the School Code. In the State aid formula provisions, increases the foundation level of support and grant amount for supplemental general State aid. Changes the distribution of moneys from the Education Assistance Fund. Establishes the Education Assistance Fund Board to make biennial recommendations to the General Assembly concerning appropriations from the Education Assistance Fund. Amends the Public Community College Act. Establishes supplemental base operating grants for all community college districts. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Common School Fund.

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SB 1492

Short Description: SCH CD-TRUSTEES OF SCH-TREASUR

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Don Harmon

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code with regard to county school units. Allows the school board of any school district whose territory forms a part of a Class II county school unit (now, allowed only for certain school districts) to withdraw that school district from the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools of the township or townships in which the school district is located and from the jurisdiction and authority of the township treasurer in the Class II county school unit, provided that the school board of the school district elects or appoints its own school treasurer. Effective immediately.

Last Action
SB 1621

**Short Description:** SCHOOL CD-RESIDENCY

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Edward D. Maloney-M. Maggie Crotty

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Changes the residency requirements for pupils of a school district. Effective immediately.

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SB 1640

**Short Description:** SCH CD-UNIT DIST-TAX RATE

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Gary G. Dahl-Dan Rutherford

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. For school districts having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants, provides that, subject to referendum, the maximum tax rate for certain recently formed community unit school districts that have a combined rate of more than 4% is as follows: for 2 years, the same as the actual combined rate of the previous elementary and secondary district; and in each subsequent year the rate shall be reduced by 0.10% or reduced to 4.00%, whichever is less. The school board may seek to increase the reduced rate by referendum. Effective immediately.

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SB 1728

**Short Description:** ENSURING SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Iris Y. Martinez-Kimberly A. Lightford-Jeffrey M. Schoenberg-Martin A. Sandoval-Jacqueline Y. Collins

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Creates the Ensuring Success in School Law to (1) ensure that youth who are expectant parents, parents, or the victims of domestic or sexual violence are identified by schools in a manner respectful of their privacy and safety, treated with dignity and regard, and provided the protection, instruction, and related support services necessary to enable them to meet State educational standards.
and successfully attain a high school diploma; (2) ensure that key Illinois school-level staff and policymakers understand and are sensitive to the needs and characteristics of such youth; (3) afford protections in a school setting to a population of youth who have historically been stigmatized and discriminated against; and (4) promote best practices in Illinois’ schools. Contains provisions concerning a statewide working group and model polices, procedures, and protocols; confidentiality; specially trained school personnel; parental involvement; enrollment and re-enrollment; special attention to youth not in school; school transfer; the right to attend school; absences and attendance; chronic or habitual truants and minors; in-school support services; in-school accommodations; non-school based support services; the responsibility to inform youth of available services and accommodations; a student success plan; missed classes and work; procedural safeguards and an ombudsperson; dispute resolution procedures; educational placement during pendency of proceedings; a notice of rights; review and revision of policies; dropout and graduation rates; and compliance. Makes other changes in the School Code concerning the transfer of students, the suspension and expulsion of pupils, home instruction, alternative schools, truants, and charter schools. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Provides that the provisions are severable. Effective immediately.

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**SB 1753**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TAX LEVY-VEHICLES

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Robert Rita)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that in addition to the purpose of leasing educational facilities or computer technology, a school board, by proper resolution, may levy an annual tax for the purpose of leasing transportation vehicles. Effective immediately.

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**SB 1802**

**Short Description:** SCHOOL CD-YEARLY PROGRESS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Cronin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that the subgroup size for determining adequate yearly progress shall be 100 students. Effective immediately.

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SB 1803

Short Description: SCHOOL CD-DISABLED STDNT PRGRS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Cronin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that, for students with disabilities, the indicators to determine their adequate yearly progress shall be based on their Individualized Education Plans. Effective immediately.

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SB 1812

Short Description: EDUCATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dave Sullivan

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that each fiscal year, the General Assembly shall appropriate for educational programs an amount that is equal to or exceeds the sum of (i) the total amount appropriated from general funds for educational programs during the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the appropriation is being made and (ii) 51% of total new general funds available for spending from estimated growth in revenues and funds available because of budgeted program growth and decline in the fiscal year for which the appropriation is being made. Effective immediately.

