Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole  
June 17, 2009  
10:30 a.m.  

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AGENDA (timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

1. Roll Call

2. Board Member Participation by Other Means

3. Public Participation 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

4. Minutes of the May Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (pp. 2-3)

5. End of Session Recap (Nicole Wills) 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. (pp. 4-69)

6. 2010 Legislative Proposals – Preliminary Discussion 11:15 – 11:25 a.m.

7. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items (no committee meetings until September)

8. Committee Wrap-up – as needed (Superintendent Koch) 11:25 – 11:30 a.m.

9. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.
GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
May 21, 2009
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present
Lanita Koster, Chair
Jesse Ruiz
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Chris Ward
Dean Clark
Vinni Hall
Andrea Brown

Staff Present
Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Nicole Wills
Susie Morrison
Shawn Rotherham
Linda Tomlinson
Connie Wise
Don Evans

1. ROLL CALL: See above.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

3. MINUTES OF THE APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING: Board member Jesse Ruiz made a motion to approve the April Committee meeting minutes and Dave Fields seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Governmental Relations staff gave the Committee a status update of the ISBE legislative initiatives in addition to providing an update on other education-related legislation the agency is tracking.

   • HB 2145: This budget bill contains ISBE personnel services and operations funding. The bill ran through the General Services Appropriations Committee.

   • HB 2129: This budget bill ran through the House Elementary and Secondary Education committee and contains funding for General State Aid and Mandated Categoricals.

   • HB 2206: This budget bill contains Other State and Federal funds and passed out of the Public Safety Appropriations Committee.

   • HB 312: This bill is for capital projects and passed the Senate unanimously. The bill contains a specific list for school construction funds for the FY 02 entitled school districts and Chicago as well as another $1.3B in school construction. The bill also contains funds for school maintenance grants.

   • HB 2400: This bill provides the bonding authorization for the capital projects bill. Like the capital projects bill, HB 2400 also passed the Senate unanimously. The bill contains $420M in bonding authorization for school construction.

   • HB 255: This bill provides the revenue streams to pay for the bonding authorization for the capital bill.

   • ISBE legislative initiatives: Six bills have passed both chambers (SB 1828, SB 2071, SB 1957, HB 3982, HB 2674 and SB 2014). Four bills are on the order of concurrence in the original chamber (SB 1977, SB 1956, HB 809 and HB 944). HB 2675 is on third reading in the Senate and will have to go back to the House for concurrence. The bill was shelled in the Senate and now contains the language from
• SB 2220 (out-of-state testing) and language concerning building closures as a result of a public health emergency.

• SB 612: This bill will be amended to contain the charter school legislation that has been negotiated between CTU, IFT, IEA, Illinois Network of Charter Schools, CPS, the Civic Committee and other organizations. There are still two points that are being negotiated, but specific areas that will be addressed include raising the cap on charters, creating specific charter schools for drop-outs in Chicago, phasing in and increasing certification requirements, putting parameters on contract schools and more.

• HB 682: The bill would ISBE to prepare an impact note on any legislation that would create a new program or expand any existing programs to impact ISBE’s budget. The Department of Human Services and Department of Healthcare and Family Services will be similarly impacted.

• HB 1333: Speaker Madigan just filed an amendment on this legislation that would terminate employment for certain state employees and board and commission members.

• HB 80: ISBE, the Governor’s Office, IEA and IFT all opposed the bill during the Senate Executive Committee. The bill was pulled from the record during the committee and not voted on.

• SB 750: This bill contains some elements of SB 2283, amendment 6 from the 95th General Assembly, which has been commonly referred to as the Burnham Plan. There are slight differences in this version of the bill, especially surrounding the revenue side. The bill now contains a tax increase instead of a tax swap, but adds additional tax exemptions. The bill would raise the foundation level by $581 and include increases in early childhood education specifically stated in law over the next several years. The bill also raises the reimbursement for special education personnel for the 2009-2010 school year (which is paid in FY 2011) and continuously over the next four years until the reimbursement is almost $20,000 per certified teacher. The bill also contains language regarding growth models, a best practices clearing house, STEM centers, Digital Learning and more.

• SB 2283: ISBE staff has opposed this legislation because it would require the agency to go back in time and recalculate data for the General State Aid formula. One particular school district has pursued this legislation. Staff also expressed concerns that the data needed to determine the impact is not readily available.

• ISBE is also working with the Governor’s budget office on a supplemental budget bill for FY 09. The supplemental is based on changes to the way the state submitted the ARRA application after additional information was received from the federal government. These changes will not increase the costs to the state, but are needed to fully access the federal funds and to fix certain line items.

5. **ADJOURN**: Board member Dave Fields made the motion to adjourn the Committee. Joyce Karon seconded the motion.
ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, June 17, 2009

TO: Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education
Weaver
Darren Reisberg, General Counsel

Agenda Topic: Legislative Update

Materials: Chart of ISBE Legislation
Synopsis of Legislation

Staff Contact(s): Nicole Wills, Liaison, Governmental Relations

Purpose of Agenda Item

To provide the Committee with a synopsis and status update of education-related legislation that ISBE is tracking.

The Synopsis list includes all legislation ISBE has been tracking that has passed both chambers of the General Assembly by May 31st.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

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| SB 1977     | Sen. Meeks (D-Calumet City) Rep. Pritchard (R-DeKalb) | Repeal of Obsolete & Duplicative Statutes, Clean-up and Streamlining | This proposal will:  
- combine statutory suggestions from all divisions within the agency for programs and functions that are no longer necessary and need to be repealed,  
- revise and update current statutory provisions, and  
c) streamline current processes and procedures.  
All specific statutes and language to be included are still being determined. | Passed both Chambers |
| HB 2675     | Rep. Eddy (R-Hutsonville) Sen. Demuzio (D-Carlinville) | School Holiday Waivers | HB 2675 as amended does two things:  
This proposal would eliminate the statute allowing for out-of-state testing waivers.  
Additionally, the proposal would make a corresponding change to allow provisional certificates to be valid for two years, including testing deficiencies. Effective July 1, 2009. (This language was originally in SB 2220).  
It also provides that, after consultation with a local health department, if a school district closes one or more recognized school buildings, but not all buildings, during a public health emergency, the district may claim a full day of attendance for those days based on the average of the 3 school days of attendance immediately preceding the closure of the school building, subject to certain conditions. | Passed both Chambers |
<p>| HB 3982     | Rep. D'Amico (D-Chicago) Sen. Cullerton (D-Chicago) | 11-15 Passenger Vans Proposal | The proposal eliminates the use of 11-15 passenger vans for interscholastic or other school sponsored non-curriculum related activities. It also adds language to allow the use of the federally approved multifunction activity bus as a safer alternative to 11-15 passenger vans as well as allow appropriate depreciation for such vehicles on the Annual Pupil Transportation claim. | Passed both Chambers |
| HB 1106     | Rep. Eddy (R-Hutsonville) | Pre-K &amp; Summer School Transportation | The proposed language will allow districts to claim transportation reimbursement for pre-kindergarten students as well as those transported for summer school programs. | Bill was shelled and has been re-referred to the Rules Committee |</p>
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<td>SB 1956</td>
<td>Sen. Demuzio (D-Carlinville) Rep. Eddy (R-Hutsonville)</td>
<td>Parent-Teacher Conference Proposal</td>
<td>SB 1956, as amended, does two things: The proposal makes changes with regards to scheduling parent/teacher conferences for the purpose of counting those days as days of actual pupil attendance on a school district’s legal school calendar. The changes would put the most common requests for modifications of parent-teacher conference schedules in statute so that a district would not have to submit waivers to the State Board and General Assembly for approval. The school holiday changes would allow entities eligible to request waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of the School Code to determine locally whether to hold school on certain legally mandated school holidays or to use those holidays for another purpose. Effective July 1, 2009.</td>
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<td>HB 944</td>
<td>Rep. Eddy has introduced (R-Hutsonville) Sen. Cullerton (D-Chicago)</td>
<td>Financial Profile Proposal</td>
<td>The proposal authorizes the adjustment of school district financial profile scores to reflect the impact of delayed or reduced state financial aid payments to school districts. The language is intended to authorize adjustment of scores for the year adversely impacted by such delay or reduction as well as the ensuing year when such delayed payment is paid or restored</td>
<td>Passed both Chambers</td>
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<td>HB 2676</td>
<td>Rep. Eddy (R-Hutsonville)</td>
<td>SFA/FOP Proposal</td>
<td>The proposed legislation would consolidate provisions for Financial Oversight Panels and School Finance Authorities to create a new Financial Oversight Panel with the combined powers of the three current entities.</td>
<td>Re-referred to the Rules Committee</td>
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<td>HB 2674</td>
<td>Rep. Eddy (R-Hutsonville) Sen. Demuzio (D-Carlinville)</td>
<td>CEO of FOP Proposal</td>
<td>This proposal allows a Financial Oversight Panel to hire a chief executive officer (CEO) or a superintendent to oversee the district.</td>
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<td>HB 4322</td>
<td>Rep. Reis (D-Olney)</td>
<td>Transfers from GSA &amp; GSA HH</td>
<td>This proposal allows appropriation transfers between General State Aid and General State Aid – Hold Harmless. Effective Immediately.</td>
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<td>SB 1828</td>
<td>Sen. Steans (D-Chicago)</td>
<td>IL Longitudinal Data System</td>
<td>This proposal will provide for the Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS) Project, which will a) allow for critical integration of ISBE student-level data collection systems with student-level data from other parts of the agency (e.g., staff data, special education, and school district finance) and b) establish the technical and management systems necessary for ISBE and its education partners to manage, link and analyze P-20 education data.</td>
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| SB 1957     | Sen. Demuzio (D-Carlinville) | School Breakfast Program Proposal | This proposal makes changes to the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act, including:  
- ridding of requirement that programs serve 10% more to receive the additional incentive,  
- adding deadline for giving priority to certain schools for grants,  
- replacing Universal Breakfast Incentive with Non-Traditional Breakfast Incentive,  
- consolidating data for Breakfast Report to Governor and General Assembly,  
- adding dates for requests to opt out of mandate to operate breakfast program,  
- requiring Regional Offices of Education (ROEs) to notify ISBE of any exemptions granted.  
Effective July 1, 2009 | Passed both Chambers |
| SB 2071     | Sen. Haine (D-Alton) | Educator Misconduct | The proposal makes changes in three areas related to educator misconduct to (a) clarifying and streamlining the investigation and hearing system in instances where the Agency receives notice of alleged educator misconduct; (b) improving the reporting mechanisms to allow the Agency to receive notice of alleged educator misconduct; and (c) increasing training of educators on issues such as teacher-student interaction.  
Effective July 1, 2009 | Passed both Chambers |
| HB 809      | Rep. Fortner (R-West Chicago) | Special Ed. Withdrawal from Coop | The proposal clarifies the process for a district seeking to withdraw from a special education cooperative.  
Effective July 1, 2009 | Passed both Chambers |
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<td>SB 2220</td>
<td>Sen. Lightford (D-Westchester)</td>
<td>Out-of-State Testing Waivers</td>
<td>This proposal would eliminate the statute allowing for out-of-state testing waivers. Additionally, the proposal would make a corresponding change to allow provisional certificates to be valid for two years, including testing deficiencies. Effective July 1, 2009.</td>
<td>On 3rd Reading in the Senate – language now in HB 2675</td>
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<td>SB 2014</td>
<td>Sen. Demuzio (D-Carlinville)</td>
<td>Prairie State Achievement Exam</td>
<td>This proposal eliminates the requirement that allows students to take a retake of the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) in grade 12.</td>
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HB 35

Short Description: CMS-ACCOUNTABILITY PORTAL


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law. Requires the Department to establish and maintain a website known as the Illinois Accountability Portal. The website shall provide direct access to information concerning State employees and individual consultants, State expenditures, State tax credits, State contracts, and revocations and suspensions of occupation and use tax certificates of registration and professional licenses.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Inserts provisions similar to those of the bill with the following changes: Renames the portal the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal (ITAP). Requires that the Department establish the portal within 12 months after the bill's effective date. Defines various terms. Removes sworn law enforcement officers from the State employee database. Obligates the Department to include on the portal the required information that is provided by State agencies in a format the Department can compile, publish, and update. Requires State agencies to cooperate with the Department in furnishing the information required for the portal. Effective January 1, 2010.

House Floor Amendment No. 3: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Inserts the provisions of House Amendment No. 2 with the following changes: Requires the State expenditure database to be sorted by recipient (now, customer) and by Representative District (now, Legislative and Representative District). Requires a database of all development assistance reportable under the Corporate Accountability for Tax Expenditures Act (now, a database of tax credits). Effective January 1, 2010.

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HB 78

Short Description: FARM FRESH SCHOOLS PROGRAM


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. David Koehler-Linda Holmes-Jacqueline Y. Collins)

Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the Farm Fresh Schools Program Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Health, shall create the Farm Fresh Schools Program. Provides that the intent of the Program is to reduce obesity and improve nutrition and public health, as well as strengthen local agricultural economies by increasing access to and promoting the consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables in schools and increasing physical activities and programs that promote pupil wellness. Provides that the Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Education shall jointly administer a process to review grant proposals and award grants on a competitive basis to eligible applicants to implement the Program. Creates the Farm Fresh Schools Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury.

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HB 210

Short Description: $COMPTROLLER-COURT REPORTING


Synopsis As Introduced: Makes FY09 appropriations to the State Comptroller for expenses related to court reporting. The sum of $3,633,750 is appropriated for official court reporting. The sum of $760,000 is appropriated for State contributions to the State Employees’ Retirement System and $356,250 for State contributions to Social Security. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Changes the ending date of the applicable fiscal year from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2009.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3: Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes various supplemental appropriations for FY09. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 4: Changes the amount of certain appropriations. Changes "Regional Transit Authority" to "Regional Transportation Authority". Changes "Suburban Bus Board" to "Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority". Changes "Commuter Rail Board" to "Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority".

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HB 272
Short Description: IHSA-PERFORM ENHANC SUBSTANC


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

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Requires an association that has as one of its purposes promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among schools and students within this State and that has a performance-enhancing substance testing program to prohibit a student from participating in an athletic competition sponsored or sanctioned by the association unless (i) the student agrees not to use certain performance-enhancing substances, and, if the student is enrolled in high school, the student submits to random testing for the presence of these substances in the student's body and (ii) the association obtains from the student's parent a statement signed by the parent acknowledging certain information. Provides that a school district shall require that each district employee who serves as an athletic coach at or above the 9th grade level for an extracurricular athletic activity sponsored or sanctioned by an association complete an educational program on the prevention of abuse of performance-enhancing substances and complete a proficiency exam. Requires the Department of Public Health to provide oversight of the annual administration of a performance-enhancing substance testing program by an association under which high school students participating in an athletic competition sponsored or sanctioned by the association are tested at multiple times throughout the athletic season for the presence of certain performance-enhancing substances in the students' bodies. Contains provisions concerning confidentiality, funding, exceptions, and liability. Repeals these provisions on July 1, 2011. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Amends the State Finance Act and the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that, in addition to the penalty imposed for a drug related offense involving possession or delivery of a controlled substance, other than methamphetamine, as defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, a fee of $50 shall be assessed by the court, the proceeds of which shall be collected by the Circuit Clerk and remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit into the Performance-enhancing Substance Testing Fund. Creates the Performance-enhancing Substance Testing Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all money in the Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the Department of Public Health to distribute as grants to pay the costs of the performance-enhancing substance testing program.

