

2009 Public Act Chart

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| HB 35 | PA 96-0225 | Rep. Tryon Sen. Garrett | HB 35 amends the Department of Central Management Services Law to require the Department to establish and maintain a website known as the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal (ITAP) within 12 months of the bill's effective date. The website shall provide direct access to information concerning State employees and individual consultants, State expenditures, State contracts, revocations and suspensions of occupation and use tax certificates of registration and professional licenses, and a database of all development assistance reportable under the Corporate Accountability for Tax Expenditures Act. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 78 | PA 96-0153 | Rep. Cole Sen. Koehler | HB 78 creates the Farm Fresh Schools Program Act. The Department of Agriculture, in cooperation ISBE and IDPH, must create the Farm Fresh Schools Program. The purpose 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. Ag and ISBE must jointly administer a process to review grant proposals and award grants on a competitive basis to eligible applicants to implement the Program, subject to appropriation. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 163 | PA 96-0437 | Sen. Althoff Rep. Tyron | HB 163 amends the Prevailing Wage Act to provide that when a public body or other entity covered by the Act has awarded work to a contractor without a public bid, contract or project specification, such public body or other entity shall provide the contractor with written notice on the purchase order related to the work to be done or on a separate document indicating that not less than the prevailing rate of wages as found by the public body or Department of Labor or determined by the court on review shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work on the project. When a contractor has awarded work to a subcontractor without a contract or contract specification, the contractor shall provide a subcontractor with a written statement indicating that not less than the prevailing rate of wages shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work on the project. Failure to provide written notice by a public body, other entity, or contractor does not diminish the right of a laborer, worker, or mechanic to the prevailing rate of wages as determined under the Act. Provides that the contractor or subcontractor shall be responsible to pay the revised rate. Provides that in lieu of posting on the project site of the public works, a contractor which has a business location where laborers, workers, and mechanics regularly visit may: (1) post in a conspicuous location at that business the current prevailing wage rates for each county in which the contractor is performing work; or (2) provide such laborer, worker, or mechanic engaged on |

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| | | | the public works project a written notice indicating the prevailing wage rates for the public works project. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 210 | PA 96-0004 | Rep. Madigan Sen. Trotter | HB 210 is the FY 09 supplemental appropriations bill. Effective April 3, 2009. |
| HB 255 | PA 96-0034 | Rep. Lang Sen. Cullerton | <p>HB 255 provides mechanisms to generate revenue to support the Capitol Capital bill, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow various establishments to conduct video gaming • Candy, certain beverages, and grooming and hygiene products are taxed at the 6.25% rate (instead of 1%) • Increase the tax on wine, on beer, and on alcohol and spirits • Increase various fees and fines <p>Allows the Department of Revenue to conduct the Lottery through a management agreement with a private manager and to authorize a pilot program that allows an individual to purchase Illinois lottery tickets on the internet.</p> <p>Effective July 13, 2009.</p> |
| HB 272 | PA 96-0132 | Rep. Franks Sen. Garrett | <p>HB 272 amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act to require 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. The association shall require that each athletic coach complete an educational program and exam on the prevention of abuse of performance-enhancing substances developed by the association</p> <p>The Department of Public Health is required 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. The bill contains additional</p> |

