

2008 Public Act List

<p>HB 1141</p> <p>PA 95-0938</p>	<p>Legislation contains two parts: With respect to provisions concerning the Salary Incentive Program for Hard-to-Staff Schools, (1) provides that the incentives and bonuses are for teachers and administrators employed by school districts in schools designated as hard-to-staff (instead of the school district being designated as hard-to-staff); (2) defines "hard-to-staff school"; (3) provides that only teachers and principals who work full time and for a full school year are eligible; (4) provides for proration if an appropriation is insufficient; and (5) requires the State Board of Education, the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, and the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago to work together to validate data.</p> <p><i>The second part of this legislation is contingent on SB 2042 becoming law, which it did.</i> In a Section concerning tuition for non-resident pupils, removes the provision that provides that, for students receiving educational services in residential facilities, nothing in the Section shall be construed to relieve the school district of the student's residence of financial responsibility based on the manner in which the student was placed at the facility. In a Section of the Students with Disabilities Article concerning placement in a residential facility, (1) makes changes concerning the calculation of a resident district's financial responsibility and reimbursement; (2) provides that resident district financial responsibility and reimbursement applies for both residential facilities that are approved by the State Board of Education and non-approved facilities; (3) provides that the Illinois placing agency or court remains responsible for funding the residential portion of the placement and for notifying the resident district prior to the placement, except in emergency situations; (4) provides for notification by the residential facility to the resident district; (5) makes changes concerning a student's individualized education program; and (6) requires a residential facility providing educational services within the facility, but not approved by the State Board, to demonstrate certain proof to the State Board.</p>	<p>Legal Data Analysis Funding Special Ed</p>
<p>HB 4159</p> <p>PA 95-0741</p>	<p>Amends the School Code with respect to recycled paper and paper products and solid waste management by requiring each school district to periodically review its procurement procedures and specifications related to the purchase of products and supplies and modify them as necessary to require the school district to seek out products and supplies that contain recycled materials and to ensure that purchased products and supplies are reusable, durable, or made from recycled materials, if economically and practically feasible. The legislation provides that in selecting products and supplies that contain recycled material, preference must be given to products and supplies that contain the highest amount of recycled material and that are consistent with the effective use of the product or supply, if economically and practically feasible and makes changes concerning the procurement of recycled paper and paper products and minimum levels. Additionally, the legislation makes changes concerning the requirements for recycled high grade</p>	<p>School Business Services</p>

	printing and writing paper and provides instead that each school district shall periodically review its procedures on solid waste reduction regarding the management of solid waste generated by academic, administrative, and other institutional functions. This legislation is effective immediately.	
HB 4229 PA 95-0790	Amends the School Code by providing that whenever the term "registered mail" is used in the School Code, it shall be deemed to authorize the use of either registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. This legislation is effective immediately.	School Business Services
HB 4252 PA 95-0908	Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act by providing that if an employee of a school district has made a report or caused a report to be made to the Department of Children and Family Services under the Act involving the conduct of a current or former employee of the school district and a request is made by another school district for the provision of information concerning the job performance or qualifications of the current or former employee because he or she is an applicant for employment, the general superintendent of the school district to which the request is being made must disclose to the requesting school district the fact that an employee of the school district has made a report involving the conduct of the applicant or caused a report to be made to the Department, as required under the Act. Only the fact that an employee of the school district has made a report involving the conduct of the applicant or caused a report to be made to the Department may be disclosed and that this fact may be disclosed only in cases where the school employee and the general superintendent have not been informed by the Department that the allegations were unfounded. An employee of a school district who is or has been the subject of a report during his or her employment with the school district must be informed by that school district that if he or she applies for employment with another school district, the general superintendent of the former school district, upon the request of the school district to which the employee applies, shall notify that requesting school district that the employee is or was the subject of such a report. The bill also makes related change concerning immunity. This legislation is effective immediately.	Legal
HB 4309 PA 95-0811	Provides that if a school district closes one or more recognized school buildings due to a condition beyond the control of the district prior to providing any instruction, then the district may claim a full day of attendance for a maximum of 2 school days based on the average of the 3 prior school days of attendance immediately preceding the closure of the school building. This legislation is effective July 1, 2008.	Funding & Disbursements
HB 4456	Creates the Commission on Children and Youth Act. Provides for appointments, goals, recommendations, and reports. Provides that the Act is repealed on January 1, 2012. Effective immediately. Provides that the Commission shall	State Superintendent will