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SB 1856

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

House Sponsors
(Rep. Lou Lang)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning special education classes for children from orphanages, foster family homes, children's homes, or State housing units. Effective immediately.
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code to repeal provisions concerning the Capital Assistance Program, dissolution and annexation with respect to a school district with a financial oversight panel, assistance to conduct teachers' institutes, the Department of School District Organization, the Department of Urban Education, appeals under the Children with Disabilities Article, the Department for Instructional Television and Radio Materials Development, computer literacy grants, a review and study of the initial year of teaching, loans of mathematics and science equipment, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and pilot career compensation programs, a report of suggested changes in the suspension and revocation of teaching certificates, vocational education, social group work demonstration projects, a junior high school courses report, teen parent programs, community block home programs, a study on ways to improve teacher training, enrollment incentive programs, certifying that school districts are offering the courses required to be admitted to college, adult education, State Urban Education Partnership Grants, unit of instruction reports, the School to Work Teaching and Training Institute, Federal Goals 2000 funds, the Giant Steps pilot program, the transfer of high school district territory, routine tax reduction plans, a list of text material, the repair of fences, minimal competency testing, classes for crippled children, classes for deaf children, the transfer of powers and duties with respect to adult education, preschool children with disabilities, experiments in urban districts, continuation schools, parental schools, junior high schools, county normal schools, State plans with respect to children with disabilities, the placement of children in residential programs to correct alcohol or controlled substance dependencies, establishing and maintaining transitional bilingual programs, a tax for primary health care programs, a tax for tort immunity, a tax for health insurance, certain validations of tax levies, an increase in the tax rate for educational purposes, a tax for public community college tuition, a supplemental tax levy, designation of a school district when assessing personal property, a validation of school district attendance, average daily attendance requirements, the real estate of officers and sureties, the penalty against treasurers, clerks, and board directors for non-compliance, the Task Force on School Safety, schedules of the names of pupils attending school, a teacher's interest in books, apparatus, or furniture, the penalty against a teacher for non-compliance, lists concerning instructional materials, passenger seat backs on school buses, a loan program for first-time transportation costs, county scholarships, scholarships for needy students, a tax levy for insufficient funds of a special charter district, reports on the Chicago school district's financial structure, the Chicago Board of Education's transfer of borrowed proceeds of bonds to the educational purposes fund, the adoption of a budget by the Chicago Board of Education, a tax levy by the Chicago Board of Education and the City of Chicago, a supplemental budget for the Chicago school district, the payment of refunding bonds by the Chicago school district, the Bridge Note Statute, and the School Building Commission. Amends the Capital Development Board Act, the Building Authority Act, the State Finance Act, the Illinois Pension Code, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act to make corresponding changes. Repeals the School District Educational Effectiveness and Fiscal Efficiency Act.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Removes the provision repealing a Section concerning the Giant Steps pilot program.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 4

Removes the provision repealing a Section concerning a tax for tort immunity.

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SB 1906

Short Description: SCH CD-ELECTION DAY INSTITUTES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Edward D. Maloney

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In scheduling teachers’ institute days, requires that election and primary election days must be used before other days.

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**SB 1972**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-PE EXEMPTION-SPORTS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Chris Lauzen

**House Sponsors**
(Rep. Calvin L. Giles)

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board may excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 from engaging in physical education courses if the pupil is getting substantial exercise from participating in an athletic activity outside of school and the parent or guardian of the pupil provides documentation of this fact. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**
Deletes the amendatory language. Provides instead that a school board may excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 from engaging in physical education courses if (i) the pupil is getting substantial physical activity from participating in athletic training and competition in a sport under the auspices of a national governing board that is recognized by and affiliated with an international sports federation, (ii) the pupil has competitively placed in the top 10 of the competitors in State, regional, or national competitions of the sport, (iii) the parent or guardian has provided documentation of such training and recognition, and (iv) the pupil completes alternative coursework in physical education, as determined by the school district.