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| | | | <p>provisions concerning confidentiality, funding, exceptions, and liability.</p> <p>The bill also amends the State Finance Act and the Unified Code of Corrections to 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. A new fund in the State treasury called the Performance-enhancing Substance Testing Fund will collect this additional income and it will 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. Makes inoperable most provisions of the bill effective June 30, 2011.</p> <p>Effective August 7, 2009.</p> |
| HB 312 | PA 96-0035 | Rep. Lang Sen. Cullerton | <p>This bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,351,481,696 for school construction (page 123, Section 75) • Dollar appropriations for the 23 school districts and CPS from the FY 02 list (page 124, Section 77) • \$100,000,000 for school maintenance grants (page 124, Section 85) • \$3,535,520 in reappropriation for school construction (page 191, Section 220) • \$1,872,926 in reappropriation for school construction (page 191, Section 225) • \$145,888 in reappropriation for school construction (page 191, Section 230) <p>Effective July 13, 2009.</p> |
| HB 314 | PA 96-0017 | Rep. Bradley Sen. Forby | <p>HB 314 is a supplemental appropriations bill for FY 09. It reduces the appropriation for transitional assistance from \$36,763,600 to \$19,209,924. The \$17,553,676 that is removed from the line will go into a new appropriations line for Funding for Children Requiring Special Education Hold Harmless. Effective June 26, 2009.</p> |
| HB 325 | PA 96-0538 | Rep. Fortner Sen. Hultgren | <p>HB 325 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. For 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 August 14, 2009.</p> |
| HB 353 | PA 96-0655 | Rep. Winters | <p>HB 353 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. The bill 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. The</p> |

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| | | Send. Syverson | <p>bill deletes existing language providing that the sign shall indicate that the number is to be called to report erratic driving by the school bus driver and adds language requiring that the sign shall be in the following form: "TO COMMENT ON MY DRIVING, CALL (area code and telephone number of school bus owner)". Existing school buses 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.</p> <p>The bill also makes changes concerning license plates, which do not affect ISBE or school districts. Effective January 1, 2010.</p> |
| HB 363 | PA 96-0803 | Rep. Soto Sen. Delgado | HB 363 amends Article 34 of the School Code to require 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. The task force, with the help of independent experts, will 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. Draft recommendations, final proposed policy and legislative recommendations, and final recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the school district by October 30, 2009. Requires ISBE and the school district to provide administrative support to the task force. Effective immediately. |
| HB 379 | PA 96-0588 | Rep. Connelly Sen. Cronin | HB 379 amends the Illinois Procurement Code to authorize 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, including but not limited to telecommunications services, communications services, Internet services, information services and contracts for construction projects. The bill further requires that the method must 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. The bill also creates the Local Government Electronic Reverse Auction Act to permit 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 August 18, 2009. |
| HB 380 | PA 96-0357 | Rep. Nekritz Sen. Garrett | HB 380 provides that each school board employing an employee who is an elected trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) 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 may reimburse affected school |

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| | | | districts for the actual cost of hiring a substitute employee during such leaves of absence. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| HB 392 | PA 96-0144 | Rep. Golar Sen. Martinez | HB 392 amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act to make 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 August 7, 2009. |
| HB 398 | PA 96-0002 | Rep. Madigan Sen. Clayborne, Jr. | HB 398 amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to provide that all rulemaking authority exercised on or after the effective date of the 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 February 26, 2009. |
| HB 475 | PA 96-0360 | Rep. Winters Sen. Syverson | <p>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.</p> <p>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. However, the bill allows that a school board may establish 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.</p> |
| HB 547 | PA 96-0874 | Rep. Pihos Sen. Radogno | Creates the Identity Protection Act to address problems associated with identity theft and State and local government's use of social security numbers. Requires state and local government to take several actions to further protect social security numbers from identity thieves. Actions include better training for employees on how to handle SSN's and limiting the public's access to SSN. State and local governments must create SSN protection policies to better train their employees to protect social security numbers. Violation of act is a Class B misdemeanor. |

