

2016 Tracked Legislation

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HB 119	PA 99-592	Flowers/Collins	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board may create a committee on the retention of students, consisting of the district superintendent or his or her designee, a district administrator who directs student instruction and curriculum, a principal, and a teacher. Provides that prior to retention in a grade, a school may submit, by a date as set by the committee, the names of all students determined by the school to not qualify for promotion to the next higher grade and the reason for that determination. Requires the committee to review the school's decision to retain with respect to each student and make a final decision regarding whether or not to retain a particular student. Requires the committee to take into consideration the performance evaluation of the student's teacher or teachers. Provides that the committee may vote to prohibit the school district from retaining the student if the committee determines that the student is being retained due to inadequate instruction, resources, or facilities provided by the school district or due to the student having an undiagnosed learning disability. Amends the Children with Disabilities Article to provide that a child with a learning disability must not be denied promotion, graduation, or a general diploma on the basis of failing a minimal competency test when such failure can be directly related to the disabling condition of the student. Effective immediately.
HB 3199	PA 99-596	Chapa LaVia/Collins	Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Requires a charter school to comply with all applicable absenteeism and truancy policies and requirements applicable to public schools under the laws of the State of Illinois. Sets forth how a charter school must define a truant, chronic or habitual truant, truant minor, and dropout. Effective immediately.
HB 3239	PA 99-597	Andrade/Martinez	Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. With respect to the student member of a local school council for a secondary attendance center, provides for his or her election by 10th and 11th grade students (instead of being appointed by the Chicago Board of Education after a non-binding, advisory poll of student preferences); makes related changes. Requires a person to be in the 12th grade at the beginning of the school year coinciding with his or her term in order to be eligible to be a student member. Allows 10th and 11th grade students to vote for parent and community resident members of a high school council.
HB 4330	PA 99-600	Wheeler/Martinez	Amends the School Code to require each public university in Illinois to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school.
HB 4343	PA 99-601	Chapa LaVia/Collins	Amends the School Code to extend the initial report submission deadline for the Attendance Commission to March 15, 2016 (instead of December 15, 2015).
HB 4352	PA 99-602	Bellock/Bush	Amends the School Code to define dyslexia in the School Code for use in both general

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			education and special education.
HB 4360	PA 99-667	Cassidy/Van Pelt	Amends the School Code with regard to the currently imposed lifetime ban on licensure for certain criminal convictions and with regard to the list of criminal convictions that automatically disqualify an individual from holding a teaching license or being employed in public schools or nonpublic ISBE-recognized schools.
HB 4365	PA 99-831	Welch/Raoul	Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, requires an association or other entity 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 high schools and high school students within this State to require all member schools that have certified athletic trainers to complete a monthly report on student-athletes at the member school who have sustained a concussion. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, requires the association or entity to compile the data reported during the previous school year into an annual report and submit copies of this report to the General Assembly.
HB 4367	PA 99-603	Bellock/Bush	Amends the School Code to require ISBE to reestablish the reading instruction advisory group to complete the group's work. The reestablished advisory group is required to complete its work before December 31, 2016.
HB 4397	PA 99-606	Costello/Luechtefeld	Amends the School Code to change the time limit for the 2014 School Energy Efficiency Grants to be expended. Allows the grant funds to be available for four years instead of two from the date the funds were distributed by the state.
HB 4432	PA 99-804	Moffitt/Weaver	Amends the School Code to allow any child in grades 6 through 12 to be absent from a public school for the purpose of sounding "Taps" at a military honors funeral held in Illinois for a deceased veteran.
HB 4462	PA 99-711	Mussman/Nybo	Amends the School Code to make multiple changes regarding epi-pen administration in school districts. Allows bus drivers who are not school employees to carry and administer epinephrine auto-injectors (current school bus drivers who are school employees are already among the school employees who may be so trained and able to administer the epinephrine); and requires, in addition to the current reporting of use of undesignated (stock) epinephrine auto-injectors on any person by RN or trained school staff, reporting whether the school or school district has adopted a policy allowing the use of undesignated (stock) epinephrine.
HB 4606	PA 99-670	Davis, W/Harris	Amends the School Code to increase procedural due process rights for students where a district believes them to be a non-resident of the school district. The bill would also allow the person who enrolled the pupil to appeal a district's finding of non-resident to the applicable regional superintendent of schools (this specific provision does not apply to CPS).
HB 4983	PA 99-780	Soto/Lightford	Amends the School Code to establish the State Global Scholar Certification Program to recognize public high school students who have attained global competence. School