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**SB 1973**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-ACAD WARN/WATCH STATUS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Dan Cronin

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that placing a school or school district on academic early warning status for not meeting adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual calculations shall not begin until the 2005-2006 school year. Removes the requirement that the adequate yearly progress criteria be specified by the State Board of Education. Provides instead that the criteria must not be met in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in the school's or school district's participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate in order for the school or school district to be placed on academic early warning or watch status. Provides that a school or school district on academic early warning or watch status that meets adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation (instead of 2 consecutive annual calculations) shall be considered as having met expectations and shall be removed
from any status designation. Effective immediately.

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SB 2036

**Short Description:** SCHOOL LAND & CAP FACILITIES

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Chris Lauzen

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the School Land and Capital Facilities Assessment Act. Provides for the assessment of land and capital facilities assessment fees by a school district against the owners of dwelling units that are constructed within new developments that are constructed in the school district. Provides that the assessment, imposition, and collection of these fees pursuant to the Act shall be the sole and exclusive means by which units of local government and school districts may assess, impose, and collect fees against new development for purposes of satisfying and financing the costs of acquiring and improving school lands and of constructing school capital facilities to meet the demands and needs of new development. Provides for the undertaking of a land and capital facilities needs assessment by a school district, a school district's adoption of a land and capital facilities plan, and the right of a fee payer to contest the school district's adoption of a land and capital facilities plan or the school district's assessment, collection, or use of land and capital facilities assessment fees. Provides that only school districts situated in whole or in part in counties having a population in excess of 250,000 have the authority to adopt a land and capital facilities plan and assess land and capital facilities assessment fees. Provides that the Act does not apply to the Chicago school district. Provides that no unit of local government other than these school districts has the authority to adopt a land and capital facilities plan and assess land and capital facilities assessment fees. Provides that any unit of local government that has adopted an ordinance that provides for the assessment and payment of fees to satisfy land acquisition and improvement costs or capital facilities costs for school districts operating within its boundaries shall repeal the ordinance to the extent such school districts adopt a land and capital facilities plan and establish a land and capital facilities assessment fee. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Amends the Property Tax Code, the Counties Code, and the Illinois Municipal Code to provide that certain provisions are subject to the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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SB 2096

**Short Description:** REFERENDUM-BUDGET CRISIS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Louis S. Viverito

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the State Budget and School-Funding Crisis Referendum Act. Authorizes a statewide referendum at the consolidated election in 2006 to seek the advice of the voters. Sets forth questions concerning a temporary increase in the State use and occupation taxes to help solve the current State budget and school-funding crises. Effective immediately.
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2
Deletes everything after the short title provision.

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**SB 2097**

**Short Description:** REFERENDUM-BUDGET CRISIS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Louis S. Viverito

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the State Budget and School-Funding Crisis Referendum Act. Authorizes a statewide referendum at the consolidated election in 2006. Sets forth questions concerning a temporary increase in the State use and occupation taxes to help solve the current State budget and school-funding crises. Effective immediately.

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**SB 2098**

**Short Description:** REFERENDUM-BUDGET CRISIS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Louis S. Viverito

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the State Budget and School-Funding Crisis Referendum Act. Authorizes a statewide referendum at the consolidated election in 2006. Sets forth questions concerning a temporary increase in the State income tax to help solve the current State budget and school-funding crises. Effective immediately.

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**SB 2099**

**Short Description:** REFERENDUM-BUDGET CRISIS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Louis S. Viverito

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the State Budget and School-Funding Crisis Referendum Act. Authorizes a statewide referendum at the consolidated election in 2006 to seek the advice of the voters. Sets forth questions concerning a temporary increase in the State income tax to help solve the current State budget and school-funding crises. Effective immediately.

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**SB 2167**

**Short Description:** SCH DIST-BILL-ST MANDATE

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the State Mandates Act. With respect to State mandates on school districts that are otherwise reimbursable under the Act, provides that if a bill of the General Assembly includes an express exclusion of the applicability of the Act or contains any other provision that would make inoperative the reimbursement requirements of the Act, then the bill must be passed by the vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

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**SB 2226**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-CONTRACTS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Edward D. Maloney

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. With respect to school districts other than Chicago, requires that certain contracts involving an expenditure in excess of $25,000 or a lower amount as required by local policy (rather than $10,000) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Makes changes concerning the exceptions to this requirement, including an exception for contracts for services of corporations possessing a high degree of professional skill where ability and fitness play an important part, contracts for food services, contracts for utilities and related services when the cost is less than that offered by a local distribution company, and contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or construction involving an expenditure not to exceed $50,000 (rather than $20,000). Adds an exception for contracts for the provision of motor vehicle fuel. Effective immediately.