House Floor 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. Changes the definition of "association" to mean the Illinois High School Association. Provides that the association (instead of a school district) shall require that each athletic coach (instead of each district employee who serves as an athletic coach) complete an educational program on the prevention of abuse of performance-enhancing substances developed by the association (instead of also allowing for the completion of a comparable program developed by the school district or a private entity with relevant expertise). Provides that the association (instead of the school district) shall also require the person to complete an exam. Makes changes concerning the adoption of rules by the Department of Public Health. Provides that the General Assembly may appropriate additional funding for the testing program. Allows the additional $50 fee that is deposited into the Performance-enhancing Substance Testing Fund to be assessed for other drug-related offenses. Makes changes concerning the repeal of the amendatory provisions on July 1, 2011.

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HB 276

Short Description: ADMIN PROCEDURE-GRANT RULES


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Ira I. Silverstein-Don Harmon)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Provides that, unless specified otherwise in the Act, a State agency subject to the Act is not exempt from adopting rules pursuant to the Act covering the agency's statements of general applicability with respect to law or policy affecting persons or entities outside the agency, including grant-making policy. Requires that all State agencies subject to the Act with grant-making authority must adopt rules governing the various aspects of the grant-making process. Effective immediately.

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HB 281

Short Description: SCHOOL CD-FOOD ALLERGIES MGMT


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Susan Garrett-Pamela J. Althoff-Kirk W. Dillard and Heather Steans-Dan Cronin-Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code to require that the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Public Health, develop and make available to each school board guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies. Recommends that each school board be required to implement a policy based on these guidelines no later than January 1, 2011. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. Makes changes with respect to the guideline concerning education and training for school personnel. Provides that nothing in the provision requiring a school board to implement a policy is intended to invalidate school district policies that were implemented before the development of the guidelines as long as such policies are consistent with the guidelines. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced with the following changes. Requires the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Health to establish an ad hoc committee to develop the guidelines. Make changes to the guideline concerning the education and training of school personnel. Provides that nothing in the provision requiring a school board to implement a policy is intended to invalidate school district policies that were implemented before the development of the guidelines as long as such policies are consistent with the guidelines. Provides that at least every 2 years, an in-service training program for school personnel who work with pupils must be conducted by persons with expertise in anaphylactic reactions and management. Effective immediately.

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### HB 314

**Short Description:** $GEN ASSEMBLY-TECH


**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Gary Forby-Pamela J. Althoff)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the General Assembly for its FY10 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1:** Amends Public Act 95-734. Changes and adds line item appropriations to the Illinois State Board of Education. Effective immediately.

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### HB 325

**Short Description:** SCH CD-BD MEMBER-TREASURER

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Mike Fortner

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Randall M. Hultgren-Toi W. Hutchinson)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. With respect to a school board of an elementary school, high school, or unit school district that forms a part of a Class II county school unit that was under the jurisdiction and authority of the township treasurer and trustees of schools of a township at the time those offices were abolished in that township, allows the school treasurer to also be a member of the school board (now prohibited); provides that if a member of the school board is also school treasurer, he or she shall perform his or her duties as school treasurer without compensation. With respect to school districts having a population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000 inhabitants, allows a member of the board of education to also be a school treasurer (now prohibited). Effective immediately.

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### HB 353

**Short Description:** VEH CD-SCHOOL BUS-DRIVING SIGN


**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Dave Syverson)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that each school bus must display at the rear of the bus a sign indicating the telephone number of the owner of the school bus. Deletes language providing that the sign shall indicate that the number is to be called to report erratic driving by the school bus driver. Adds language requiring that the sign shall be in the form "TO COMMENT ON MY DRIVING, CALL (area code and telephone number of school bus owner)". Provides that existing school busses carrying the sign conforming to the former requirements are not required to update the sign to the new requirements until the school bus owner replaces the sign. Effective January 1, 2010.
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Provides that a county may adopt all or any portion of the Illinois Vehicle Code by reference.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: Provides for the issuance of Distinguished Flying Cross license plates. Provides that in addition to the appropriate registration fees, an applicant for the special plate shall be charged a fee of $15 at original issuance. Provides that the $15 issuance fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

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HB 363

Short Description: SCH CD-CHI-SCH FACILITY DEV


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. William Delgado-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Rickey R. Hendon, Martin A. Sandoval, Iris Y. Martinez-Dan Cronin, Antonio Munoz, Emil Jones III, Kimberly A. Lightford and James F. Clayborne, Jr.)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Requires the Chairpersons of the House of Representatives’ Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education and the Senate’s Committee on Education to each appoint 5 members to a Special Joint Chicago Education Facilities Subcommittee. Requires the Joint Subcommittee, with the help of independent experts, to analyze past school district experience with respect to the closing or opening of schools, school repairs, school additions, school phase-outs, school consolidations, and school boundary changes; to consult widely with stakeholders about these facility issues; and to examine relevant best practices from other school systems for dealing with these issues systematically and equitably. Provides for a draft policy and a final proposed policy. Provides that there shall be a moratorium on school closings, consolidations, and phaseouts in the school district in the 2009-2010 school year, and provides that any of these actions that are subsequently appropriate shall be carried out no sooner than the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced with the following changes. Makes changes concerning the General Assembly’s findings. Provides for a Special Joint Chicago Education Facilities Committee instead of a Special Joint Chicago Education Facilities Subcommittee, with members appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate as well as additional members. Makes changes concerning expert assistance, the gathering of evidence, the committee’s duties, a draft policy, hearings, and proposed law. Removes the moratorium provision. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Requires the establishment of a Chicago Educational Facilities Task Force in order to ensure that school facility-related decisions are made with the input of the community and reflect educationally sound and fiscally responsible criteria. Requires the task force, with the help of independent experts, to analyze past Chicago experiences and data with respect to school openings, school closings, school consolidations, school turnarounds, school phase-outs, school construction, school repairs, school modernizations, school boundary changes, and other related school facility decisions on students; consult widely with stakeholders, including public officials, about these facility issues and their related costs; and examine relevant best practices from other school systems for dealing with these issues systematically and equitably. Provides for draft recommendations, final proposed policy and legislative recommendations, and final recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly, the
Governor, and the school district. Requires the State Board of Education and the school district to provide administrative support to the task force. Effective immediately.

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HB 379

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-REVERSE AUCTION


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Authorizes State purchasing officers under the jurisdiction of the Director of Central Management Services to use an electronic reverse auction procurement method for purchases of supplies and services other than professional and artistic services. Requires that the method comply with rules adopted by the Director and that the purchasing officer first explain in writing to the Director his or her determination that use of the method will be in the State's best interest. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Exempts contracts for construction projects from reverse auctions.

House Committee Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the bill with the following changes: Exempts contracts for construction projects. Creates the Local Government Electronic Reverse Auction Act. Permits units of local government to use the same electronic reverse auction method for procurements of supplies and services other than professional and artistic services and contracts for construction projects. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: In the Local Government Electronic Reverse Auction Act and the Illinois Procurement Code, provides that the exemption from the reverse auction provisions for procurements of professional and artistic services includes telecommunications services, communications services, Internet services, and information services.

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HB 380

Short Description: SCH CD-RETIREMENT TRUSTEE LEAV

House Sponsors: Rep. Elaine Nekritz

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Susan Garrett)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Provides that each school board employing an employee who is an elected trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall make available to the elected trustee at least 20 days of paid leave of absence per year for the purpose of attending meetings of the Fund's Board of Trustees, committee meetings of the Board, and seminars regarding issues for which the Board is responsible. The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund shall reimburse affected school districts for the actual cost of hiring a substitute employee during such leaves of absence. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Provides that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund may (instead of shall) reimburse affected school districts for the actual cost of hiring a substitute employee during such leaves of absence.
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**HB 392**

**Short Description:** EDUC-GROW YOUR OWN TEACHERS


**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Iris Y. Martinez-Jacqueline Y. Collins)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. Makes changes concerning the purposes and goals of the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Initiative, the definitions of certain terms, including adding a definition of "cohort", the composition of a consortium, candidate qualifications, a cohort's education (instead of training), collective consortium decision-making, supportive services, the program of forgivable loans, the award of grants under the Initiative, the inclusion of certain costs in program budgets, and funds to cover the salary of a site-based cohort coordinator. Effective immediately.

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**HB 398**

**Short Description:** RULEMAKING CONDITIONS

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Gary Hannig

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Provides that all rulemaking authority exercised on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act is conditioned on the rules being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR); any purported rule not so adopted, for whatever reason, including without limitation a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction holding any part of this Act or the rules or procedures of JCAR invalid, is unauthorized. Effective immediately.

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HB 475

Short Description: SCH CD-TEXTBOOKS-FEE WAIVERS

House Sponsors: Rep. Dave Winters

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Dave Syverson-Don Harmon)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. With respect to the purchase of textbooks for children whose parents are unable to buy them and the waiver of fees assessed on children whose parents are unable to afford them, changes a reference from children eligible for free lunches or breakfasts under the Community School Lunch Program to children living in households that meet the free lunch or breakfast eligibility guidelines established by the federal government pursuant to the federal Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, subject to verification. Provides that any school board that participates in a federally funded, school-based child nutrition program and uses a student's application for, eligibility for, or participation in the federally funded, school-based child nutrition program as the basis for waiving fees assessed by the school district must follow the verification requirements of the federally funded, school-based child nutrition program. Provides that a school board that establishes a process for the determination of eligibility for waiver of fees assessed by the school district that is completely independent of a student's application for, eligibility for, or participation in a federally funded, school-based child nutrition program may provide for fee waiver verification no more often than every 60 calendar days, with conditions. Effective September 1, 2009 or immediately, whichever is later.

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HB 548

Short Description: SCH CD-TEACHR-SICK LEAVE-ADOPT


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Susan Garrett-Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. With respect to sick leave for teachers (other than in the Chicago school district), provides that a school board may require a certificate from a physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or spiritual adviser or practitioner as a basis for pay during leave after an absence of 30 days for birth. Provides that for paid sick leave for adoption or placement for adoption, the school board may require that the teacher or other employee provide evidence that the formal adoption process is underway, and such leave is limited to 30 days unless a longer leave has been negotiated with the exclusive bargaining representative. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.

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HB 557

Short Description: CRIM CD-INTERFERE SCHOOL

House Sponsors: Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia-Jack D. Franks

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Linda Holmes-Don Harmon-Heather Steans)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Expands the statute concerning interference with a public institution of higher education to also include interference with public elementary and secondary schools. Provides that if the interference with the public institution of education is accompanied by a threat, the person commits a Class 3 felony and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 2 years and not more than 10 years and may be prosecuted for intimidation.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Provides that interference with the public institution of education accompanied by a threat of personal injury or property damage is a Class 3 felony.

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HB 605

Short Description: SCH CD-ENSURING SUCCESS IN SCH


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Iris Y. Martinez-Jacqueline Y. Collins)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Requires the Ensuring Success in School Task Force to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2009 (instead of January 1, 2009). Effective immediately.

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HB 613

Short Description: SCH CD-CONTRACTS-BIDDING

House Sponsors: Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Lou Lang, Michael G. Connelly and Sandra M. Pihos

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Dan Cronin)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. In provisions requiring certain contracts to be awarded by competitive bid, provides that the acceptance of bids sealed by a bidder and the opening of these bids at a public bid opening may be permitted by an electronic process for communicating, accepting, and opening competitive bids; requires certain safeguards. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Provides that bids for construction purposes are prohibited from being communicated, accepted, or opened electronically.

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HB 628
**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that a private evaluator or expert retained by or on behalf a parent or guardian shall be afforded reasonable and unimpeded access to educational personnel, facilities, classrooms, and buildings and to the child for the purpose of conducting any appropriate interviews, observations, assessments, tests, or evaluations of the child and of the child's current or proposed educational program, placement, and educational environment. Provides that a parent or guardian shall be afforded reasonable and unimpeded access to observe the child in his or her current or proposed educational program, placement, and educational environment. Provides that a parent or guardian who is a prevailing party in an impartial due process hearing or in a civil action may recover from an opposing party reasonable expert witness costs if the expert witness contributed to the relief obtained by the parent or guardian. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Removes the provisions concerning a private evaluator or expert retained by or on behalf of a parent or guardian being afforded reasonable and unimpeded access to educational personnel, facilities, classrooms, and buildings and to the child and a parent or guardian being afforded reasonable and unimpeded access to observe the child in his or her current or proposed educational program, placement, and educational environment. Provides instead that the parent, an independent educational evaluator, or an expert retained by or on behalf of a parent or child must be afforded access of sufficient duration and extent to educational personnel, facilities, classrooms, and buildings and to the child in order to conduct an evaluation of the child, the child's performance, the child's current educational program, placement, or environment, or any proposed educational program, placement, or environment. Provides that a parent or guardian who is a prevailing party in an impartial due process hearing or in a civil action may recover from an opposing party reasonable expert witness costs incurred (instead of if the expert witness contributed to the relief obtained) by the parent or guardian. Makes changes concerning what recoverable expert witness costs must include and the definition of "prevailing party".

**House Floor Amendment No. 2:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that a parent, an independent educational evaluator, or an expert retained by or on behalf of a parent or child must be afforded access of sufficient duration and extent to educational personnel, facilities, classrooms, and buildings and to the child in order to conduct an evaluation of the child, the child's performance, the child's current educational program, placement, or environment, or any proposed educational program, placement, or environment. Sets forth requirements concerning the visit. Provides that interviews of educational personnel may be limited to personnel having information relevant to the child's current educational services, program, or placement or to a proposed educational service, program, or placement. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. With respect to any public school facility, building, or program and to any facility, building, or program supported in whole or in part by public funds, provides that a parent, an independent educational evaluator, or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent or child must be afforded reasonable access to educational facilities, personnel, classrooms, and buildings and to the child. Sets forth requirements concerning the visit. Provides that a parent must be afforded reasonable access of sufficient duration and scope for the purpose of observing his or her child in the child's current educational placement, services, or program or for the purpose of visiting an educational placement or program proposed for the child. Provides that an independent educational evaluator or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent or child must be afforded reasonable access of sufficient duration and scope for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of the child, the child's performance, the child's current educational program, placement, services, or environment, or any educational program, placement, services, or environment proposed for the child. Provides that the school district may limit interviews to personnel having information relevant to the child's current educational services, program, or placement or to a proposed educational service, program, or placement. Effective immediately.