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| HB 557 | PA 96-0807 | Rep. Chapa LaVia Sen. Holmes | HB 557 amends the Criminal Code of 1961 to expand the statute concerning interference with a public institution of higher education to also include interference with public elementary and secondary schools. The bill provides that the interference with the public institution of education accompanied by a threat of personal injury or property damage is a Class 3 felony. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 605 | PA 96-0364 | Rep. Yarbrough Sen. Martinez | This legislation extends the deadline for the Ensuring Success in School Task Force report to December 1, 2009 (instead of January 1, 2009). Effective August 13, 2009. |
| HB 613 | PA 96-0841 | Rep. Eddy Sen. Cronin | Amends the School Code to make changes in provisions requiring certain contracts to be awarded by competitive bid. The bill 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, except for bids for construction purposes, which cannot be done electronically. Effective immediately. |
| HB 628 | PA 96-0657 | Rep. Osterman Sen. Steans | Amends Article 14C 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 to provide 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. The 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. 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. 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 August 25, 2009. |
| HB 645 | PA 96-0367 | Rep. Burke Sen. Martinez | HB 645 amends the School Code in provisions concerning an employee's sick leave and compulsory school age exemptions. The bill provides that when required, certain certificates may be issued by a chiropractic physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| HB 655 | PA 96-0368 | Rep. Golar Sen. Collins | HB 655 creates the Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force Act and establishes a task force of the same name. The task force shall analyze (i) programs and policies of the State to determine what changes, modifications, and innovations |

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| | | | 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. The task force must meet for the first time no later than 90 days after the effective date and shall 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 August 13, 2009. |
| HB 684 | PA 96-0746 | Rep. Burns Sen. Raoul | HB 684 establishes a grant program for 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), <u>subject to available appropriation for such purposes.</u> The bill requires a request-for-proposals process to be used in awarding grants and 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. The bill also outlines certain components in order to qualify for a grant. With respect to the Illinois P-20 Council, the bill is further amended to allow 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 August 25, 2009. **There was no appropriation for this program in FY 10. |
| HB 725 | PA 96-0843 | Rep. Watson Sen. Hultgren | HB 725 encourages school boards to implement American Sign Language (ASL) courses into school foreign language curriculum. The bill also amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois with respect to public universities to (i) provide that the foreign language admission requirement may be deemed to include American Sign Language and (ii) allows the award of academic credit for the successful completion of an ASL course. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 737 | PA 96-0373 | Rep. Smith Sen. Lightford | HB 737 amends Section 2-3.53a of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.53a] regarding the New Principal Mentoring Program 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. A provision requiring the completion of a survey of progress has been removed from the statute. The bill also provides that the master principal designation program include mentoring master level principals and that ISBE shall select, through a competitive application process, a statewide entity or entities to receive funds appropriated for the purpose of |

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| | | | providing a master principal designation program. Finally, the bill provides that the "master principal designation program" shall also be known as the Illinois Distinguished Principal Leadership Institute. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| HB 740 | PA 96-0659 | Rep. Graham Sen. Steans | <p>HB 740 creates, subject to appropriation, a State grant program established by ISBE 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. Under the legislation, 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. ISBE may 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 August 25, 2009.</p> <p><u>No appropriation was made for this purpose for FY 10</u></p> |
| HB 806 | PA 96-0864 | Rep. Fortner Sen. Harmon | HB 806 provides that children who have attended a non-public preschool and continued their education at that school through kindergarten and who will attain the age of 6 years on or before December 31 of the year of the 2009-2010 school term and each school term thereafter to attend first grade upon commencement of such term must be based upon an assessment of the child's readiness. Provides that subject to the availability of funds, the Department of Human Services shall operate a Gateways to Opportunity program, a comprehensive professional development system the goal of which is to support a diverse, stable, and quality workforce for settings serving children and youth. Provides that the Department shall award Gateways to Opportunity credentials to early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners to validate an individual's qualifications and that the credentials shall be issued based on a variety of professional achievements in field experience, knowledge and skills, educational attainment, and training accomplishments. Provides that the Gateways to Opportunity program shall identify professional knowledge guidelines for practitioners serving children and youth. Provides that the professional knowledge guidelines shall define what all adults who work with children and youth need to know, understand, and be able to demonstrate to support children's and youth's development, school readiness, and school success. Effective July 1, 2009. |
| HB 809 | PA 96-0769 | Rep. Fortner Sen. Demuzio | HB 809 seeks to clarify the process for a district seeking to withdraw from a special education cooperative. The bill does several things, including: (i) allowing a school district to withdraw from a special education cooperative if there is unanimous agreement from all school districts involved in the cooperative (currently even under a consensus agreement, an argument could be made that the party wishing to withdraw needed to go through the lengthy petition process); (ii) specifies that petitions for withdrawal (if there is not consensus agreement among |