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Short Description: SCH CD-PSYCHOLOGIST-MASTR CERT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Cronin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that persons who are certified school psychologists and who have successfully achieved National Board certification through the National School Psychology Certification System shall be issued a Master School Service Personnel Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable thereafter every 10 years through compliance with requirements set forth by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. Under the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program, provides for an annual payment of $3,000 to be paid to each school psychologist who successfully completes the program leading to and who receives a Master Certificate and is employed as a school psychologist by a school district. Effective immediately.

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SB 2265

Short Description: SCHL CON-PROJECT LABOR AGREE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Cronin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Construction Law. Defines "project labor agreement". Provides that the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board shall not require a project labor agreement for any school construction project grant or debt service grant provided under the Law.

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SB 2464

Short Description: SCH CD-ST AID-LOW INCOME LEVEL

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mattie Hunter

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. With regard to supplemental general State aid, beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, defines "Low Income Concentration Level" for each fiscal year as the low income eligible pupil count as of July 1 of the immediately preceding fiscal year (as determined by the Department of Human Services based on the number of pupils who are eligible for at least one of the following low income programs: Medicaid, KidCare, TANF, or Food Stamps, averaged over the 3 immediately preceding fiscal years) divided by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district (now, the term excludes pupils who are eligible for services provided by the Department of Children and Family Services). Effective immediately.

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SB 2468

Short Description: SCH CD-NON-PUBLIC BKGRD CHECKS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chris Lauzen-Jacqueline Y. Collins

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that in order for a non-public elementary or secondary school to register with the State Board of Education or to obtain the status of "Non-public School Recognition" from the State Board, the school must provide the State Board with an assurance of compliance with the employee criminal history records check requirements set forth in the Code.

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SB 2543

Short Description: SCH CD-NONRESIDENT TUITION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. George P. Shadid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provide that through the 2010-2011 school year, any restriction on the amount of tuition a school district may charge a non-resident pupil does not apply to a school district that, during February 2005, requested a 5-year mandate waiver or modification with respect to this restriction and for which the General Assembly approved only one year of the 5-year request. Effective immediately.

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SB 2545

Short Description: SCHOOL FUNDING REFERENDUM

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Louis S. Viverito

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the State Budget Crisis and School-Funding Referendum Act. Requires placement on the 2006 general election ballot of statewide advisory questions as to whether the State income tax should be temporarily increased for specified programs of school funding. Amends the Election Code to exempt the questions from the limit on the number of questions that may appear on a ballot. Effective immediately.
SB 2547

Short Description:  ELEC CD-SCHOOL RESIDENT VOTERS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Miguel del Valle

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Election Code. Provides for the registration and voting of lawful permanent residents otherwise qualified to vote except for U.S. citizenship. Authorizes voting by lawful permanent residents only for school board candidates and for or against public questions of school districts.

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SB 2549

Short Description:  SCH CD-STUDENT BIOMETRIC INFO

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Miguel del Valle

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that if a public school or school district collects biometric information from students, it may do so only with, at a minimum, written permission from (i) the individual who legally enrolled the student or (ii) the student, if he or she has reached the age of 18. Prohibits the school or school district from refusing any services otherwise available to the student for withholding permission. Sets forth conditions for collecting and using the information. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective August 1, 2006.

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SB 2588

Short Description:  CRIM BACKGROUND CHECK

Senate Sponsors
Sen. John J. Millner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, and the School Code. Provides that a municipal police department, or the county sheriff's office of a county if the school district, park district, or college or university is located in an unincorporated area or in a municipality without a police department,
upon request of a public school district, public park district, or public college or university located within
the municipality or located in an unincorporated area of the county or within a municipality that does not
have a police department, may conduct a fingerprint-based criminal history records check to determine if
an applicant for employment with the district, college, or university has been convicted of any offense that
would disqualify the applicant for employment with the district, college, or university. Provides that the
information obtained from the background check is confidential. Provides that any person who releases
any confidential information concerning any criminal convictions of an applicant for employment shall be
guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is authorized by law.