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HB 645

Short Description: SCH CD-CERT-CHIROPRACTOR


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Iris Y. Martinez)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning an employee’s sick leave and compulsory school age exemptions, provides that when required, certain certificates may be issued by a chiropractic physician licensed in this State. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Changes references from a chiropractic physician licensed in this State to a chiropractic physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

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HB 655

Short Description: TASK FORCE--OPP. FOR DISABLED


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins-Pamela J. Althoff and Randall M. Hultgren)

Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force Act. Creates the Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force. Requires the Task Force to analyze (i) programs and policies of the State to determine what changes, modifications, and innovations may be necessary to remove barriers to competitive employment and economic opportunity for persons with disabilities, (ii) State disability systems, including the mental health, developmental disabilities, veterans’ assistance, workforce investment, and rehabilitation services systems, and their effect on employment of persons with disabilities, and (iii) applicable research and policy studies, innovations used in other States, and any federal policy initiatives such as customized employment, and federal funding opportunities that would increase competitive employment and economic opportunity for persons with disabilities in Illinois. Requires the Task Force to meet for the first time no later than 90 days after the effective date. Requires the Task Force to produce an annual report of its activities and recommendations and to issue that report no later than May 1st of each year, beginning May 1, 2010. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Amends the Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force Act. In a subsection that lists Task Force members who represent State government, adds the Executive Director of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities or his or her designee. In a subsection that list other public members of the Task Force, deletes the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. Lowers the number of public members of the Task Force from 25 to 15. Provides that 5, rather than 3, members of the Task Force must be persons who have a disability.

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HB 684

Short Description: SCH CD-COMMUNITY SCH-GRANTS


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Subject to an appropriation or the availability of funding for such purposes, requires the State Board of Education to make grants available to fund community schools (which are traditional schools that actively partner with their community to leverage existing resources and identify new resources to support the transformation of the school to provide enrichment and additional life skill opportunities for students, parents, and community members at-large) and to enhance programs at community schools. Requires a request-for-proposal process to be used in awarding grants. Provides that proposals may be submitted on behalf of a school, a school district, or a consortium of 2 or more schools or school districts. Requires a school to have certain components in order to qualify for a grant. Requires the State Superintendent of Education to appoint a 9-member Advisory Council on Community Schools. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Amends the School Code. Subject to an appropriation or the availability of funding for such purposes, requires the State Board of Education to make grants available to fund community schools (which are traditional schools that actively partner with their community to leverage existing resources and identify new resources to support the transformation of the school to provide enrichment and additional life skill opportunities for students, parents, and community members at-large) and to enhance programs at community schools. Requires a request-for-proposal process to be used in awarding grants. Provides that proposals may be submitted on behalf of a school, a school district, or a consortium of 2 or more schools or school districts. Requires a school to have certain components in order to qualify for a grant. With respect to the Illinois P-20 Council, (i) provides that establishing the Council will develop a statewide agenda that will move the State towards the common goal of fostering innovative approaches to education, (ii) requires the Council to articulate a framework for systemic educational improvement and innovation (instead of just improvement), and (iii) allows for the creation of a working group focusing on the area of community schools, community participation, and other innovative approaches to education that foster community partnerships. Effective immediately.

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HB 725

Short Description: SCH CD-UNIV-SIGN LANGUAGE CRED

House Sponsors: Rep. Jim Watson and Jil Tracy

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Randall M. Hultgren)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code to encourage school boards to implement American Sign Language (ASL) courses into school foreign language curriculum. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. In provisions concerning admissions requirements, provides that ASL constitutes a foreign language for the purposes of meeting those requirements. Requires the governing board of each public university to award academic credit for the successful completion of any ASL course offered or approved by the university, which may be applied toward the satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the university. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. With respect to public universities, (i) provides that the foreign language admission requirement may (instead of shall) be deemed to include American Sign Language, (ii) allows (instead of requires) the award of academic credit for the successful completion of an ASL course, and (iii) removes the provisions imposing conditions on any rulemaking authority.
HB 737

Short Description: SCH CD-PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code to provide that principals hired on or after July 1, 2008 may participate in a second year of mentoring through the new principal mentoring program if it is determined by the State Superintendent of Education that sufficient funding exists for such participation. Removes a provision requiring the completion of a survey of progress. Requires the State Superintendent to annually determine whether appropriations are likely to be sufficient to require operation of the mentoring program for the coming year. Provides that the master principal designation program includes mentoring master level principals. Provides that the State Board of Education shall select, through a competitive process, statewide entities to receive funds appropriated for the purpose of providing a program (instead of the State Board adopting rules for entities seeking to provide a program). Provides that "master principal designation program" shall also be known as the Illinois Distinguished Principal Leadership Institute. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Provides that the State Board of Education shall select, through a competitive application process, a statewide entity or entities to receive funds appropriated for the purpose of providing a master principal designation program (instead of requiring the State Board, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, to select, through a competitive process, statewide entities to receive the funds).

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HB 740

Short Description: SCH CD-GREEN CAREER/TECH PROG


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Heather Steans-Don Harmon-Susan Garrett-Linda Holmes)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish a 2-year pilot program to assist in the creation and promotion of green career and technical education programs in public secondary schools in this State.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Subject to appropriation, requires the State Board of Education to establish a State grant program that develops, through a competitive process, 2-year pilot programs to assist in the creation and promotion of green career and technical education programs in public secondary schools in this State. Provides that preference must be given to proposals that include the integration of academic and career and technical education content, arranged in sequences of courses that lead to post-secondary completion. Allows the State Board of Education to use up to 5% of funds appropriated for administrative costs, including the hiring of positions for the implementation and administration of the grant program, provided that if no appropriation is made to the State Board for a given fiscal year for the purposes of the grant program, then the State Board is not required to make any expenditures in support of the program during that fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2009.

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Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Provides that green industries include horticulture.

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HB 809

Short Description: SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-JT AGREEMENT

House Sponsors: Rep. Mike Fortner

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Deanna Demuzio-Gary G. Dahl)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. In a Section allowing school boards to enter into joint agreements with other school boards with respect to special education matters, provides that an amendment to an agreement may include the removal of a school district from or the addition of a school district to the joint agreement without a petition as otherwise required in the Section if all member districts adopt concurring resolutions to that effect. Makes changes concerning a petition for withdrawal of a district from the joint agreement, including requiring the hearing on the petition to be in accordance with State Board of Education rules and changing how the vote on approval of the petition is determined. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act apply to all changes to special education joint agreement membership initiated after July 1, 2009. Provides that the contract of a director of a joint agreement program may not be offered or accepted for less than one year or more than 3 years (instead of for less than or more than 3 years). Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: (Senate recedes Jun 01, 2009) Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Local Government Property Transfer Act. Includes in the definition of "municipality" and "transferee municipality" 2 or more school districts operating a cooperative or joint special education program. Amends the School Code. In a Section allowing school boards to enter into joint agreements with other school boards with respect to special education matters, provides that the agreement shall include the method or methods to be employed for disposing of property upon withdrawal of a school district or dissolution of the joint agreement and shall specify procedures for the withdrawal of districts from the joint agreement. Provides that no later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, all existing agreements shall be amended to be consistent with the amendatory Act. Removes a provision requiring the withdrawal of districts from the joint agreement to be by petition to the regional board of school trustees, a provision concerning when an agreement may be amended, and a provision requiring an agreement or amendment to be filed with the State Board of Education. Provides for the employment of a full-time director of special education of the joint agreement program under a one-year or multi-year contract (instead of a director of a joint agreement program under a multi-year contract), which contract may not be offered or accepted for less than one year (instead of for less than or more than 3 years). Sets forth the process for the withdrawal from or dissolution of a joint agreement. Provides that the amendatory provisions apply to withdrawals from or dissolutions of special education joint agreements initiated after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Repeals a Section concerning withdrawal from certain joint agreement programs. Effective July 1, 2009.

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HB 866

Short Description: DAY TEMP LABOR-LOCATION-SCHOOL

House Sponsors: Rep. Harry Osterman-Mike Fortner-Greg Harris

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Heather Steans-Don Harmon)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act. Provides that, in a municipality with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants, a day and temporary labor service agency may not operate or transact business at a location that is within 1,000 feet of a school building or a building in which a Boys and Girls Club is located or real property comprising a school or a Boys and Girls Club. Exempts a day and temporary labor service agency that registered with the Department of Labor before January 1, 2008 and received an occupancy permit from the municipality for that location before January 1, 2008. Defines "school" as a public or private pre-school, elementary school, or secondary school. Contains a home rule preemption.

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HB 900

Short Description: SCH CD-TWICE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Michael W. Frerichs-Don Harmon-Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Requires the State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities and the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children to research and discuss best practices for addressing the needs of "twice-exceptional" children, those who are gifted and talented and have a disability. Requires the Councils to then jointly make recommendations to the State Board of Education with respect to the State Board of Education providing guidance and technical assistance to school districts in furthering improved educational outcomes for gifted and twice-exceptional children. Sets forth what the recommendations must include. Effective immediately.

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HB 944

Short Description: SCH CD-FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

House Sponsors: Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Sidney H. Mathias and Monique D. Davis

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Dale A. Righter-Don Harmon)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district must not be certified by the State Board of Education to be in financial difficulty as a result of the failure of the Comptroller to disburse certain School Code reimbursements for receipt by the school district no later than June 30th of each year. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district must not be certified by the State Board of Education to be in financial difficulty solely by reason of (instead of just by reason of) any of certain circumstances arising as a result of the failure of the county to make any distribution of property tax money due the district at the time the distribution is due. Also includes as a result the failure of this State to make timely payments of general State aid or any of the mandated categoricals. Provides that any financial profile compiled and distributed (instead of any financial watch list distributed) by the State Board of Education shall incorporate appropriate adjustments to the various profile scores for any year impacted by (instead of designate those school
districts on the watch list that would not otherwise be on the watch list were it not for) the inability or refusal of this State to make timely disbursements of any general State aid or mandated categorical aid payments (instead of just any payments) due school districts or to fully reimburse school districts for mandated categorical programs. Effective July 1, 2009.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed with the following changes. Provides that any financial profile compiled and distributed by the State Board of Education in Fiscal Year 2009 or any fiscal year thereafter shall incorporate such adjustments as may be needed in the profile scores to reflect the financial effects of (instead of any financial profile compiled and distributed by the State Board of Education shall incorporate appropriate adjustments to the various profile scores for any year impacted by) the inability or refusal of the State to make timely disbursements of any general State aid or mandated categorical aid payments due school districts or to fully reimburse school districts for mandated categorical programs pursuant to reimbursement formulas provided in the School Code. Effective July 1, 2009.

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HB 972

Short Description: EDUC-VET DAY-MOMENT OF SILENCE


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Antonio Munoz-Kimberly A. Lightford-Linda Holmes-Mattie Hunter)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code, various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois, and the Public Community College Act. Provides that if a public school, university, or community college holds any type of event at the institution on November 11, Veterans' Day, the governing board of the institution shall require a moment of silence at that event to recognize Veterans' Day. Effective immediately.

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HB 973

Short Description: HEALTH ED-TEEN DATING VIOLENCE


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Heather Steans-Kimberly A. Lightford-Linda Holmes-Toi W. Hutchinson)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Provides that the Comprehensive Health Education Program shall include instruction in grades 8 through 12 on teen dating violence.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Provides that the Comprehensive Health Education Program may (instead of shall) include instruction in grades 8 through 12 on teen dating violence.

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HB 979

Short Description: SCH CD-SPEC ED-TRANSITION SERV

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. David Koehler)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Makes changes to a Section concerning transition goals, supports, and services. Removes certain provisions concerning transition goals and supports. Provides instead that beginning no later than the first individualized education plan (IEP) in effect when the student turns age 14 1/2 (or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP Team) and updated annually thereafter, the IEP must include (i) measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments and other information available regarding the student that are related to training, education, employment, and, where appropriate, independent living skills and (ii) the transition services needed to assist the student in reaching those goals, including courses of study. Makes changes concerning the transition planning process, including additional participants, the IEP identifying each person responsible for transition services, the involvement of a public or private entity outside of the school district in transition services, the limit on a public school's responsibility for delivering educational services, and submitting a summary to the local Transition Planning Committee. Effective immediately.

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HB 999

Short Description: SCH CD-LINES OF CREDIT


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Deanna Demuzio)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Allows a school district to establish a line of credit with a bank or other financial institution (instead of just a bank). Provides that the line of credit must be in an amount not to exceed 95% of the amount of property taxes most recently levied for educational, operations and maintenance, transportation, or other tax levy purposes or any combination thereof (instead of just educational and building purposes). Provides that moneys thus borrowed shall be applied to the purposes for which the tax or any combination of the taxes may be levied (instead of the purposes for which they were obtained). Allows a school board to anticipate revenues due in the current fiscal year or expected to be due in the next subsequent fiscal year and issue notes, bonds, or other obligations and, in connection with that issuance, establish a line of credit in a specified amount under certain conditions. Allows other educational entities or a regional superintendent of schools to anticipate revenues due in the current fiscal year or expected to be due in the next subsequent fiscal year and issue notes or other obligations and, in connection with that issuance, establish a line of credit in a specified amount under certain conditions. Effective immediately.

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HB 1013

Short Description: GREEN BUILDINGS ACT


Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the Green Buildings Act. Requires that State-funded building construction and major renovations of existing State-owned facilities must meet certain energy and environmental standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program rating system, the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, or an equivalent rating system. Permits waiver of the standards by the Capital Development Board or another agency. Specifies the criteria for waivers. Requires the Board to analyze and evaluate the Act's green building standards after the earlier of 5 years or the completion of 10 Board green projects. Effective immediately.

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HB 1035

Short Description: EDUC-DISABILITY HISTORY/AWARE


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson-Pamela J. Althoff and Kyle McCarter-Mattie Hunter)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Requires the State Board of Education to promote an annual campaign about disability history and awareness in this State. Requires a school district to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement. Requires the regional superintendent of schools to monitor a school district's compliance. Allows each public university to conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

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HB 1079

Short Description: HIGHER ED-DUAL CREDIT QUALITY

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Deanna Demuzio-Edward D. Maloney)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Creates the Dual Credit Quality Act. Requires the Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education to develop policies to permit multiple appropriate measures using differentiated assessment for granting eligibility for dual credit to students (a dual credit course being a college course taken by a high school student for credit at both the college and high school level). Sets forth provisions concerning policies to protect the academic standing of students who are not successful in dual credit courses, standards that institutions of higher learning must meet if offering dual credit courses, oversight and review of dual credit programs, and a statewide longitudinal data system to identify high school students who participate in dual credit courses and track their success in high school and postsecondary education.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Deletes language that provides that institutions may adopt policies to protect the academic standing of students who are not successful in dual credit courses, including, but not limited to, options for switching to traditional high school course credit. Provides that instructors teaching credit-bearing college-level courses for dual credit must meet the same academic credential requirements as faculty teaching on campus and need not meet certification requirements set out specified provisions. Provides that the State Board of Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Board of Higher Education shall include information regarding student participation and performance in dual credit programs and their success in postsecondary education in a statewide longitudinal data system.

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**HB 1105**

**Short Description:** CRIM CD&HARASSING

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Dennis M. Reboletti-Timothy L. Schmitz-Jack D. Franks-Linda Chapa LaVia-Keith Farnham

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Matt Murphy-Don Harmon-Dan Cronin)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that disorderly conduct involving a person who knowingly does any act in such unreasonable manner as to alarm or disturb another and to provoke a breach of the peace and which involves a threat of destruction of a school building or school property, or a threat of violence, death, or bodily harm directed toward persons at a school or school function or school event, whether or not school is in session, is a Class 4 felony (rather than a Class C misdemeanor). Amends the Harassing and Obscene Communications Act. Provides that obscene messages or harassment by telephone or through electronic communications that involves a threat of destruction of a school building or school property, or a threat of violence or bodily harm directed toward persons at a school or school function or school event, whether or not school is in session, is a Class 4 felony (instead of a Class B misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class A misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense).