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			district participation is voluntary.
HB 4996	P.A. 99-781	Welch/Lightford	Amends the School Code to require each school board, including CPS, to appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of DCFS when enrolling in or changing schools.
HB 5529	PA 99-713	Crespo/Sullivan	Amends the School Code. With respect to a school district other than the Chicago school district, provides that through June 30, 2019 (instead of June 30, 2016), surplus life safety taxes and interest earnings thereon may be transferred to the Operations and Maintenance Fund for building repair work. Extends the time period during which a school district other than the Chicago school district may transfer moneys from specified funds for any purpose from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2019. Effective immediately.
HB 5556	PA 99-531	Soto/Martinez	Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Provides that no later than July 1, 2016 (rather than January 1, 2016), and every 5 years thereafter, the chief executive officer of the district or his or her designee shall prepare and submit for public comment a draft revised Educational Facility Master Plan. Effective immediately.
HB 5561	PA 99-611	McSweeney/Connelly	Amends the Public Community College Act. Creates the Accelerate College pilot program. Authorizes a community college district board of trustees to enter into an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement with any school district wholly contained within the community college district's jurisdiction. Provides that an agreement must offer a group of high school students the right to take community college courses without paying tuition for those courses. Provides for the size of the program. Allows community colleges to charge fees limited to the actual operating costs and related student activities. Provides that any coursework completed by high school students in a community college shall be transferrable to all public universities in this State on the same basis as coursework completed by community college students who have previously earned high school diplomas. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to study the effectiveness of the program and to issue an annual report. Repeals the provisions 36 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.
HB 5720	PA 99-720	Andrade/Bennett	Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish a Task Force on Computer Science Education. Sets forth provisions concerning the members of the Task Force, Task Force voting, meetings of the Task Force, support for the Task Force, reporting to the General Assembly, and dissolution of the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to (1) analyze the current state of computer science education in this State; (2) analyze current computer science education laws in other jurisdictions, both mandated and permissive; (3) identify best practices in computer science education in

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			other jurisdictions; (4) make recommendations to the General Assembly focused on substantially increasing computer science education and the capacity of youth to obtain the requisite knowledge, skills, and practices to be educated in computer science; and (5) make funding recommendations, if the Task Force's recommendations to the General Assembly would require a fiscal commitment. Repeals these provisions on July 1, 2018. Effective immediately.
HB 5729	PA 99-674	Burke/Biss	Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act to establish pilot programs with high schools concerning competency-based graduation requirements, transitional mathematics courses, reading and communication transitional competencies, college and Career Pathway Endorsements, State Distinction Programs, and administrative rules. ISBE, ICCB, and IBHE will consult to establish and administer these programs.
HB 5901	PA 99-590	Guzzardi/Martinez	Amends the School Code to require every school district, for each of its schools, to report the assessment information. Requires the reporting of every reliable assessment that measures a certain group or subset of students in the same manner with the same potential assessment items, is scored by a non-district entity, is administered either statewide or beyond Illinois, and will be administered by each school that school year.
HB 5902	PA 99-678	Guzzardi/Biss	Creates the Speech Rights of Student Journalists Act. Defines "student journalist" as a public high school student. Provides that a student journalist has the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in school-sponsored media, regardless of whether the media is supported financially by the school district or by use of school facilities or produced in conjunction with a class in which the student is enrolled. Provides that a student journalist is responsible for determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of school-sponsored media. Provides that the Act does not authorize or protect expression by a student journalist that (1) is libelous or slanderous; (2) constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy; (3) violates federal or State law; or (4) so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of an unlawful act, the violation of policies of the school district, or the material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school. Provides that an employee of a school district shall not be dismissed, suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, or otherwise retaliated against solely for acting to protect a student journalist engaged in conduct authorized under the Act. Effective immediately.
HB 5918	PA 99-840	Thapedi/Martinez	Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Provides that a charter shall be granted for a period of 5 school years (instead of may be granted for a period not less than 5 and not more than 10 school years) and may be renewed in incremental periods not to exceed 10 (instead of 5) school years. With respect to start-up grants and loans from the Charter Schools Revolving Loan Fund, makes changes concerning their use and the maximum amount that may be awarded. Provides that (i) an additional charter school campus of a replicating charter school is eligible to receive a loan; (ii) if a