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SB 2594

Short Description: UTILITIES-NATURAL GAS-SCHOOLS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. William R. Haine

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Requires each natural gas public utility to file annually a set of
transportation schedules or tariffs applicable to public schools authorizing a public school association to
aggregate the purchase of natural gas for its members. Requires the transportation schedules or tariffs to:
(i) establish certain delivery charges; (ii) authorize a public school association to contract with a public
utility at monthly market prices for interstate pipeline capacity; (iii) require the public utility to provide
certain usage projections; and (iv) authorize the public utility to impose a penalty under limited
circumstances. Authorizes the Illinois Commerce Commission to suspend the transportation schedule or
tariff for up to 3 months. Requires energy sellers to comply with applicable Commission rules. Provides
that any agreement between a public school association and an energy seller is void if the energy seller
does not comply with Commission rules. Requires each natural gas public utility to file an annual
statement of its revenues and incremental costs incurred as a direct result of the aggregation of natural
gas for public schools. Authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules that are reasonable and
necessary to administer the aggregation program. Effective immediately.

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SB 2600

Short Description: SCH CD-PE EXEMPTION-SPORTS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Dan Cronin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board may excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12
from engaging in physical education courses if the pupil is getting substantial physical activity from
participating in athletic training and competition in a sport under the auspices of a national governing
board that is recognized by and affiliated with an international sports federation and the parent or
guardian has provided documentation of such training and recognition. Effective July 1, 2006.
SB 2603
Short Description: SCH CD-SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Todd Sieben-Dan Cronin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district's school report card assessing the performance of its schools and students must also include the percentage of teachers whose performance received a rating of "excellent", the percentage of teachers whose performance received a rating of "satisfactory", and the percentage of teachers whose performance received a rating of "unsatisfactory" on their teacher evaluations. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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SB 2607
Short Description: SCH CD-SCH DIST SALARY SURVEY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Todd Sieben-Dan Cronin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires a school district to report, on its salary and benefits survey form, the amount of compensation a certificated teacher who ends employment with the school district receives that is additional to the teacher's regular salary, excluding individual compensation resulting from extra-curricular duties and employment beyond the regular school year. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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SB 2670
Short Description: SCH CD-DISTRICT RESIDENCY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins-Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. With respect to residency, provides that "legal custody" includes custody by
an adult who demonstrates that he or she has assumed and exercises primary (instead of legal) responsibility for the pupil. Provides that a school district must require an adult claiming custody because he or she exercises primary responsibility for the pupil to complete and sign an Affidavit of Residency. Provides that an adult establishing certain types of custody is authorized and must agree to act in the place of the parent with respect to certain decisions and contacts. Provides that once certain types of custody are established, the school district is no longer responsible for communicating with the parents of a pupil unless a parent asserts custody. Provides that once a school board has made its decision with regard to a residency hearing, any party to the hearing may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Education. Provides that the decision of the State Superintendent of Education is final and subject to judicial review. Makes related changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Section of the School Code concerning district residency. Makes a change to a provision defining legal custody with respect to an adult who demonstrates that he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the pupil. Provides that a school district must require an adult claiming this type of custody to complete and sign an Attestation of Enrollment and Residency. Provides that a person who establishes custody is authorized and agrees to act in the place of the parent of the pupil with respect to the pupil's education decisions and to be the person the school contacts for certain reasons. Provides that once custody is established, a school district shall make a reasonable attempt to communicate with the pupil's parents. Provides that a hearing regarding residency must be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the regional superintendent of schools or, in Chicago, the State Superintendent of Education (now, the school board or a hearing officer designated by the board conducts the hearing); makes related changes. Provides that a decision of the school board may be appealed to the State Superintendent of Education (now, the board's decision is final); makes related changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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**SB 2751**

**Short Description:** DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the School Code. Creates the Department of Education, with a Secretary of Education as its head, to replace the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Education. Makes technical changes having a revisory function.