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2:** Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that a person also commits disorderly conduct when he or she knowingly transmits or causes to be transmitted a threat of destruction of a school building or school property, or a threat of violence, death, or bodily harm directed against persons at a school, school function, or school event, whether or not school is in session. Provides that a violation is a Class 4 felony (rather than a Class C misdemeanor). Deletes amendatory changes to the Harassing and Obscene Communications Act.

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**HB 1197**
Short Description: SCH CD-TAX LEVY VALIDATION

House Sponsors: Rep. William B. Black

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Michael W. Frerichs-Don Harmon)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Provides that if, prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act, St. Joseph Ogden Community High School District 305 has levied and the county clerk has extended taxes for fire prevention and safety purposes without the certificates of the regional superintendent of schools and the State Superintendent of Education, then the tax levies and extensions and the expenditures by the school district of the extended amounts are validated. Effective immediately.

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HB 1335

Short Description: SCH CD-PRESS BOX-ACCESSIBILITY


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Pamela J. Althoff)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board does not have to comply with the Illinois Accessibility Code with respect to accessibility to press boxes that are 1,000 square feet or less and that are on school property.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board does not have to comply with the Illinois Accessibility Code with respect to accessibility to press boxes that are on school property if the press boxes were constructed before the effective date of the amendatory Act. Creates the Illinois Accessibility Task Force to recommend any necessary revisions to the Illinois Accessibility Code to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to public school property. Requires the Capital Development Board to provide administrative and other support to the task force. Provides that the task force shall report its recommendations to the Capital Development Board and the General Assembly, and upon reporting its recommendations the task force is dissolved. Effective July 1, 2009.

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HB 2129

Short Description: $ST BD ED-TECH

House Sponsors: Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Gary Hannig-Linda Chapa LaVia

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. John M. Sullivan-Donne E. Trotter)

Synopsis As Introduced: Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for its FY10 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes appropriations to the Illinois State Board of Education. Effective July 1, 2009.

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HB 2145

Short Description: $GEN ASSEMBLY-TECH

House Sponsors: Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Gary Hannig-Kevin Joyce-Monique D. Davis

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Donne E. Trotter)

Synopsis As Introduced: Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the General Assembly for its FY10 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes various FY10 appropriations for operational expenses, professional and artistic services, and ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes various FY10 appropriations for operational expenses, professional and artistic services, and other expenses. Effective July 1, 2009.

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HB 2206

Short Description: $STATE APP DEFENDER-TECH


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Donne E. Trotter)

Synopsis As Introduced: Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of the State Appellate Defender for its FY10 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes FY10 appropriations and reappropriations for specified purposes. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Changes certain line items. Adds headings. Adds an introductory clause.

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HB 2235

Short Description: EDUC-ADMIN TEACHR SALARY BENFT

House Sponsors: Rep. Monique D. Davis-Jack D. Franks-Mike Boland-Randy Ramey, Jr.-Fred Crespo and Elizabeth Coulson

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Requires the governing board of each school district, university, and community college to report to the State Board of Education or Board of Higher Education, on or before July 1 of each year, the base salary and benefits of all administrators and teachers or faculty employed by the school district, university, or community college district.

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HB 2321
Short Description: SCH CD-DEBT LIMIT-ROCHESTER


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Larry K. Bomke)

Synopsis AsIntroduced: Amends the School Code. In an exception to the debt limitations of school districts, allows Rochester Community Unit School District 3A to issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $18,500,000 (instead of $15,000,000). Effective immediately.

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HB 2362

Short Description: SCH CD-CONTRACTS-TRANSPORT


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Dan Cronin-Edward D. Maloney-Michael W. Frerichs)

Synopsis AsIntroduced: Amends the School Code. Adds contracts providing for the transportation of pupils with special needs or disabilities to the list of exceptions to the requirement that certain contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Provides that these contracts must be advertised in the same manner as competitive bids and awarded by first considering the bidder or bidders most able to provide safety and comfort for the pupils with special needs or disabilities, stability of service, and any other factors set forth in the request for proposal regarding quality of service, and then price.

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HB 2437

Short Description: SCHOOLS-GREEN CLEANING


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. A. J. Wilhelmi-Linda Holmes)

Synopsis AsIntroduced: Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department must require every State-owned building to establish a green cleaning policy whereby the building buys and uses only environmentally-sensitive cleaning products. Authorizes a State-owned building to deplete its existing cleaning and maintenance supply stocks and to implement the requirements in the procurement cycle for the following year. Exempts a State-owned building from meeting the requirement if adhering to the requirement would not be economically feasible for the building. Amends the Green Cleaning Schools Act. Makes changes to a provision concerning legislative findings. Requires certain entities to establish and annually amend guidelines and specifications for the use of environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products in State-owned buildings and school facilities (now, just "school facilities"). Effective immediately.

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HB 2445

Short Description: PULABOR-EDUCATIONAL LABOR

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. John M. Sullivan)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes changes concerning Board attorneys and investigators, choice of employee organization, unit clarification petitions, and arbitration procedures. Effective immediately.

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**HB 2448**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-REMOTE EDUCATIONAL PROG


**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-J. Bradley Burzynski-Martin A. Sandoval-Dan Cronin and Kyle McCarter)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. Allows a school district, by resolution of its school board, to establish a remote educational program. Defines "remote educational program" as an educational program delivered to students in the home or other location outside of a school building that meets specified criteria. Provides that days of attendance by students in a remote educational program may be claimed by the school district and shall be counted for general State aid purposes in accordance with the State aid formula provisions of the Code. Effective immediately.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Allows a school district, by resolution of its school board, to establish a remote educational program. Defines "remote educational program" as an educational program delivered to students in the home or other location outside of a school building that meets specified criteria. Provides that days of attendance by students in a remote educational program may be claimed by the school district and shall be counted as school work for general State aid purposes in accordance with and subject to the limitations of the State aid formula provisions of the Code. Provides that the impact of remote educational programs on wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment of educational employees within the school district shall be subject to local collective bargaining agreements. Provides that the use of a home or other location outside of a school building for a remote educational program shall not cause the home or other location to be deemed a public school facility. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed with the following changes. Provides that a student may participate in the remote educational program only after a person authorized to enroll the student determines that a remote educational program will best serve the student's individual learning needs. Makes changes concerning what the school board policy on a remote educational program must include, claiming participation in a program for general State aid purposes, approval of a remote educational plan, and what the plan must include. Provides that a remote educational program may be used, but is not required, for instruction delivered to a student in the home or other location outside of a school building that is not claimed for general State aid purposes. Provides that school districts that adopt a policy for a remote educational program must submit to the State Board of Education a copy of the policy and any amendments thereto, as well as data on student participation. Allows the State Board to perform or contract with an outside entity to perform an evaluation of remote educational programs in this State. Allows the State Board to adopt any rules necessary to ensure compliance by remote educational programs with requirements. Effective immediately.

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HB 2474

Short Description: TASK FORCE EMPLOY RESTRICTIONS


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Kwame Raoul-Don Harmon-Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the Task Force on Inventorying Employment Restrictions Act. Creates the Task Force on Inventorying Employment Restrictions within the Department of Employment Security. Provides that the Task Force shall review the statutes, administrative rules, policies, and practices that restrict employment of persons with criminal history and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by January 31, 2010. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Provides that the Task Force is created in the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (rather than the Department of Employment Security). Provides that the provisions of the Act are subject to an appropriation being made to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to implement the Act.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Provides that the report prepared by State agencies relating to employment restrictions that are based on criminal records shall be produced on or before September 1, 2010 (rather than September 1, 2009). Provides that the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2010 (rather than by January 31, 2010).

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HB 2530

Short Description: SCH CD-AID-MINE SUBSIDENCE


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Don Harmon and Deanna Demuzio)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. In a Section allowing the State Board of Education to distribute loan or grant moneys to school districts for temporary relocation expenses, provides that the moneys may be distributed for temporary relocation expenses incurred by school districts as a result of mine subsidence. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Amends the School Construction Law. With respect to the priority of school construction projects, adds the replacement or reconstruction of school buildings destroyed or damaged by mine subsidence as one of the first priorities.

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**HB 2547**

**Short Description:** HUM RTS-EDUC-RELIGION-JURISDTN

**House Sponsors:** Rep. John A. Fritchey

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Heather Steans)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that with respect to a non-sectarian nursery, day care center, school, or other place of education that is a place of public accommodation, as defined in the Act: (a) the exercise of free speech, free expression, free exercise of religion or expression of religiously based views by any individual or group of individuals that is protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or under Article I of the Illinois Constitution, shall not be a civil rights violation; and (b) the jurisdiction of the Department is limited to: (1) the failure to enroll an individual; (2) the denial of access to facilities, goods, or services; (3) harassment, bullying, or similar acts against an individual; or (4) the failure of a covered entity to take corrective action to stop harassment, bullying, or similar acts against an individual (instead of in regard to the failure to enroll an individual or the denial of access to its facilities, goods, or services, except that the Department shall not have jurisdiction over charges involving curriculum content, course content, or course offerings, conduct of the class by the teacher or instructor, or any activity within the classroom or connected with a class activity such as physical education). Effective immediately.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1:** Provides that one of the jurisdictional limits of the Department of Human Rights with respect to places of public accommodation is severe or pervasive harassment of an individual when the covered entity fails to take corrective action to stop the severe or pervasive harassment (rather than harassment, bullying, or similar acts against an individual; or the failure of a covered entity to take corrective action to stop harassment, bullying, or similar acts against an individual).

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1:** Provides that the amendatory provisions take effect January 1, 2010 (rather than upon becoming law).

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**HB 2619**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-BONDS-SCHOOL SITE, BLDG

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Frank J. Mautino-Thomas Holbrook-Mike Boland

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Dale A. Righter-Deanna Demuzio)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. Authorizes Martinsville Community Unit School District 3C to issue bonds in not to exceed the amount of $4,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and improving a school site and building and equipping a new school building on the site to replace all or a portion of a school building closed by the regional superintendent of schools because of flood damage. Allows the replacement building to be larger than the size of and offer more functions than the school building being replaced. Provides that the bonds may be issued without referendum, shall mature not more than 30 years from the date of issuance, and shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation if the bonds are issued in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness of the school district, not in excess of 18.5% of the value of the taxable property in the district to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Provides that the bonds shall mature not more than 25 (instead of 30) years from the date of issuance.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2:** Amends the Property Tax Code and further amends the School Code. Authorizes Gillespie Community Unit School District 7 to issue bonds in not to exceed the amount of $22,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and improving a school site and building and equipping a new school building on the site to replace all or a portion of a school building closed by the regional superintendent of schools because of mine subsidence damage. Allows the replacement building to be larger than the size of and offer more functions than the school building being replaced. Provides that
the bonds may be issued without referendum, shall mature not more than 25 years from the date of
issuance, and shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation if the bonds are
issued in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness of the school district, not in excess of
43% of the value of the taxable property in the district to be ascertained by the last assessment for State
and county taxes. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law to provide that "aggregate extension"
excludes special purposes extensions made for the taxing district to pay interest or principal on the bonds.

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HB 2674

Short Description: SCH CD-FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

House Sponsors: Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Deanna Demuzio)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Authorizes a school board (or other eligible entity)
to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on certain
school holidays if (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are recognized through instructional
activities conducted on that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance, on the first school day
preceding or following that day; and (2) the school board or other entity first holds a public hearing about
the proposal. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the
Provides that, upon expiration of the contract of the school district's superintendent, a school district under
the authority of a Financial Oversight Panel, after consultation with the Financial Oversight Panel, shall
have the authority to appoint a district superintendent with a type 75 certificate or a chief executive officer
who has the skills of school operations and school finance and who shall have the ultimate responsibility for
implementing the policies, procedures, directives, and decisions of the school board and the Financial
Oversight Panel. Provides that, in lieu of a Financial Oversight Panel Financial Administrator, a school
district under the authority of a Financial Oversight Panel, after consultation with the Financial Oversight
Panel, may appoint a chief fiscal officer who, under the direction of the school board and Financial
Oversight Panel, shall have the powers and duties of the district's chief school business official and any
other duties regarding budgeting, accounting, and other financial matters that are assigned by the school
board or Financial Oversight Panel. Effective immediately.

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HB 2675

Short Description: SCH CD-SCH HOLIDAYS-WAIVER

House Sponsors: Rep. Roger L. Eddy

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Deanna Demuzio)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Authorizes a school board (or other eligible entity)
to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on certain
school holidays if (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are recognized through instructional
activities conducted on that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance, on the first school day
preceding or following that day; and (2) the school board or other entity first holds a public hearing about
the proposal. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2009.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Restores Good Friday to the list of legal school holidays.
**Senate Floor Amendment No. 3**  Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Common School Fund and Teacher Certification Articles of the School Code. Provides that, after consultation with a local health department, if a school district closes one or more recognized school buildings, but not all buildings, during a public health emergency, the district may claim a full day of attendance for those days based on the average of the 3 school days of attendance immediately preceding the closure of the school building, subject to certain conditions. Provides that certificates shall be issued to persons who have satisfactorily passed a test of basic skills, an assessment of professional teaching, and a test of subject matter knowledge (instead of just a test of basic skills and subject matter knowledge), provided that a person who passed another state's test of basic skills as a condition of certification or of admission to a teacher preparation program shall not be required to pass this State's test of basic skills. Removes a provision that requires a provisional certificate holder to pass the examinations set forth by the State Board of Education within 9 months. Removes a provision that provides that a failure to pass the tests of basic skills and subject matter knowledge shall result in cancellation of a provisional certificate. Effective July 1, 2009.

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**HB 3600**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Mark H. Beaubien, Jr.-Donald L. Moffitt-Michael K. Smith-Robert W. Pritchard-Patrick J. Verschoore and David Reis

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. John M. Sullivan)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning agriculture science teacher education.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code with respect to agricultural (instead of agriculture) science teacher education. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide grants to (1) institutions of higher education that offer State-approved agricultural science teacher preparation programs; and (2) public community colleges in this State that provide an articulated agricultural science teacher education course of study (instead of providing incentive funding grants to the agriculture science teacher education programs located at Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University, the University of Illinois, and Western Illinois University and to public community colleges in this State that provide an articulated agriculture science teacher education course of study). Makes changes concerning the activities for which the funds may be used. Effective immediately.

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**HB 3673**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-ST AID-LOCAL RESOURCES

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. David Koehler)
Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. With respect to determining Available Local Resources, provides that the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes paid to each school district during the calendar year one year (instead of 2 years) before the calendar year in which a school year begins, divided by the Average Daily Attendance figure for that district, shall be added to the local property tax revenues per pupil. Effective July 1, 2009.

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HB 3731

Short Description: SCH-CD-DIPLOMA-VIETNAM VETERAN


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Matt Murphy)
Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Allows school boards to award high school diplomas to honorably discharged veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States during the Vietnam Conflict. Effective immediately.