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HB 6044	PA 99-657	Chapa LaVia/Rezin	Amends the School Code and the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act. Changes references relating to contractual continued service and the State aid formula in provisions concerning boundary changes, the deactivation of school facilities, cooperative high schools, a pilot cooperative elementary school and pilot cooperative high school, and school district conversions. Makes changes concerning the filing of State aid claims. Makes changes concerning the assessment of professional teaching. Provides for the certification and payment of claims for reimbursement for school breakfast and lunch programs on a quarterly (instead of monthly) basis. Effective July 1, 2016.
HB 6086	PA 99-716	Kifowit/Cullerton, T	Amends the School Code. Requires the Department of Human Services to consider the length of time spent on the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services waiting list, in addition to other factors considered, when selecting individuals on the list for services, and requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department, to inform parents and guardians of students about this consideration when informing them about the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services waiting list.
HB 6131	PA 99-720	Hurley/Morrison	Amends the School Code and the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a driver education course (whether offered by a public school, a non-public school, or a driver training school) shall include instruction concerning law enforcement procedures for traffic stops, including a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken during a traffic stop and appropriate interactions with law enforcement.
HB 6136	PA 99-721	Wallace/Lightford	Amends the School Code to create the Advisory Council on At-Risk Students within ISBE which must submit a report to the General Assembly, Board, and Governor no later than December 15, 2016 various topics impacting at-risk students.
HB 6181	PA 99-591	Willis/Martinez	Amends the School Code to allow educators to earn professional development and enter it into ELIS during the last 3 months of the school year (April-June).
HB 6252	PA 99-729	Willis/Harmon	Amends the School Code to allow District 89 to withdraw from the PAEC special education co-op in the 2017-2018 school year if the district's state plan has been approved by ISBE.
HB 6333	PA 99-843	Gable/Koehler	Amends the School Code to require districts to request an asthma action plan from the parents or guardians of a pupil with asthma. ISBE is required to develop a model asthma episode emergency response protocol before September 1, 2016. School districts, charter schools, and nonpublic schools shall adopt asthma episode emergency response protocol before January 1, 2017. Every 2 years, school personnel who work

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			with pupils shall complete a training program on the management of asthma.
SB 238	PA 99-589	Lightford/Chapa LaVia	Amends the School Code to change the birth-3 set aside. Prior legislation required that 20% of EC funds be dedicated to birth-3 programming by 2016. We are currently at 18% and are concerned about cutting 2% from existing 3-4 year old programs. The early childhood advocates are supporting us in this legislation that will require that 25% of any new money be dedicated to birth-3 programs until 20% is reached.
SB 242	PA 99-846	Noland/Moeller	Amends the School Code. In provisions requiring a school board (other than the Chicago school district) to employ a superintendent, allows the school board in a school district that has boundaries that lie in 3 counties, one county of which has a population exceeding 1,000,000 inhabitants, that has an enrollment of more than 35,000 students, and that has on staff properly licensed assistant superintendents or directors in the areas of instruction, finance, special education, assessments, and career and technology education to instead appoint a chief executive officer to serve as its superintendent. Requires this chief executive officer to be a person of recognized administrative ability and management experience, hold a master's degree, have been employed with the school district for a minimum of 5 years in an administrative capacity, be responsible for the management of the district, and have all other powers and duties of a superintendent. Exempts the chief executive officer from provisions of the School Code concerning educator qualifications for a period of 5 years.
SB 1582	P.A. 99-888	Nybo/Durkin	Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a student in grades K through 12 with an Individualized Education Plan with a staff to student ratio of 1 to 5 and attending Acacia Academy, Alexander Leigh, Marklund, Helping Hands Center, Connections Organization, or New Horizon Academy may be transported in a multi-function school activity bus for any curriculum-related activity except for transportation on regular bus routes from home to school or from school to home
SB 2047	PA 99-524	Trotter/Currie	FY16 and FY17 budget bill. Includes a full year budget for schools and a 6 month stop-gap budget for agencies including community colleges and universities.
SB 2137	PA 99-616	Morrison/Cabello	Amends the School Code to require teacher's institutes to include instruction on the federal Americans with Disabilities Act as it pertains to the school environment at least once every two years.
SB 2186	PA 99-890	Althoff/Tryon	Amends the School Code to require school districts to comply with local zoning ordinances.
SB 2393	PA 99-850	Harmon/Pritchard	Amends the School Code to create the Breakfast After the Bell program to require districts that have 70% or more students that qualify for free/reduced lunch to provide breakfast after the bell.
SB 2440	PA 99-623	Bertino-	Amends the School Code regarding the requirements for the principal endorsement on