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**SB 2762**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-P.E. EXEMPTION-SPEC ED

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Mattie Hunter
House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. With respect to a pupil whom a school board has exempted from the
requirement that the pupil engage daily in physical education because he or she must utilize the time set
aside for physical education to receive special education support and services, provides that the pupil's
individualized education program team makes the determination that the pupil must utilize the time set
aside for physical education to receive special education support and services. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1
Provides that a special education pupil requiring adapted physical education must receive that service
in accordance with the individualized education program developed for the pupil.

House Amendment No. 2
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed, with the
following change. Provides that a pupil in any of grades 3 through 12 who is eligible for special education
may be excused from engaging in a physical education course if the pupil's parent or guardian agrees
that the pupil must utilize the time set aside for physical education to receive special education support
and services or, if there is no agreement, the individualized education program team for the pupil
determines that the pupil must utilize the time set aside for physical education to receive special
education support and services (instead of allowing a school board to excuse a pupil in any of grades 9
through 12 if the pupil's individualized education program team determines that he or she must utilize the
time set aside for physical education to receive special education support and services). Effective
immediately.

House Amendment No. 3
Provides that the agreement by the parent or guardian or the determination by the individualized
education program team that a pupil be excused from physical education to receive special education
support and services must be made a part of the individualized education program.

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SB 2791

Short Description: SCH CD-ED SERV REGION-BOUNDARY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Bill Brady

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Illinois
Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, to develop a plan to change the boundaries of
educational service regions so that an educational service region in this State has the same boundaries
as a community college district in this State. Effective immediately.

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SB 2792

Short Description: STATE POL-CRIM BACK CHECK

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that a unit of local government may request the Department of State Police to conduct a fingerprint-based criminal history records check to determine if an applicant for employment with the unit of local government has been convicted of any offense that would disqualify the applicant for employment with the unit of local government. Provides that the information obtained from the background check is confidential. Provides that any person who releases any confidential information concerning any criminal convictions of an applicant for employment shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is authorized by law.

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SB 2793

Short Description: EDUCATIONAL CHOICE ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chris Lauzen

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Educational Choice Act to establish a pilot educational choice program in the Chicago school district that entitles a custodian of a qualifying pupil to a voucher for payment of qualified education expenses at any qualified school in which the pupil is enrolled. Repeals the Act on July 1, 2011. Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to develop unique student identifiers for State test takers that allow teachers to have the information needed to teach to the ability of the student. Provides that a school district must spend at least 65% of its total operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures and if a school district's direct classroom expenditures for the 2006-2007 school year are less than 65% of its total operating expenditures, then the district must increase its direct classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per school year beginning with the 2007-2008 school year until at least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are spent on direct classroom expenditures. Provides that a school district that is unable to meet these expenditure standards due to special circumstances may apply for a one-year, renewable waiver. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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SB 2796

Short Description: SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-HEARING

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Miguel del Valle
House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Makes changes concerning the identification, evaluation, and placement of children; the impartial due process hearing procedure; the expedited hearing procedure; the selection, training, evaluation, and retention of hearing officers and other matters concerning hearing officers; and the evaluation of the impartial due process hearing system.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1
Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill, but makes changes concerning when a report concerning students from non-English speaking backgrounds receiving special education and related services in public and private facilities is made, a reference to federal law, a reference to the Statute on Statutes, references to students who are at least 18 years of age or emancipated, a request for an impartial due process hearing, a hearing officer's conflict of interest, the timeline for completing the hearing, the length and date of a hearing, and the deadline for amending reimbursement claims. Adds a July 1, 2006 effective date.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2
In the Section concerning the identification, evaluation, and placement of children with disabilities, makes changes in relation to definitions, when the eligibility determination must be made and the IEP meeting completed, and references to federal law. In the Section concerning an impartial due process hearing, makes changes in relation to the issues that may be addressed, the timeline with respect to amended hearing requests, the resolution meeting process, the time limits with respect to a hearing, and the hearing officer's decision.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3
Makes the same changes as Senate Amendment No. 2, but with technical corrections. The changes made in Senate Amendment No. 2 are as follows: In the Section concerning the identification, evaluation, and placement of children with disabilities, makes changes in relation to definitions, when the eligibility determination must be made and the IEP meeting completed, and references to federal law. In the Section concerning an impartial due process hearing, makes changes in relation to the issues that may be addressed, the timeline with respect to amended hearing requests, the resolution meeting process, the time limits with respect to a hearing, and the hearing officer's decision.