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HB 3787

Short Description: VEH CD-MILITARY-SCHOOL BUS


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Pamela J. Althoff)
Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the requirement that school bus drivers complete an annual refresher course to maintain a school bus driver permit shall be suspended during all times that a service member is on active duty. Defines "active duty" in the Illinois Vehicle Code as active duty pursuant to an executive order of the President of the United States, an act of the Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor. Defines "service member" as a member of the armed services or reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois National Guard. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the introduced bill and makes the following changes. Deletes a provision of the introduced bill providing that the requirement that school bus drivers complete an annual refresher course to maintain a school bus driver permit shall be suspended during all times that a service member is on active duty. Provides that when a school bus driver permit holder who is a service member is called to active duty, the employer of the permit holder must notify the Secretary of State, within 30 days of notification from the permit holder, that the permit holder has been called to active duty, and upon notification, the Secretary of State shall characterize the permit as inactive until a permit holder renews the permit. Provides that if a permit holder fails to comply with the school bus permit driver permit requirements while called to active duty, the Secretary of State may not characterize the permit as invalid. Provides that a school bus driver permit holder who is a service member returning from active duty must renew his or her permit within 90 days.

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HB 3982
Short Description: SCH/VEH CD-TRANSORT STUDENTS


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. James T. Meeks-Don Harmon)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code and the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes a provision in the School Code that allows a school district to transport not more than 15 students to and from an interscholastic athletic or other interscholastic or school-sponsored activity in a van. Provides instead that a school district transporting students in grade 12 or below for an interscholastic, interscholastic athletic, or school-sponsored, noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require student participation as part of the educational services of the district and (ii) is not associated with the students’ regular class-for-credit schedule or required 5 clock hours of instruction shall transport the students only in a school bus, a vehicle manufactured to transport not more than 10 persons, including the driver, or a multifunction school-activity bus manufactured to transport not more than 15 persons, including the driver; allows for a depreciation allowance claim. In the Illinois Vehicle Code, makes changes with regard to the definition of "school bus" and the requirement that every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in a public or private nursery, primary, or secondary school be transported in specified types of vehicles for certain activities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective July 1, 2010.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Changes the definition of "multifunction school-activity bus" in the Illinois Vehicle Code to mean a school bus manufactured for the purpose of transporting 11 to 15 persons, including the driver, whose purposes do not include transporting students to and from home or school bus stops. Provides that a multifunction school-activity bus (MFSAB) is prohibited from meeting certain special requirements for school buses in the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires a MFSAB to have painted on the body the vehicle weight, vehicle maximum passenger capacity, the name of the owner or entity for which the MFSAB is operated, and an identification number. Requires a MFSAB to display a sign indicating the telephone number of the owner of the MFSAB. Requires the owner of a MFSAB to establish procedures for accepting calls and taking complaints.

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HB 3990

Short Description: AGRICULTURE-TECH


Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the Local Farm and Food Products Act. Contains only a short title provision.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes. Amends the Local Foods, Farms, and Jobs Act. In a Section concerning the creation of the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council, specifies that the Council shall be created by the Department of Agriculture in accordance with Section 10 of the State Agency Entity Creation Act and removes a provision requiring the Department of Agriculture to serve as the Council's fiscal agent. In a Section concerning the governance of the Council, inserts provisions authorizing the Council to apply for and establish a not-for-profit corporation; specifying that the Council is not a State Agency and that its funds shall be considered private funds and held in an appropriate account outside of the State Treasury; exempting the Council from the Public Funds Investment Act and Illinois Procurement Code; providing that the Council may be assisted in carrying out its functions by personnel of the Department of Agriculture; and authorizing the development of a labeling and certification program different than the "Illinois Product" labeling program. Inserts a severability clause. Makes other technical changes. Amends the Department of Agriculture Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the definition of "Illinois Product" does not imply that the product meets the definition of "local farm or food products" as defined in the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act. Authorizes the Department to administer a label and certification program, different than the "Illinois Product" label program, whereby a label with a specific name and unique design or logo may be placed on local farm and food products that are grown, processed, packaged, and distributed by Illinois citizens or businesses located wholly within the borders of Illinois. Requires the label and certification program to be developed jointly with the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council. Requires the Department to adopt rules necessary to implement the labeling program. Effective immediately.

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HB 4038

Short Description: SCH CD-HIGH SCH COURSE-MID SCH

House Sponsors: Rep. Timothy L. Schmitz

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Michael W. Frerichs-Don Harmon-Edward D. Maloney)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. In provisions authorizing a student in grade 7 or 8 to enroll in a high school course, allows the student to participate in the course where the student attends school as long as the course is taught by a certified high school teacher who teaches in a high school of the school district where the student will attend when in high school and no high school students are enrolled in the course. Effective July 1, 2009.

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HB 4117

Short Description: GROW OWN TEACHER-JUV JUST DIST

House Sponsors: Rep. Rosemary Mulligan

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Don Harmon-Kimberly A. Lightford)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. With respect to the purpose of the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Initiative, provides that preparing highly skilled, committed teachers to teach in hard-to-staff schools includes preparing teachers to teach within the Department of Juvenile Justice School District.
HB 4223

Short Description: SCHOOLS-DAY CARE-RADON TESTING

House Sponsors: Rep. Karen May-Dan Reitz-Sandra M. Pihos-Elizabeth Hernandez-Brandon W. Phelps, Patrick J. Verschoore, Kenneth Dunkin and Elizabeth Coulson

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. David Luechtefeld-Jacqueline Y. Collins and Michael Bond)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code and the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that each school board shall require that all schools annually test for the presence of radon. Requires a licensed day care center to annually test for the presence of radon.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Adds a preamble. Replaces the amendatory provisions with provisions amending the School Code. Provides that it is recommended that every occupied school building of a school district be tested every 5 years for radon. Provides that it is recommended that new schools of a school district be built using radon resistant new construction techniques. Allows a school district to maintain, make available for review, and notify parents and faculty of test results. Requires the district to report radon test results to the State Board of Education. Requires the State Board to prepare a report every 2 years of the results from all schools that have performed tests, to be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor. Provides that if IEMA exempts an individual from being required to be a licensed radon professional, the individual does not need to be a licensed radon professional in order to perform screening tests. Provides that if the results of a radon screening test are found to be 4.0 pCi/L or above, the school district may hire a licensed radon professional to perform measurements before any mitigation decisions are made. Provides that if radon levels of 4.0 pCi/L or above are found, it is recommended that affected areas be mitigated by a licensed radon mitigation professional with respect to both design and installation. Provides that a screening test may be done with a test kit found in a hardware store, department store, or home improvement store or with a kit ordered through the mail or over the Internet. Requires the kit to be provided by a laboratory licensed in accordance with the Radon Industry Licensing Act.

SB 35

Short Description: SCH CD-TEACHR-SICK LEAVE-ADOPT

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Susan Garrett and Kyle McCarter


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. With respect to sick leave for teachers (other than in the Chicago school district), provides that a school board may require a certificate from a physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or spiritual adviser or practitioner as a basis for pay during leave after an absence of 30 days for birth. Provides that for paid sick leave for adoption or placement for adoption, the school board may require that the teacher or other employee provide evidence that the formal adoption process is underway, and such leave is limited to 30 days unless a longer leave has been negotiated with the exclusive bargaining representative. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Removes the amendatory language imposing conditions on any rulemaking authority.

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SB 51

Short Description: STATE MONEYS-GOVMT SECURITIES

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Martin A. Sandoval-Susan Garrett-Christine Radogno, Jacqueline Y. Collins, Michael W. Frerichs, Heather Steans, Dan Duffy-Toi W. Hutchinson-Louis S. Viverito, Michael Noland, Michael Bond and A. J. Wilhelmi


House Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Local Government Electronic Reverse Auction Act. Authorizes the use of electronic reverse auctions by units of local government. Amends the Deposit of State Moneys Act, Department of Transportation Law, Illinois Finance Authority Act, Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act, Illinois Procurement Code, the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act, and Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act. Makes changes with respect to: Finance Authority project and action summaries; State agency internal auditors; chief procurement officers; State leases; the Procurement Policy Board; the Illinois Procurement Bulletin; competitive sealed bidding; State emergency and sole source procurements; State contractor and bidder qualifications; State contract subcontractors; prohibited campaign contributions by State contractors and bidders; State contract certifications and disclosures; State contract conflicts of interests; State bond issuance contracts; State contract voidability; State property concessions; duties of State grant applicants and recipients; associate procurement officers; contract compliance monitors; an Executive Procurement Officer; and suspension of State grants. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Changes certain references from "10 days" to "10 business days". Makes changes with respect to the Executive Procurement Officer's responsibilities.

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SB 54

Short Description: ST ETHICS-INSPECTOR REPORTS


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. With respect to an executive branch State employee who is the subject of an Executive Inspector General's investigation and whose agency head or ultimate jurisdictional authority agrees with the Inspector General as to disciplinary action against the employee, establishes procedures for providing a redacted version of the Inspector General's summary investigation report to the Executive Ethics Commission, to the employee, and to the public, under certain circumstances.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, the Secretary of State Act, the Secretary of State Merit Employment Code, the Comptroller Merit Employment Code, the State Treasurer Employment Code, the Personnel Code, the Children and Family Services Act, the Department of Human Services Act, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget Act, the General Assembly Compensation Act, the Lobbyist Registration Act, the State Prompt Payment Act, the Illinois Public Aid Code, and the Whistleblower Act. Makes changes with respect to, without limitation: statements of economic interests; prohibited sources; promise of State employment benefits; revolving door provisions; whistleblower provisions; jurisdiction of ethics commissions; activities prohibited for Executive Ethics Commission members; activities prohibited for and compensation of Executive Inspectors General; duties of Inspectors General; anonymous allegations of ethics violations; investigations of ethics violations by the Attorney General and Special Inspectors General; Inspector General investigation reports, complaint procedures, and decision review; penalties for and injunctive relief against ethics violations; State agency inspectors general; budgets of the Executive Ethics Commission and Executive Inspectors General; expenditures to defray a legislator's cost of performing governmental and public service functions; the registration and ethics training of and the reporting by lobbyists and lobbying entities; enforcement of lobbying provisions; complaints of and penalties for lobbying violations; and political fundraising in Sangamon County. Effective immediately in part and January 1, 2010, in part.

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SB 75

Short Description: VEH CD-SCHOOL ZONES-SURCHARGES

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Michael Bond


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code setting forth the school safety purposes for which surcharges imposed for certain violations of the special school zone speed limit may be used by school districts. Provides that those purposes include the Safe Routes to School Program and safety programs within the School Safety and Educational Improvement Block Grant Program (in addition to the existing purposes of school zone safety education and the purchase, installation, and maintenance of caution lights mounted on school speed zone signs). Effective immediately.

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SB 79

Short Description: SCH CD-PRESCH FOR ALL-HEAD ST

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Terry Link-Iris Y. Martinez-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Michael Noland-Donne E. Trotter, Emil Jones III, Martin A. Sandoval and Susan Garrett


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Requires grantees under the Preschool for All Children program to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the appropriate local Head Start agency no later than 3 months after the award of a grantee’s grant under the program and, in the case of the 2009-2010 program year, no later than the deadline set by the State Board of Education for applications to participate in the program in fiscal year 2011. Sets forth certain issues that the memorandum must address. Suspends the memorandum of understanding requirement if the local Head Start agency is unable or unwilling to enter into the memorandum. Effective immediately.

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SB 138

Short Description: CDB LOCAL BUILDING CODES


House Sponsors: (Rep. Patrick J. Verschoore-Al Riley-Linda Chapa LaVia-Brandon W. Phelps and Timothy L. Schmitz)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Capital Development Board Act. Requires local governments without building codes to adopt building codes based on specified model codes. Requires that persons performing building inspection services under the Act must be qualified by the State, certified by a certification organization, or have filed verification of inspection experience with the Board. Permits a local government to out-source building inspection. Defines a local government as a municipality, county, or fire protection district. Exempts municipalities over 500,000 population, and applies beginning July 1, 2011, except that a local government must provide notice to the Board of its adopted building code within 60 days after the bill’s effective date.
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the bill with the following changes with respect to building inspections: Provides that qualifications required by the State take priority as to the qualifications of a local code enforcement official. Permits a project owner or owner’s representative to contract with a local inspector or use a unit of local government’s third-party provider, if any. Requires that proof of inspection be filed before an occupancy permit is issued.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Capital Development Board Act. Specifies the requirements that must be met concerning building codes and inspections before a person may occupy a newly constructed commercial building in certain municipalities and counties after July 1, 2011. Amends the Illinois Public Building Commission Act. Requires notice to the Capital Development Board of certain municipality and county building codes. Redefines the term “building code”.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: In the Capital Development Board Act, redefines “qualified inspector” to include an individual qualified by an apprentice program certified by the Bureau of Apprentice Training.

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SB 187

Short Description: SCH CD-CHIEF SCH BUS OFFICIAL

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Edward D. Maloney-Pamela J. Althoff


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code with respect to administrative certificates. Allows for a chief school business official endorsement if, among other conditions, the certificate holder has 2 years of university-approved practical experience (as an alternative to requiring 2 years of administrative experience in school business management).

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SB 189

Short Description: GUBERNATORIAL BOARD COMMISSION


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. With respect to applicants for gubernatorial appointment to boards, commissions, authorities, and task forces, requires that (i) an applicant must provide specified documents to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions, (ii) the Office must hold a public hearing before appointing or nominating an applicant, (iii) the Office must provide to the Senate specified information on any applicant nominated for Senate confirmation, and (iv) the Office must post specified information on its website about appointment requirements, applicants, and appointees. Requires all applicants and appointees, whether or not the position requires Senate confirmation, to file statements of economic interests (now, nominees for and appointees to positions requiring Senate confirmation must file statements). Effective immediately.
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act. Establishes ethics requirements and restrictions for current and prospective members of boards and commissions appointed by the Governor. Requires the Governor's office of Boards and Commissions to establish and maintain an Internet database of information concerning board and commission membership. Requires each board and commission with a website and full-time information technology staff to make minutes, recordings, dates, and agendas of its meetings available on its website. Requires the Governor's Executive Inspector General to appoint a Special Inspector General for Boards and Commissions to receive and review complaints involving boards and commissions. Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Makes a technical change in a Section defining "economic opportunity".

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act and the Attorney General Act concerning a Public Access Counselor in the Office of the Attorney General. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes changes concerning: the Act's purpose, policy, and presumptions; defined terms; procedures for responding to requests for disclosure of public records; fees; public body freedom of information officer; denial of requests; exemptions from disclosure; exempted security information; and civil penalties. Effective January 1, 2010.

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SB 204

Short Description: EDUC-BUILDING-EMERGENCY

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Deanna Demuzio-Edward D. Maloney


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code, various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois, and the Public Community College Act. Provides that a school board shall make school buildings available for use as civil defense shelters for all persons; cooperate with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, local organizations for civil defense, disaster relief organizations, and federal agencies concerned with civil defense relative thereto; cooperate with these agencies and organizations in the use of other resources, equipment, and facilities; and cooperate with these agencies and organizations in the construction of new buildings to the end that the buildings be so designed that shelter facilities may be provided. Requires (instead of allows) a board of trustees of a community college district to make the buildings of the college available for emergency purposes, upon the request of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency or the State-accredited emergency management agency with jurisdiction, and to cooperate in all matters with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, local emergency management agencies, State-certified, local public health departments, the American Red Cross, and federal agencies concerned with emergency preparedness and response; provides that the request may also be made by the American Red Cross. Adds a similar requirement for public universities. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: With respect to the provisions concerning public institutions of higher education, provides that mutually agreed buildings of the institution (instead of the buildings of the institution) must be made available for emergency purposes.