PA 95-0781	develop a 5-year strategic plan in collaboration with other children and youth experts and service providers as needed. Provides that the Illinois Early Learning Council shall have primary responsibility for development of the strategic plan pertaining to children birth to 5 and shall collaborate with the Commission on creation of the final plan. Provides that the Commission may establish committees that address specific issues or populations and may appoint individuals with relevant expertise who are not appointed members of the Commission to serve on committees as needed. Provides that a draft strategic plan shall be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2010. Provides that the final strategic plan shall be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2011. Provides that, under the leadership of the Office of the Governor, the Department of Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Commission, subject to appropriations.	make an appointment when the Commission is convened by the Department of Human Services.
HB 4522 PA 95-0835	Provides that on or before the 11th and 21st days of each of the months of August through the following June (instead of July), the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund and Education Assistance Fund 1/22 (instead of 1/24) of the amount appropriated to the State Board of Education for distribution to all school districts from those Funds. With respect to payments from the Common School Fund, provides that as soon as may be after the 10th and 20th days of each of the months of August through the following June (instead of July), the State Comptroller shall draw his or her warrants upon the State Treasurer as directed by the State Board of Education in an amount equal to 1/22 (instead of 1/24) of the total amount to be distributed to school districts for the fiscal year. This legislation is effective July 1, 2008.	Funding & Disbursements
HB 4536 PA 95-0910	Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing teachers to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date to June 30, 2013 (from June 30, 2008). Includes language exempting the changes from provisions concerning new benefit increases. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. This legislation is effective immediately.	Legal
HB 4705 PA 95-0724	amends the School Code in the Section concerning grants for preschool educational programs by providing that funds may be distributed for the "Preschool for All Children" program through June 30, 2010 (instead of June 30, 2008). The legislation also changes the date (from July 1 to November 1) that the State Board of Education must report on the results and progress of students enrolled in preschool educational programs. This legislation is effective immediately.	Early Childhood Data Analysis & Progress Reporting
HB 5077	Removes a provision that no more than \$10M can be appropriated for the Technology Immersion Pilot Program. This	Curriculum &

PA 95-0949	legislation is effective immediately.	Instruction
HB 5368 PA 95-0736	<p>Creates the Military Family Interstate Compact Implementation Statute Drafting Advisory Committee Act. The Committee is an interagency advisory committee to develop a comprehensive statute to implement the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The legislation designates the Lieutenant Governor as the chair of the Committee and defines other members. The legislation also requires a report to the General Assembly.</p> <p>The legislation also amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act to creates the Task Force on Servicemember and Veterans Education. It sets forth the membership and duties of the Task Force. The legislation also amends the Unemployment Insurance Act to provide that a person is not ineligible for benefits if he or she left employment to accompany a spouse reassigned from one military assignment to another, but the employer's account shall not be charged. Effective immediately.</p>	Superintendent for committee designee assignment
HB 5701 PA 95-0734	FY 09 Budget bill – includes the education budget.	Budget
HB 5717 PA 95-0737	Provides that any child who received a health examination within one year prior to entering the fifth grade for the 2007-2008 school year is not required to receive an additional health examination in order to comply with the provisions of Public Act 95-422 (which requires children entering the sixth grade to have a health examination) when he or she attends school for the 2008-2009 school year, unless the child is attending school for the first time. This legislation is effective immediately.	Data Analysis & Progress Reporting
SB 773 PA 95-0744	Creates the FY 2009 Budget Implementation Act. Effective July 1, 2008.	Budget
SB 848 PA 95-0792	Amends the School Code in a Section concerning the debt limitations of school districts, provides that, in addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Mascoutah Community Unit District 19 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000 if, among other conditions, (i) the voters of the district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at a regular election held on or after November 4, 2008; (ii) the school board determines that the building and equipping of a new high school building is required as a result of a projected increase in the enrollment of students in the district and the age and condition of the existing high school building and the existing high school building will be demolished; and (iii) the proceeds of the bonds are used to accomplish only those projects approved by	School Business Services

	the voters at a regular election held on or after November 4, 2008. Provides that the debt incurred on any bonds issued under these provisions shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation. This legislation is effective January 1, 2009.	
SB 1874 PA 95-0729	Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$21,000,000 to ISBE to be used exclusively for school districts that will receive less funding in the 2007-2008 school year as a result of Public Act 93-1022.	Funding & Disbursements
SB 2042 PA 95-0844	Amends the School Code and the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Makes changes relating to the residency of students in residential facilities and the payment of educational costs in provisions of the School Code concerning tuition for non-resident pupils, determining the resident district with respect to children with disabilities, and special education classes for children from orphanages, foster family homes, children's homes, or in-State housing units and a provision of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 concerning sentencing orders. Adds a Section to the School Code that provides that for any student with a disability in a residential facility placement made or paid for by an Illinois public State agency or made by any court in this State, the school district of residence is responsible for the costs of educating the child and shall be reimbursed for those costs in accordance with the School Code, with payments made by the resident district to the entity providing the educational services, whether the entity is the residential facility or the school district wherein the facility is located, no less than once per quarter unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. Provides that the changes made to the Section of the School Code concerning tuition for non-resident pupils apply to all placements in effect on July 1, 2007 and all placements thereafter. Makes changes concerning the involvement of the State Superintendent of Education when a dispute arises over the determination of the district of residence under certain of these School Code provisions. This legislation is effective immediately.	Legal Funding & Disbursements Special Education
SB 2293 PA 95-0990	Requires that certain contracts involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 or a lower amount as required by school board policy (rather than \$10,000) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Changes an exception with respect to contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or construction or a single project involving an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 (rather than \$20,000). Amends the Public Community College Act. Requires that certain contracts involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 or a lower amount as required by board policy (rather than \$10,000) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Changes an exception with respect to contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or construction or a single project involving an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 (rather than \$15,000). Further amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the City Colleges of Chicago, requires that certain contracts	

	involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 or a lower amount as required by board policy (rather than \$10,000) be let by competitive bidding.	
SB 2387 PA 95-0863	Amends the School Code by adding homeownership, including the basic process of obtaining a mortgage and the concepts of fixed and adjustable rate mortgages, subprime loans, and predatory lending, as part of the financial literacy component of consumer education. This legislation is effective January 1, 2009.	Curriculum & Instruction
SB 2482 PA 95-0793	<p>Amends and repeals obsolete and duplicative provisions of the School Code. See attached document for a list of included repeals and amendments.</p> <p>Also, amends the Missing Children Records Act. Provides that for every child enrolled in a particular school, preschool, or day care or other child care facility (instead of upon enrollment of a child for the first time in such a facility), that school or other entity shall notify in writing the person enrolling the child that he or she must provide a certified copy of the child's birth certificate. Requires the school or other entity to promptly make a copy of the certified copy of the child's birth certificate for its records and return the original certified copy to the person providing it. Provides that once a school or other entity has been provided with a certified copy of a child's birth certificate, the school or other entity need not request another such copy for any other year in which the child is enrolled in that school or other entity. The provisions amending the Missing Children Records Act are effective immediately.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill makes changes with respect to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, by providing that the Academy may develop additional campuses throughout the State and that any additional campus does not need to serve as a residential institution (instead of providing that the Academy shall be a residential institution that may consist of more than one campus). Effective immediately.</p>	Multiple Divisions
SB 2487 PA 95-0903	Makes changes in the Conversion and Formation of School Districts Article with respect to voting on a bond issuance, information in the petition filing notice, the presentation of evidence at a hearing, approval or denial of an amended petition, , and references to a school district conversion. It also makes changes to the State aid formula provisions concerning the calculation of local property tax revenues per pupil for partial elementary unit districts. There are also changes concerning free transportation for pupils in optional elementary unit districts, combined high school – unit districts, and newly created elementary or high school districts resulting from a high school – unit conversion, a unit to dual conversion, or a multi-unit conversion and the calculation of State reimbursement for transportation costs for optional elementary unit districts and combined high school – unit districts. In addition, this legislation would allow	School Business Services

	deactivations (K-8 or 9-12) to be eligible for reorganization incentives. This legislation is effective immediately.	
SB 2512 PA 95-0869	Requires that beginning the 2009-2010 school year, a school district must incorporate a component on internet safety into the school curriculum for students in grades 3 and above. A school board shall determine the scope and length of the instruction, which can be incorporated into current courses of study as determined by the local school board. ISBE must also make available resource materials about internet safety on our website. This legislation is effective January 1, 2009.	Curriculum & Instruction
SB 2685 PA 95-0969	Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, requires teachers' institutes to include instruction on prevalent student chronic health conditions. Effective January 1, 2009.	
SB 2687 PA 95-0996	With respect to the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program, makes changes concerning the \$3,000 annual payment to teachers and school counselors, the \$1,000 and \$3,000 annual incentives for certain teachers who agree to provide mentoring (including changing the \$3,000 annual incentive to \$2,000 and allowing the incentives for school counselors), additional annual incentives and monetary support, funds for an electronic system to process Master Certificates and various payments and for candidate support and recruitment, and the information a regional superintendent of schools must provide to individuals seeking to register or renew a certificate. Makes changes concerning membership on the Illinois P-20 Council, including adding the President of the Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Association or his or her designee as a member. With respect to the Illinois P-20 Council, adds the president of an association representing educators of adult learners (instead of the President of the Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Association) or his or her designee as a member. Effective June 1, 2008.	
HR 900	Urges the Governor to fully implement Public Act 94-696 that created the Department of Juvenile Justice and report back to the 95th General Assembly no later than December 1, 2008 the named directors, board members, and other referenced personnel that the Executive branch is under a duty by law to appoint.	
HR 1117	- Directs the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, and the Illinois State Board of Education, in coordination with providers of developmental disability and mental health services, to establish a Cross-Agency Coordination Task Force on Developmental Disabilities to study the implementation of a uniform age by which children with developmental disabilities or mental illness "age out" of programs administered by those agencies.	Special Education

SR 483	Urges the State Board of Education to make a formal request to the U.S. Department of Education that the results from the Illinois Standards Achievement Test and Prairie State Achievement Examination scores for those students with limited proficiency in English who would otherwise have been eligible to take the Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English (IMAGE) Test in 2008 and 2009 not be used to calculate Annual Yearly Progress for the next 2 years.	Assessment Data Analysis English Language Learning Legal
HJR 36	Resolves that the Board of Higher Education establish a task force to study issues related to dual credit, which task force shall report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008.	Superintendent will make an appointment