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		Tarrant/Pritchard	a Professional Educator License by expanding the applicable experience to include experience working in the capacity of school support personnel.
SB 2469	PA 99-735	Lightford/Soto	Amends the Illinois Local Libraries Act. Allows Bureau Valley Community Unit School District 340, Paxton-Buckley-Loda Community Unit School District 10, and Hillsboro Community Unit School District 3 to issue extend their statutory debt limit.
SB 2823	P.A. 99-794	Koehler/Unes	Amends the School Code. In the case of a structure constructed or renovated by students as part of a curricular program, allows a school board, by a resolution adopted by at least two-thirds of the board members, to engage the services of a licensed real estate broker to sell the property for a commission not to exceed 7%, contingent on the sale of the property within 120 days.
SB 2970	PA 99-706	Lightford/Lilly	Amends the School Code to revise the identification section of the gifted and talented portion of the School Code to reflect best practices including universal testing of students.
SB 2975	PA 99-806	Cunningham/Costello	Amends the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation to the State Board of Education, there is created an agriculture education teacher grant program to fund personal services costs for agriculture education teachers in school districts. Provides that a school district may apply for a grant to fund 50% of the personal services cost for an agriculture education teacher; however, a school district that is creating a new agriculture education program may apply for a grant to fund 100% of an agriculture teacher's personal services cost in the first and second year of the new agriculture education program and 80% of an agriculture teacher's personal services cost in the third and fourth years of the new agriculture education program. Allows a school district to apply for a grant for more than one teacher. Sets forth the duties of the State Board. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to teacher shortage scholarships. Specifies that agricultural education is a course of study included in the definition of "areas of identified staff shortages".
HR 572	NA	Mitchell, C	Urges the Illinois State Board of Education, together with partners in education, the General Assembly, and other experts from relevant fields, to study the efficacy of capping the combined state and in district summative test burden for all Illinois school districts at a reasonable number of hours per year and make a report to the Illinois General Assembly by January 15, 2016 as to the potential advantages and challenges presented by adopting such a cap in Illinois; urges the Illinois State Board of Education to focus on a statewide assessment system that rewards classroom curriculum that is college and career ready, and provides feedback to teachers in a manner that can be used expeditiously for strengthening individual student instruction.
HR 641	NA	Lang	Designates August 18, 2015 as The Vision 20/20 21st Century Learning Day in the State of Illinois.
SR 743	NA	Munoz	Designates August 18, 2015 as The Vision 20/20 21st Century Learning Day in the

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			State of Illinois.
SR 1737	NA	Lightford	Designates April 13, 2016 as Positive Youth Development Day in Illinois.
SR 1759	NA	Silverstein	Declares April 19, 2016 as Education and Sharing Day in the State of Illinois.
SJR 49	NA	Delgado / Crespo	Regarding the Report on Waivers of School Code Mandates, Spring 2016, disapproves a school district request for a waiver relating to the school building code and notes the withdrawal of a request concerning physical education. Approves all other requests in the Report on Waivers of School Code Mandates.
HJR 163	NA	Crespo / Lightford	Regarding the Report on Waivers of School Code Mandates, Fall 2016, disapproves a school district request for a waiver relating to debt limitation. Approves all other requests in the Report on Waivers of School Code Mandates.