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SB 206

Short Description: PROCUREMENT DISABLED VETERANS

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Michael Bond-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Michael Noland

House Sponsors: (Rep. Al Riley-Linda Chapa LaVia)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires that a preference equal to 10% of the contract amount be granted to an otherwise qualified State contract bidder that is a qualified disabled veteran. Defines a qualified disabled veteran as a business entity 51% or more owned by one or more disabled veterans. Sets as a goal that each fiscal year the State award at least 3% of the value of its total contracts to qualified disabled veterans. Requires that the Department of Central Management Services report annually to the General Assembly on the attainment of the percentage goal, based on information reported by chief procurement officers. Requires chief procurement officers to make recommendations on the percentage goal, with input from statewide veterans' service organizations and the business community. Requires the Governor to recommend to the General Assembly changes in programs to assist qualified disabled veterans.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the bill with the following changes: Eliminates the preference and the specific set-aside goal. Creates a task force to establish a percentage goal of State contracts to be awarded to businesses owned by qualified disabled veterans. Redefines terms.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts Senate Amendment No. 1 with the following changes: Refers to "service" disabled veterans. Requires the Task Force report 90 days after the effective date. Changes the required contents of the annual report by chief procurement officers. Redefines terms.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Requires that the Department of Central Management Services provide administrative support to the Task Force.

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SB 235

Short Description: SCH CD-PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code to provide that principals hired on or after July 1, 2008 may participate in a second year of mentoring through the new principal mentoring program if it is determined by the State Superintendent of Education that sufficient funding exists for such participation. Removes a provision requiring the completion of a survey of progress. Requires the State Superintendent to annually determine whether appropriations are likely to be sufficient to require operation of the mentoring program for the coming year. Provides that the master principal designation program includes mentoring master level principals. Provides that the State Board of Education shall select, through a competitive process, statewide entities to receive funds appropriated for the purpose of providing a program (instead of the State Board adopting rules for entities seeking to provide a program). Provides that "master principal designation program" shall also be known as the Illinois Distinguished Principal Leadership Institute. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: Provides that the State Board of Education shall select, through a competitive application process, a statewide entity or entities to receive funds appropriated for the purpose of providing a master principal designation program (instead of requiring the State Board, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, to select, through a competitive process, statewide
entities to receive the funds).

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Finance Authority Act of the School Code. Provides that upon the abolition of the Chicago School Finance Authority, all of its rights and property shall pass to and be vested in the Chicago Board of Education (instead of the State).

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**SB 269**

**Short Description:** SCHOOL BUS INSTRUCTION COURSES

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. Deanna Demuzio

**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Sandra M. Pihos)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the duty of the regional superintendent of schools to conduct courses of instruction for school bus drivers, allows for an increase in fees for providing such courses. Provides that, of the increase in course fees authorized, $1 shall be deposited into a State Board of Education revolving account specifically dedicated to school bus safety for the conduct of business of the Illinois Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee and the certification and conduct of educational programs and training of Illinois school bus driver instructors.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Removes the provision that provides that, of the increase in course fees, $1 shall be deposited into a State Board of Education revolving account specifically dedicated to school bus safety for the conduct of business of the Illinois Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee and the certification and conduct of educational programs and training of Illinois school bus driver instructors.

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**SB 364**

**Short Description:** STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH


**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes a technical change concerning submission of the State budget.
House Committee Amendment No. 1: Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Requires members of the board of any pension fund or retirement system established under the Illinois Pension Code to file a statement of economic interests. Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Includes appointed or elected commissioners, trustees, directors, or board members of a board of a State agency, including the boards found in the Illinois Pension Code, in the definition of "employee". Amends the State Treasurer Act to create a working group within the Office of the State Treasurer to develop uniform standards for peer cost comparisons. Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning the definition of "fiduciary", allocation and delegation of fiduciary duties, prohibited transactions, and prohibitions on gifts. Adds provisions concerning consultants and investment services for investment boards, pension funds, and retirement systems other than downstate police and fire pension funds; fiduciary training; investment transparency; prohibitions on monetary gain on investments; fraud; and contingent fees. Amends the Chicago Municipal Article of the Illinois Pension Code to replace an employee member with an annuitant member. Amends the State Employees, the State Universities Article, the Downstate Teachers, and the State Board of Investment Article of the Illinois Pension Code to provide for the termination of the terms of board members appointed by the Governor and the require appointment of successors and to change the composition of the Board. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the bill as amended by House Amendment No. 1 with the following changes. Replaces provisions amending the State Treasurer Act with language providing that the Treasurer shall convene a working group consisting of representatives from the retirement systems, pension funds, and investment board created under the Illinois Pension Code, persons that provide investment services, and members of the financial industry. Provides that the working group shall review the performance of investment managers and consultants providing investment services for the retirement systems, pension funds, and investment board created under the Illinois Pension Code and develop uniform standards for comparing the costs of investment services and make recommendations to the retirement systems, pension funds, and investment board. In provisions amending the Illinois Pension Code, (i) provides that, if in any case an emerging investment manager meets the criteria established by a board for a specific search and meets the criteria established by a consultant for that search, then that emerging investment manager shall receive an invitation by the board of trustees, or an investment committee of the board of trustees, to present his or her firm for final consideration of a contract and in the case where multiple emerging investment managers meet the criteria of this Section, the staff may choose the most qualified firm or firms to present to the board, (ii) makes changes in provisions concerning selection and appointment of investment advisers and consultants, (iii) provides that, for the purposes of certain disclosures, "subcontractor" does not include non-investment related professionals or professionals offering services that are not directly related to the investment of assets, such as legal counsel, actuary, proxy-voting services, services used to track compliance with legal standards, and investment fund of funds where the board has no direct contractual relationship with the investment advisers or partnerships, (iv) removes provisions amending the Chicago Municipal Article, (v) in provisions concerning the boards of trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois and the State Universities Retirement System, provides for the boards to be reconstituted 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act (rather than 30 days after the effective date), (vi) in provisions concerning the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, adds 2 members appointed by the Governor, (vii) in provisions concerning the boards of trustees of retirement systems, provides that the Governor's nominees must be made within 60 days after the effective date (rather than within 30 days after the effective date) and makes other changes in language regarding the nominations, and (viii) in provisions concerning the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, provides that the secretary and chief executive officer of the system, known as the Executive Director, holding that position on April 1, 2009 is terminated on July 1, 2009, by operation of law, and shall thereafter no longer hold those positions or any other employment position with the system, and directs the board to take whatever action is necessary to effectuate this termination, and (ix) makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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SB 611

Short Description: SCH CD-TECH LOANS-NON-PUBLIC

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Don Harmon-Edward D. Maloney and Mike Jacobs-Gary G. Dahl

House Sponsors: (Rep. Frank J. Mautino-Jay C. Hoffman-Mike Fortner)

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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that school technology loans under the School Technology Revolving Loan Program shall be made available to State-recognized, non-public schools; makes a related change. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1, with the following changes. Provides that priority shall be given to public school districts, charter schools, area vocational centers, and laboratory schools that apply prior to October 1 of each year. Allows the State Board of Education to prescribe, through rules, a mechanism for reclaiming any items or equipment purchased with loan funds in the case of the closure of a non-public school. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Amends the Local Government Property Transfer Act. Includes in the definition of "municipality" and "transferee municipality" 2 or more school districts operating a cooperative or joint special education program. Amends the School Code. In a Section allowing school boards to enter into joint agreements with other school boards with respect to special education matters, provides that the agreement shall include the method or methods to be employed for disposing of property upon withdrawal of a school district or dissolution of the joint agreement and shall specify procedures for the withdrawal of districts from the joint agreement. Provides that no later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, all existing agreements shall be amended to be consistent with the amendatory Act. Removes a provision referencing the withdrawal of districts from a joint agreement by petition to the regional board of school trustees. Provides for the employment of a full-time director of special education of the joint agreement program under a one-year or multi-year contract (instead of a director of a joint agreement program under a multi-year contract), which contract may not be offered or accepted for less than one year (instead of for less than or more than 3 years). Sets forth the process for the withdrawal from a joint agreement. Provides that the amendatory provisions apply to withdrawals from or dissolutions of special education joint agreements initiated after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Repeals a Section concerning withdrawal from certain joint agreement programs.

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SB 612

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

House Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. With respect to the Charter Schools Law, makes changes concerning the number of charter schools.
that may operate at any one time, charter schools for high school dropouts, requiring a charter school to submit to the State Board of Education a copy of its audit and Form 990, the State Board's certification of a charter proposal, revocation of a charter, charter school employees, the State Board's report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its findings, and an Independent Charter School Authorizer Task Force. With respect to the Chicago School District Article, makes changes concerning contract schools and contract turnaround schools and changes a reference from "school building" to "attendance center". Provides that the non-State agency parties that engaged in the negotiation of the Act shall, within 30 days after the effective date of the Act, enter into a memorandum of understanding, which shall include without limitation language whereby, through June 30, 2013, and subject to any legislative changes required by federal law, such parties shall not propose any changes to the Charter Schools Law other than legislation to establish an independent, State-level, charter school authorizing entity. Effective immediately.

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### SB 613

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. Michael Bond-Linda Holmes-Donne E. Trotter-Jacque line Y. Collins, James T. Meeks and Toi W. Hutchinson

**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Constance A. Howard-Julie Hamos, Anthony DeLuca and Jehan A. Gordon)

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Children's Low-cost Laptop Act. Requires the State Board of Education to establish a pilot project whereby schools will provide a low-cost laptop computer to each student, teacher, and relevant administrator in a participating primary school and implement the use of educational software and computer skills training. Sets forth program and reporting requirements, including the requirement that the pilot program last for a period of at least 2 years. Sets a repeal date for the Act of August 31, 2012. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2:** Changes the definition of "low-cost laptop" to mean a portable personal computing device (instead of computer) under $400 in initial cost or with a financed cost of under $250 per year (instead of just under $400 in initial cost).

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### SB 1276

**Short Description:** SCH CD-SUPERINTENDENT MENTOR

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. Deanna Demuzio

**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Jim Watson-Michael K. Smith-Suzanne Bassi-Jerry L. Mitchell-Elizabeth Coulson, Ron Stephens and Jill Tracy)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. Provides that any individual, with exceptions, who begins serving as a superintendent in this State on or after July 1, 2009 and has not previously served as a school district superintendent in this State shall participate in a new superintendent mentoring program, established by the State Board of Education, for the duration of his or her first 2 school years as a superintendent. Contains provisions concerning program requirements, who may apply to be a mentor, mentoring training, assignment of a mentor by a provider selected by the State Board, identification of areas for improvement, a survey of progress, an annual report to the State Board, and a verification form.
Provides that mentors of certified staff are protected from suit. Effective immediately.

### SB 1293

**Short Description:** SCH CD-DEBT LIMIT EXCEPTION

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.

**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr.-Thomas Holbrook)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. In a Section concerning the debt limitations of school districts, allows Belle Valley School District 119 to issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $47,500,000 if, among other conditions, (i) the voters of the school district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at an election held on or after April 7, 2009; (ii) the building and equipping of a new school building is required as a result of mine subsidence in an existing school building and because of the age and condition of another existing school building; and (iii) the bonds are issued on or before December 31, 2013. Provides that the bonds must mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1:** Makes changes to the conditions for allowing the issuance of bonds, including when the school board must make its determination by resolution and what the determination must include, when the bonds must be issued, and when the bonds must mature.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Provides that the bonds must mature within not to exceed 25 (instead of 35) years from their date.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2:** Provides that the bonds must mature within not to exceed 30 (instead of 25) years from their date.

### SB 1372

**Short Description:** DCFS-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. Dan Kotowski-Jacqueline Y. Collins

**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Paul D. Froehlich-Lisa M. Dugan)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services shall work with representatives of residential services providers and with representatives of other State agencies to develop a performance-based model for residential services. Provides that the rate paid by the other State agencies for comparable residential services shall not be less than the performance-based rates set by the Department. Provides that the performance-based model to be developed shall include required program components and a rate-setting methodology that incorporates the reasonable costs of the required program components, subject to certain provisions of the Illinois Administrative Code. Defines "residential services". Effective July 1, 2009.
SB 1391

**Short Description:** SCH CD-CERT-FAMILY THERAPIST

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Iris Y. Martinez, Carole Pankau and Mattie Hunter

**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Lou Lang-Karen A. Yarbrough-Robert F. Flider-Deborah Mell)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to provide standards for the certification of marital and family therapists employed by school boards. Provides that these rules shall include certification requirements to be met by (i) licensure as a marital and family therapist under the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act and (ii) such other experience as the State Board deems appropriate for the position of marital and family therapist in a school system. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Provides that the State Board of Education shall initiate rulemaking (instead of adopt rules) to provide standards for certification. Requires licensure as a marital and family therapist and completion of such other experience and other programmatic requirements (instead of licensure and such other experience) as the State Board deems appropriate for the position.

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SB 1508

**Short Description:** SCH STU RECORDS-SOCIAL WORKER

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. David Koehler-Christine Radogno and Toi W. Hutchinson-Susan Garrett

**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Sandra M. Pihos-Robert W. Pritchard-Monique D. Davis)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Provides that nothing contained in the Act shall be construed to impair or limit the confidentiality of information communicated in confidence to a school social worker. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to impair or limit the confidentiality of information communicated in confidence to a school social worker, school counselor, school psychologist, or school social work, school counselor, or school psychologist intern who works under the direct supervision of a school social worker, school counselor, or school psychologist. Provides that no school employee shall be subjected to adverse employment action, the threat of adverse employment action, or any manner of discrimination because the employee is acting or has acted to protect communications as privileged or confidential pursuant to applicable standards of professional responsibility, ethical codes, or relevant provisions of State or federal law.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Provides that no school employee shall be subjected to adverse employment action, the threat of adverse employment action, or any manner of discrimination because the employee is acting or has acted to protect communications as privileged or confidential pursuant to applicable standards of professional responsibility, ethical codes, or relevant provisions of State or federal law (instead of pursuant to applicable provisions of State or federal law or rule or regulation).

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SB 1557

Short Description: SCH CD-STUDY MEXICAN-AMER HIST

Senate Sponsors: Sen. William Delgado-Iris Y. Martinez


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of almost 2,000,000 Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression, beginning in 1929 and ending in the mid-1940’s. Allows the State Superintendent of Education to prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials. Provides that each school board shall itself determine the minimum amount of instruction time that shall qualify as a unit of instruction. Effective January 1, 2010.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. In a Section requiring the history of the United States to be taught, provides that the teaching of history shall include a study of the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of almost 2,000,000 Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression. Allows the State Superintendent of Education to prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials that may be used to supplement instruction in any of the subject areas listed in the Section.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. In a Section requiring the history of the United States to be taught, provides that to reinforce the study of the role and contributions of Hispanics, such curriculum shall include the study of the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression.