House Amendment No. 1
Provides that the party who requested the hearing may amend the request once as a matter of right by filing the amended request within 5 days after filing the initial request, and makes other changes concerning amended requests. Provides that all reasonable efforts must be made by the parties to present their respective cases at the hearing within a cumulative period of 7 days (instead of providing that the length of the hearing must not exceed 5 days unless good cause is shown), and makes other changes concerning the length and scheduling of hearings. Restores current law with respect to when a civil action must be brought to 120 (instead of 90) days after a copy of the hearing officer's decision is mailed. Provides that the handling of amended requests must be included in the training of hearing officer candidates.

House Amendment No. 2
Provides that amendments to hearing requests are permissible for the purpose of raising issues beyond those in the initial request.

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SB 2904

Short Description: SCHOOLS IMPACT FEES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chris Lauzen

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Illinois School Land and Capital Facilities Assessment Act. Authorizes school districts to impose assessment fees on the owners of newly constructed dwelling units for school land and capital facilities, and prohibits units of local government from imposing impact fees on new development for school purposes. Requires school districts to conduct needs assessments, adopt plans, and hold public hearings before imposing assessment fees. Sets forth requirements and procedures for the imposition, payment, and use of the assessment fees. Sets forth limitations on challenges to the imposition or use of the assessment fees. Requires units of local government to repeal existing ordinances imposing school impact fees. Makes an exemption for existing impact fee agreements. Preempts home rule powers. Effective immediately.

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SB 2928

Short Description: PROP TX-RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Property Tax Code and the School Code. Sets forth procedures for calculating certain adjustments and recomputations with respect to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

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SB 2937

Short Description: SCH CONTIN APPROP-CATEGORICALS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Cronin

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Continuing Appropriation for Categorical Education Funding Act. Provides that the Act constitutes an irrevocable and continuing appropriation from the Common School Fund of all amounts necessary if the General Assembly fails to make Common School Fund appropriations to the State Board of Education sufficient to fund the disbursement for programs that are described in the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act and provisions of the School Code concerning children attending private schools, public out-of-state schools, public school residential facilities, or private special education facilities; children requiring extraordinary special education services and facilities; special education classes for
children from orphanages, foster family homes, children's homes, or in State housing units; reimbursement for furnishing special educational facilities in a recognized school to children with disabilities; tuition of children from orphanages and children's homes; summer school grants; and reimbursement for transportation. Effective June 30, 2006.

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### SB 2946

**Short Description:** SCH CD-CRIMINAL BACKGRND CHECK

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Peter J. Roskam and Todd Sieben

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that before the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year, all employees of a school district must have a criminal history records check and a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database performed in the same manner as for applicants for employment.

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### SB 2960

**Short Description:** CRIM CD-CHILD SEX OFFENDER

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Wendell E. Jones-Adeline Jay Geo-Karis

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Increases from within 500 feet to within 1,000 feet the distance from which a child sex offender may not loiter near a school or public park. Increases from within 500 feet to within 1,000 feet the distance from which a child sex offender may not reside near a school, playground, or a facility providing programs or services exclusively directed toward persons under 18 years of age or from a victim under 21 years of age. Effective immediately.

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### SB 2979

**Short Description:** SCH CD-CHARTER SCH LIMIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Martin A. Sandoval
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. With respect to the 60 charter schools that may operate in the State at any one time, removes the provision prohibiting more than 30 charter schools from operating in Chicago, more than 15 charter schools from operating in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties and that portion of Cook County outside Chicago, and more than 15 charter schools from operating in the remainder of the State. Effective immediately.

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SB 3095

Short Description: SCH CD-MINIMUM SCHOOL TERM

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Martin A. Sandoval

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Increases both the minimum length of the school term and the minimum number of days of actual pupil attendance by 24 days. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2006.

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