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SB 1570

Short Description: SCHOOL WIND/SOLAR GENERATION


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the State Finance Act, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Creates the School Wind and Solar Generation Program to fund wind generation projects and solar generation projects for school districts and community college districts. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to implement and administer the program; allows the Department to award full or partial grants for, without limitation, engineering studies, feasibility studies, research studies, and construction costs. For each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014, requires the State Comptroller to order transferred and the State Treasurer to transfer $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the School Wind and Solar Generation Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all money in the Fund must be used for the purposes of the program. Allows school districts and community college districts to own and operate solar generation turbine farms (not just wind generation turbine farms) that directly or indirectly reduce energy or other operating costs. Effective immediately.
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Coal Resources Development Law of 1997, the State Finance Act, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Creates the School Wind and Solar Generation Program to fund wind generation projects and solar generation projects for school districts and community college districts. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to implement and administer the program; allows the Department to award full or partial low-interest loans for, without limitation, engineering studies, feasibility studies, research studies, and construction costs. Provides that the loan funds, subject to appropriation, shall be paid out of the School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all repayments of loans shall be deposited into the Fund. For each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014, allows the State Comptroller to order transferred and the State Treasurer to transfer $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and other State funds to the School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund. Provides that all money in the Fund must be used for the purposes of the program. Provides that the Fund shall not be subject to sweeps, administrative charges or chargebacks or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that would in any way result in the transfer of any funds from the School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund to any other fund of the State or having any such funds utilized for any purpose other than for the purposes of the program. Provides that the renewable energy grant program shall assist public schools and community colleges with engineering studies and feasibility studies and in the installation, acquisition, construction, and improvement of renewable energy resources (instead of assisting school districts in the installation, acquisition, construction, and improvement of renewable energy resources in the public schools). Removes a provision that provides that a renewable energy grant shall cover 50% of the cost for which the grant is sought, up to a maximum grant of $1,000,000, if the applicant school district is able to demonstrate that it has funds to pay the other 50% of the cost. Allows school districts and community college districts to own and operate solar generation turbine farms (not just wind generation turbine farms) that directly or indirectly reduce energy or other operating costs. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act, the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Coal Resources Development Law of 1997, the State Finance Act, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Creates the School Wind and Solar Generation Program to fund wind generation projects and solar generation projects for school districts and community college districts. Allows the Illinois Finance Authority to implement and administer the program; allows the Authority to award full or partial low-interest loans for, without limitation, engineering studies, feasibility studies, research studies, and construction costs. Provides that the loan funds, subject to appropriation, shall be paid out of the School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all repayments of loans shall be deposited into the Fund. Provides that all money in the Fund must be used for the purposes of the program. Provides that the renewable energy grant program shall assist public schools and community colleges with engineering studies and feasibility studies and in the installation, acquisition, construction, and improvement of renewable energy resources (instead of assisting school districts in the installation, acquisition, construction, and improvement of renewable energy resources in the public schools). Removes a provision that provides that a renewable energy grant shall cover 50% of the cost for which the grant is sought, up to a maximum grant of $1,000,000, if the applicant school district is able to demonstrate that it has funds to pay the other 50% of the cost. Allows school districts and community college districts to own and operate solar generation turbine farms (not just wind generation turbine farms) that directly or indirectly reduce energy or other operating costs. Effective immediately.

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SB 1595

Short Description: HORSE RACING-OTB-SCHOOLS

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Dave Syverson and Ira I. Silverstein

House Sponsors: (Rep. Dave Winters and William D. Burns)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. In provisions limiting locations of inter-track wagering location facilities, specifies that the schools that the facilities may not be located near are elementary or secondary public or private schools recognized by the State Board of Education. Effective immediately.

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SB 1665

Short Description: SCHOOLS-HEALTH-CANCER

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Mike Jacobs and Antonio Munoz-Ira I. Silverstein

House Sponsors: (Rep. Patrick J. Verschoore-Monique D. Davis-Mary E. Flowers)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act and the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Provides that the Comprehensive Health Education Program must include information about cancer (instead of allowing the early prevention and detection of cancer to be included). Requires an interscholastic athletic organization to include a question asking whether a student has a family history of cancer on any pre-participation examination form given to students participating or seeking to participate in interscholastic athletics. Provides that the organization may require that a testicular examination be conducted as a part of any physical required for a male student's participation in interscholastic athletics.

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SB 1675

Short Description: SCH CD-CONG MEDAL OF HONOR FLM

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Matt Murphy

House Sponsors: (Rep. Emily McAsey-Linda Chapa LaVia-Mike Bost-Dan Brady-Thomas Holbrook, Lisa M. Dugan, Esther Golar, Maria Antonia Berrios, Mike Boland, Anthony DeLuca, Deborah Mell, Mark L. Walker, Keith Farnham, Careen M. Gordon, Robert F. Flider, Jim Sacia, John D'Amico and Jehan A. Gordon)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Provides that each school district shall require that all students in grade 7 and all high school students enrolled in a course concerning history of the United States or a combination of history of the United States and American government view the Congressional Medal of Honor film made by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Provides that this requirement does not apply if the Congressional Medal of Honor Society charges the school district a fee for the film. Effective July 1, 2009.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. Requires the viewing of a Congressional Medal of Honor film made by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation (instead of the Congressional Medal of Honor film made by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society); makes related changes.
SB 1698

Short Description: TASK FORCE-PVT STUDENT LOANS

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Dan Kotowski-J. Bradley Burzynski and Toi W. Hutchinson

House Sponsors: (Rep. Julie Hamos-Elizabeth Coulson)

Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the Private Student Loan Act. Contains only a short title provision.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Task Force on Higher Education Private Student Loans Act. Creates the Task Force on Higher Education Private Student Loans to (1) investigate the rates, fees, and terms associated with private student loans made to students in this State; (2) investigate how rates, fees, and terms impact the accessibility of private student loans, affordability of student loans, and choice of institution students have; (3) investigate the impact rates, fees, and terms have on students after graduation; (4) investigate how the impact of rising tuition has affected the types of loans available; (5) assess the impact capping private student loan fees charged by lenders would have in certain areas; (6) investigate how many private student loans are in default or are not able to be repaid; (7) investigate what rates, fees, and terms are common to those private student loans in default; (8) assess what impact loan defaults have on lending institutions; (9) assess the impact a loan default has on the borrower; (10) study what additional disclosures can be made to students regarding high risk loans, financial information, financial choices, and financial aid available; (11) investigate what higher education institutions can do to advise students on their financial aid and loan resources; and (12) investigate if race and ethnicity are a factor in the rates, fees, and terms associated with private student loans. Requires the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2010. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2011.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed with the following changes. Makes changes concerning the membership of the task force. Provides that the task force has the duty to investigate the relationship between rising tuition and the availability of private loans (instead of to investigate how the impact of rising tuition has affected the types of loans available). Makes changes concerning the task force's duty to assess the impact of capping private student loan fees charged by lenders. Provides that the Office of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (instead of State Treasurer) shall be responsible for administrative and logistical support of the task force; makes related changes.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Adds an immediate effective date.

SB 1718

Short Description: SCH CD-FIREARM-EXPULSION

Senate Sponsors: Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Kwame Raoul

House Sponsors: (Rep. Monique D. Davis)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the conversion and formation of school districts.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a student who is determined to have brought a firearm, a knife, brass knuckles, or a
billy club (instead of a weapon) to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year, except that the expulsion requirement (instead of period) may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the school board on a case by case basis. Provides for a definition of "firearm" instead of "weapon". Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year: (1) a firearm; or (2) a knife, brass knuckles, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including "look alikes" of any firearm (instead of providing that a student who is determined to have brought a weapon to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year). Defines "firearm" instead of "weapon". Provides that the expulsion requirement may be modified by the district superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the school board on a case-by-case basis (instead of permitting the expulsion period to be modified by the superintendent and the superintendent's determination to be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis). Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 2:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as amended by House Amendment No. 1, with the following changes. Instead of providing that the expulsion requirement may be modified by the district superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis, provides that (i) for a student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school, the expulsion period may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis, and (ii) for a student who is determined to have brought a knife, brass knuckles or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition (instead of just brass knuckles), a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including "look alikes" of any firearm, to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school, the expulsion requirement may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis. Effective immediately.

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### SB 1796

**Short Description:** SCH CD-DROPOUTS-IHOPE PROGRAM

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Iris Y. Martinez-William Delgado-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Donne E. Trotter, Mattie Hunter, Heather Steans, Antonio Munoz, Deanna Demuzio, Toi W. Hutchinson, Michael W. Frerichs, James T. Meeks, Michael Bond, Rickey R. Hendon, Dan Kotowski, Michael Noland, Edward D. Maloney and Emil Jones III


**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. Establishes the Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education (IHOPE) Program to develop a comprehensive system in this State to re-enroll significant numbers of high school dropouts in programs that will enable them to earn their high school diploma. Requires the State Board of Education to implement and administer the IHOPE Program. Provides that the IHOPE Program shall award grants to educational service regions and the Chicago school district from appropriated funds to assist in establishing instructional programs and other services designed to re-enroll high school dropouts. Provides that the IHOPE Program shall provide incentive grant funds for regional offices of education and the Chicago school district to develop partnerships with school districts, public community colleges, and community groups to build comprehensive plans to re-enroll high
school dropouts in their regions or districts. Sets forth requirements for programs funded through the IHOPE Program. Provides for an IHOPE Plan, sub-grants, how funding is distributed, State aid, categories of programming, the evaluation of programs, and rules. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced, with the following changes. Provides that the awarding of grants under the IHOPE Program is subject to appropriation. Provides that from any funds appropriated for the IHOPE Program, the State Board of Education may use up to 5% for administrative costs, including the performance of a program evaluation and the hiring of staff to implement and administer the program. Makes changes concerning the requirements for programs funded through the IHOPE Program and the students in those programs and the requirements for claiming State aid for students enrolled in a program funded by the IHOPE Program. Provides that programs funded through the IHOPE Program must report certain data to the State Board of Education as requested (instead of requiring these programs to be evaluated by the State Board using specified criteria). Effective July 1, 2009.

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**SB 1828**

**Short Description:** LONGITUDINAL EDUC DATA SYSTEM


**Synopsis As Introduced:** Creates the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act. Requires the State Board of Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Board of Higher Education to jointly establish and maintain a longitudinal data system by entering into one or more agreements that link early learning, elementary, and secondary school student unit records with institution of higher learning student unit records. Subject to appropriation, requires the State Board of Education to establish a data warehouse that integrates data from multiple student unit record systems and supports all of the uses and functions of the longitudinal data system. Provides that the data warehouse must be developed in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education and must have the ability to integrate longitudinal data from early learning through the postsecondary level. Sets forth provisions concerning the collection and maintenance of data, data sharing, privacy protection laws, and the performance of an evaluation and submission of a report. Makes changes to the Charter Schools Law of the School Code concerning not being exempt from the Act and the Illinois School Student Records Act concerning the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. Makes changes concerning the General Assembly's findings and declarations, the teacher and administrator identifier system that is required to be part of the data warehouse, the State Board of Education's collection of data from charter schools with more than one campus, allowing the Board of Higher Education to contract with a consortium of non-public institutions of higher learning established for the purpose of data sharing, research, and analysis, and allowing the Board to make available grant funding to a consortium of non-public institutions of higher learning to provide assistance in the development of the Board's data collection system. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. Makes changes concerning the General Assembly's findings and declarations, the teacher and administrator identifier system that is required to be part of the data warehouse, what entities are considered stakeholders, the State Board of Education's collection of data from charter schools with more than one campus, allowing the Board of Higher Education to contract with a
consortium of non-public institutions of higher learning established for the purpose of data sharing, research, and analysis, allowing the Board to make available grant funding to a consortium of non-public institutions of higher learning to provide assistance in the development of a data collection system, and references to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act in the Illinois School Student Records Act. Makes a technical correction. Effective immediately.

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SB 1882

Short Description: SCH CD-STREAMLINE ED DELIVERY

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Dan Cronin-Chris Lauzen

House Sponsors: (Rep. Mike Fortner-Roger L. Eddy-Monique D. Davis-Sidney H. Mathias-Sandra M. Pihos, Darlene J. Senger and Kay Hatcher)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Establishes a Streamlining Illinois' Educational Delivery Systems Task Force. Requires the Task Force to explore and examine all duties of the State Board of Education and regional offices of education in order to determine which duties and responsibilities a regional office of education could more appropriately and efficiently deliver to school districts. Requires the Task Force to also make recommendations as to the amount of funding that the regional offices of education would need in order to successfully incorporate their new duties into their current office responsibilities. Provides that the Task Force shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2010. Abolishes the Task Force and repeals these provisions on January 16, 2010. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced with the following changes. Adds a purpose for establishing the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to explore and examine all duties of the State Board of Education and all regional support systems for school districts, including without limitation the regional offices of education, intermediate service centers, special education cooperatives, education for employments systems, and learning technology centers and the support provided by the State Board of Education to City of Chicago School District 299, in order to determine which duties and responsibilities should be provided regionally to more appropriately and efficiently deliver services (instead of to explore and examine all duties of the State Board of Education and regional offices of education in order to determine which duties and responsibilities a regional office of education could more appropriately and efficiently deliver to school districts). Makes other changes concerning the duties of the Task Force. Changes the membership of the Task Force, including the addition of members. Changes the reporting date to August 1, 2010 and the repeal date to August 2, 2010. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Adds to the task force one member appointed by an association representing career and technical administrators and one member from an intermediate service center appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

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SB 1956

Short Description: SCH CD-ST AID- PAR/TEACHER CONF

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Deanna Demuzio

House Sponsors: (Rep. Roger L. Eddy-Sandra M. Pihos-Robert W. Pritchard-Donald L. Moffitt-Patricia R. Bellock)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the compilation of average daily attendance under the State aid formula and allowing a session of 3 or more clock hours but less than 5 clock hours to be counted as a day of attendance, makes changes with respect to days that are used for an in-service training program for teachers and parent-teacher conferences. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Further amends the School Code. Authorizes a school board (or other eligible entity) to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on certain school holidays if (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are recognized through instructional activities conducted on that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance, on the first school day preceding or following that day; and (2) the school board or other entity first holds a public hearing about the proposal. Makes other changes.

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SB 1957

Short Description: SCHOOLS-BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Deanna Demuzio and Antonio Munoz-Donne E. Trotter


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act and the Childhood Hunger Relief Act. Makes changes concerning the 3 components of the breakfast incentive program, including changing one of the components to a non-traditional breakfast incentive. Provides that in 2010 (instead of 2001) and in each subsequent year, the State Board of Education shall provide to the Governor and the General Assembly, by a date not later than April 1 (instead of March 1), a report concerning schools and free, reduced price, and paid breakfasts and lunches; makes changes with respect to the content of the report. Makes changes concerning the school breakfast program under the Childhood Hunger Relief Act, including when and at which schools the program must be implemented and operated and opting out a school or schools from the school breakfast program requirement. Effective July 1, 2009.

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SB 1977

Short Description: SCH CD-MISCELLANEOUS

Senate Sponsors: Sen. James T. Meeks

House Sponsors: (Rep. Robert W. Pritchard-Suzanne Bassi)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code, the Childhood Hunger Relief Act, the School Safety Drill Act, and the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes changes concerning a teacher supply and demand report, school standards, recognition levels, academic early warning and watch status, a Data Division, truants' alternative and optional education programs, the School Technology Revolving
Loan Program, the inspection and review of school facilities, programs concerning services to at-risk children and their families, the inspection of schools, a report of teacher dismissals, the tuition of children from orphanages and children's homes, dates for filing State aid claims, truant data, safety education, driver education, the evaluation of charter school proposals, a summer food service program, a school safety review, and the administration of certain federal scholarship programs. Repeals provisions concerning discontinued institutions, racial reports, and a course on the Illinois Vehicle Code. Repeals the Educationally Disadvantaged Children Article of the School Code. Repeals the Sex Education Act and the Recognized Normal School Act. Effective July 1, 2009.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Makes changes concerning safety education instruction. Further amends the School Code to make changes concerning an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the condition of schools, the missing child program, Internet safety education, and the State laws with which charter schools are required to comply.

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SB 1984

Short Description: EDUC LABOR REL-CHARTER SCHOOLS


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that a charter school shall comply with all provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act; which is declaratory of existing law. Provides that "educational employer" under the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act includes the governing body of a charter school; which is declaratory of existing law.

House Floor Amendment No. 3 Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed and as amended by House Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, with the following changes. Provides that "educational employer" under the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act includes the governing body of a contract school or contract turnaround school established under certain provisions of the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Provides that "educational employer" also includes a subcontractor of instructional services of a school district (other than the Chicago school district), combination of school districts, charter school, or contract school or contract turnaround school (instead of a subcontractor of instructional services, activities, or undertakings of a school district, combination of school districts, or charter school).

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SB 1995

Short Description: SCHOOL DEBT-30 YEARS

Senate Sponsors: Sen. A. J. Wilhelmi

House Sponsors: (Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia-Jack McGuire-Roger L. Eddy)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the Local Government Debt Reform Act. Provides that bonds issued by school districts for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, or improving real property may become due within 30 years, notwithstanding any other law.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district (other than the Chicago school district) may issue bonds not exceeding 30 (instead of 20) years from the date of issuance for the purpose of building, equipping, altering, or repairing school buildings, purchasing or improving school sites, or acquiring and equipping playgrounds, recreation grounds, athletic fields, and other buildings or land used or useful for school purposes or for the purpose of purchasing a site, with or without a building or buildings thereon, or for the building of a house or houses on such site or for the building of a house or houses on the school site of the school district, for residential purposes of the superintendent, principal, or teachers of the school district.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Provides that the school bonds may become due within 25 years (instead of 30 years).

House Floor Amendment No. 5 Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Local Government Debt Reform Act, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Authorizes Lockport High School and Elgin Community College District No. 509 to issue bonds for building purposes for 25 years (instead of 20 years). Effective immediately.

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SB 2014

Short Description: SCH CD-PRAIRIE ST ACHIEV EXAM

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Deanna Demuzio

House Sponsors: (Rep. Robert W. Pritchard)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district shall afford students one opportunity (instead of 2 opportunities) to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination beginning as late as practical during the spring (instead of second) semester of grade 11; makes related changes. Provides that a student is exempt from the requirement that a student not receive a high school diploma without taking the Prairie State Achievement Examination if the school district is not required to test the individual student for purposes of accountability under federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requirements or the student is otherwise identified by the State Board of Education through rules as being exempt from the assessment. Effective July 1, 2009.

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SB 2051

Short Description: SCH CD-STATE AID FORMULA

Senate Sponsors: Sen. M. Maggie Crotty-Chris Lauzen and Deanna Demuzio-Linda Holmes-Toi W. Hutchinson-Pamela J. Althoff


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the State aid formula.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code. With respect to equalized assessed valuation data, for the 2009-2010 school year and each school year thereafter, if a school district has approved or does approve an increase in its limiting rate, pursuant to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, affecting the Base Tax Year, the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of the school district, as calculated by the State Board of Education, shall be equal to the product of the Equalized Assessed Valuation last used in the calculation of general State aid times an amount equal to one plus the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for all items published by the United States Department of Labor for the 12-month calendar year preceding the Base Tax Year, plus the Equalized Assessed Valuation of new property, annexed property, and recovered tax increment value and minus the Equalized Assessed Valuation of disconnected property. Effective July 1, 2009.

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SB 2071

Short Description: TEACHER-CERT-CRIMINAL OFFENSE

Senate Sponsors: Sen. William R. Haine-Edward D. Maloney


Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code and the Counties Code. Provides that it is a State's Attorney's duty to notify the State Superintendent of Education and others upon the conviction of any individual known to possess a certificate issued under the School Code of any of certain offenses or any other felony conviction. In the criminal history records check provisions of the School Code, makes changes concerning the offenses for which a school board may not knowingly employ a person. Provides that no one may be certified to teach or supervise in the public schools who has been convicted of certain offenses (instead of providing that in determining good character, any felony conviction of an applicant may be taken into consideration, but such a conviction shall not operate as a bar to registration). In provisions concerning suspension or revocation of a certificate, provides that the State Superintendent of Education has the exclusive authority to initiate the suspension of up to 5 calendar years or revocation of any certificate (instead of providing that a certificate may be suspended for a period not to exceed one calendar year by the regional superintendent of schools or for a period not to exceed 5 calendar years by the State Superintendent). With respect to certificate suspension and revocation, makes changes concerning an investigation, notice, a hearing, an appeal, and the offenses that are grounds for suspension and revocation. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2009.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1: In the Section of the School Code concerning the conviction of certain offenses as grounds for revocation of a certificate, adds the criminal offenses of grooming and
traveling to meet a minor to the definition of "sex offense".

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2:** Provides that it is a State's Attorney's duty to notify the chief school administrator of an employing nonpublic school upon the conviction of an individual known to possess a certificate issued under the School Code of any of certain offenses or any other felony conviction. With respect to obtaining non-public school recognition status, makes changes concerning an applicant employee's or employee's conviction of any of certain criminal offenses.

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**SB 2119**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-INTERVENTION TASK FORCE

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. Heather Steans-Pamela J. Althoff and Martin A. Sandoval


**Synopsis As Introduced:** Amends the School Code. Creates the Innovation, Intervention, and Restructuring Task Force for the purpose of developing strategies to allow for the innovation, intervention, and restructuring of schools, including those that need comprehensive or focused intervention. Requires the task force to submit its strategies for allowing intervention and innovation, in the form of recommendations, in a comprehensive report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Superintendent of Education not later than December 31, 2009. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1:** Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that, in keeping with the goals outlined in the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the State of Illinois creates the Innovation, Intervention, and Restructuring Task Force to develop recommendations for the innovation, intervention, and restructuring of schools, including those that need comprehensive or focused intervention. Sets forth the task force membership, the matters the task force must compile data on, study, and report on, which organizations the task force must seek input from, and how the task force may reconvene. Requires the task force to submit a comprehensive report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Superintendent of Education not later than December 31, 2009. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Requires the State Board of Education to provide administrative support to the task force.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2:** Makes changes concerning the organizations from which the task force must seek input.

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SB 2218

Short Description: ADDISON CREEK-EXTEND REPEAL

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Donne E. Trotter

House Sponsors: (Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie)


House Committee Amendment No. 1: Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Addison Creek Restoration Commission Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.


House Floor Amendment No. 3 Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law to provide that the Department's agreements with the U.S. government may include general indemnification provisions. In the State Finance Act, provides for a transfer each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund to the University of Illinois Hospital Services Fund of $30,000,000 (instead of an amount which, when added to the balance in the University of Illinois Hospital Services Fund on July 1 of that fiscal year, equals $24,000,000).

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SB 2270

Short Description: SCH CD-SALARY COMP REPORT


House Sponsors: (Rep. Sandra M. Pihos-Patricia R. Bellock-Sandy Cole-Renée Kosel, Jack D. Franks, Keith Farnham and Linda Chapa LaVia)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Requires school districts to annually submit to the State Board of Education an itemized salary compensation report for every certificated employee in the district, including teachers, administrators, and the district superintendent. Sets forth what the salary compensation report must include. Provides that in a school compensation report, the State Board of Education shall make available to all parents, taxpayers, the Governor, and the General Assembly, every school district's salary compensation report on the State Board's Internet website. Provides that the school compensation report shall be an index of school compensation measured against statewide and local compensations and shall provide information to make prior year comparisons. Provides that the school compensation report shall be prepared by the State Board and provided to school districts by the most efficient, economic, and appropriate means. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Requires school districts to post on their Internet website an itemized salary compensation report for every employee in the district holding an administrative certificate and working in that capacity, including the district superintendent. Sets forth what the salary compensation report must include. Requires the report to be presented at a regular school board meeting, subject to applicable notice requirements, and submitted to the office of the district's regional superintendent of schools, which shall make copies available to any individual requesting them. With respect to a requirement that a school district post the contract that the school board enters into with an exclusive bargaining representative, requires the school board to provide the terms of that contract online. Effective immediately.

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SB 2277

Short Description: SCH CD-TEXTBOOK WEIGHT

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Dan Cronin-Donne E. Trotter and Ira I. Silverstein

House Sponsors: (Rep. Bob Biggins-Dennis M. Reboletti)

Synopsis As Introduced: Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to create a task force to study the impact of carrying and transporting student textbooks and textbook weight on the health of Illinois students within the kindergarten through grade 12 school environment and to make recommendations as to any alternatives that may exist or could be created to the standard textbook format. Sets forth what the task force must examine. Requires the task force to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2010. Abolishes the task force and repeals these provisions on January 16, 2010. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to implement a pilot program, subject to appropriation, to test digital technologies in 3 geographically diverse school districts. Sets forth the issues that the pilot program must examine. Provides for a report and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. Repeals these provisions on January 16, 2013. Effective immediately.

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HJR 1

Short Description: SPEC EDUC FUNDING TASK FORCE


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Dan Cronin-M. Maggie Crotty)

Synopsis As Introduced: Extends the reporting deadline for the task force created by House Joint Resolution 24 of the 95th General Assembly.

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HJR 4

Short Description: TEACHR OF THE YEAR-NAME CHANGE

House Sponsors: Rep. David Reis

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Edward D. Maloney)

Synopsis As Introduced: Urges the State Board of Education to rename the Illinois Teacher of the Year Award the Willard Carl Widerberg Illinois Teacher of the Year Award.

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HJR 5

Short Description: SCHOOL SUCCESS TASK FORCE

House Sponsors: Rep. William Davis

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. William Delgado-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Iris Y. Martinez)

Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the School Success Task Force to examine issues and make recommendations related to current State Board of Education policies regarding suspensions, expulsions, and truancies.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Makes changes concerning who may serve on the School Success Task Force.

House Floor Amendment No. 2: Adds one member to the task force appointed by the head of a statewide organization representing either school board members or school administrators.

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HJR 6

Short Description: SCHOOL TRANSPORTATN TASK FORCE

House Sponsors: Rep. Elaine Nekritz-Sidney H. Mathias-Elizabeth Coulson

Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Edward D. Maloney)

Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the School Transportation Task Force to study the possibility of enacting legislation making changes to current transportation programs offered by the Illinois State Board of Education.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Makes changes concerning the membership of the School Transportation Task Force. Eliminates one member appointed by the State Superintendent of Education and one member appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation. Provides for one member representing school transportation providers, one member representing school boards, and one member representing school administrators. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, or their designees, may at their discretion serve on the Task Force ex officio. Provides that the Office of the Governor shall provide administrative support to the Task Force to the extent of its abilities (instead of providing that the Illinois State Board of Education shall provide administrative and financial support to the Task Force). Provides that the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations by June 30 (instead of December 31, 2010).

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HJR 40

Short Description: TASK FORCE-WORKPLACE BULLYING


Senate Sponsors: (Sen. Emil Jones III)

Synopsis As Introduced: Creates the Illinois Task Force on Workplace Bullying. Provides that the Task Force shall study workplace bullying in the private sector and the impacts of that conduct and shall submit a report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2010.

House Committee Amendment No. 1: Amends the House Joint Resolution. Provides that the Illinois Legislative Task Force on Workplace Bullying shall receive administrative support from the Department of
Human Services (instead of receive the assistance of legislative staff), may employ skilled experts with the approval of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, and shall report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2010.

HJR 46

**Short Description:** STUDENT HEALTH NEEDS

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Elizabeth Coulson-Elaine Nekritz-Fred Crespo-Sidney H. Mathias-Sandra M. Pilhos, Darlene J. Senger, Ronald A. Wait, John D. Cavaletto, Dennis M. Reboletti, Franco Coladipietro and Rosemary Mulligan

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Heather Steans)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Request that the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services School Health Program and the Department of Public Health Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control establish a task force to study and compile a report on 1) Identification of current student health needs and the level of health services required to address such needs; 2) Regulatory conflicts that limit delivery of school health services to students in need along with possible solutions; and 3) Needed support for and monitoring of school health services.

HJR 50

**Short Description:** EARLY INTERVENTION TASKFORCE

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Elizabeth Coulson-Sidney H. Mathias

**Senate Sponsors:** (Sen. Heather Steans)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Creates the Illinois Part C Early Intervention Taskforce to partner with the Department of Human Services to undertake a comprehensive and thorough review of the Early Intervention system and develop recommendations and an action plan to address issues related to workforce, financing, monitoring and evaluation, service delivery, and transitions.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1:** Provides that the Illinois Part C Early Intervention Taskforce shall be chaired by a staff member from the Department of Human Services (instead of co-chaired by a staff member from the Department and a staff member from Voices for Illinois Children appointed by the Secretary of Human Services) and that the Department of Human Services shall provide staff support for the Taskforce.
SJR 5

**Short Description:** PARENTS ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. Mattie Hunter
**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Constance A. Howard)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Creates the Parents and Community Accountability Study Committee to examine issues related to racial and socioeconomic disparities affecting the pro-social development of children and youth, to identify ways to engage more parents in being accountable for the actions of their children, and to identify ways to engage more communities in being accountable for investing in pro-social development of children and families.

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SJR 7

**Short Description:** FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. M. Maggie Crotty-Mattie Hunter-Donn E. Trotter and Don Harmon

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Urges the Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the Departments of Children and Family Services, Healthcare and Family Services, Corrections, Financial Institutions and Professional Regulation, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Illinois Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities to complete an assessment of existing State and federal assistance programs involving Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

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SJR 52

**Short Description:** SCH CD MANDATE WAIVER REPORT

**Senate Sponsors:** Sen. James T. Meeks
**House Sponsors:** (Rep. Michael K. Smith)

**Synopsis As Introduced:** Encourages the General Assembly to promptly review and evaluate the Report on Waiver of School Code Mandates filed by the State Board of Education to determine if the Report should be disapproved in whole or in part.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1:** Replaces the provisions of the resolved clause of the resolution as introduced with provisions disapproving (or partially disapproving) certain school district requests for waivers made under Section 2-3.25g of the School Code relating to the limitation of administrative costs, driver education - behind-the-wheel instruction, and driver education - fee limits.

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