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| | | | all districts) will be made to the regional board or boards of school trustees that exercise oversight or governance over the joint agreement (in the current statute, the language appears to require the involvement of any and all regions that have any land of any of the districts in the cooperative); (iii) lays out how the hearing will be held, or how the joint hearing will be held in the event that more than one regional board of school trustees has oversight and governance over the districts in the joint agreement; (iv) makes clear that when the regional board or boards of school trustees has been abolished, the petitions for withdrawal will be made to the school boards of the districts that fall under the oversight of the abolished regional board of trustees; and, (v) provides that these changes affect all special education joint membership agreements initiated after July 1, 2009. Effective August 28, 2009. |
| HB 900 | PA 96-0382 | Rep. Jakobsson Sen. Frerichs | HB 900 amends the School Code to require 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. The Councils must 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. The bill sets forth what the recommendations must include. Effective August 12, 2009.. |
| HB 921 | PA 96-0748 | Rep. Burke Sen. Sandoval | HB 921 amends the Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act to delete a requirement that a physical fitness facility have a trained AED user present during all physical fitness activities, and instead require that the facility must have an AED user on staff "during staffed business hours". Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 944 | PA 96-0668 | Rep. Eddy Sen. Righter | HB 944 provides that a school district must not be certified by the State Board of Education to be in financial difficulty solely by reason of the failure of this State to make timely payments of general State aid or any of the mandated categoricals. It also 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 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 August 25, 2009. |
| HB 972 | PA 96-0084 | Rep. Chapa LaVia Sen. Munoz | HB 972 requires 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 July 27, 2009. |
| HB 973 | PA 96-0383 | Rep. Chapa LaVia | HB 973 amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act to provide that the program may include instruction in grades 8 through 12 on teen dating |

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| | | Sen. Steans | violence. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 979 | PA 96-0187 | Rep. Coulson Sen. Koehler | HB 979 amends Article 14 of the School Code to make changes concerning transition goals, supports, and services. The bill removes certain provisions concerning transition goals and supports and provides instead that beginning no later than the first individualized education plan (IEP) in effect when the student turns age 14 ½ (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. Additionally, the bill 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 submission of a summary to the local Transition Planning Committee. Effective August 10, 2009. |
| HB 999 | PA 96-0019 | Rep. Eddy Sen. Demuzio | HB 999 amends the School Code to allow a school district to establish a line of credit with a bank or other financial institution, instead of just a bank. 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 for educational and building purposes). 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). A school board may 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. Other educational entities or a regional superintendent of schools can also 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 June 26, 2009. |
| HB 1013 | PA 96-0073 | Rep. Boland Sen. Sullivan | HB 1013 creates the Green Buildings Act. The bill 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. A waiver of the standards by the Capital Development Board or another agency is permitted under certain specific criteria. CDB must analyze and evaluate the Act's green building standards after the earlier of 5 years or the completion of 10 Board green projects. Effective July 24, 2009. |
| HB 1035 | PA 96-0191 | Rep. Flider | HB 1035 amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public |

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| | | Sen. Hutchinson | <p>universities in Illinois. ISBE is required to promote an annual campaign about disability history and awareness in this State. School districts are to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement and the regional superintendent of schools must monitor a school district's compliance. Public universities must also conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2010.</p> |
| HB 1079 | PA 96-0194 | Rep. Eddy Sen. Demuzio | <p>HB 1079 creates the Dual Credit Quality Act. The bill requires ICCB and IBHE 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). The bill also sets forth provisions concerning standards that institutions of higher learning must meet if offering dual credit courses, and oversight and review of dual credit programs. 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 in specified provisions. ISBE, ICCB and IBHE shall include information regarding student participation and performance in dual credit programs and their success in postsecondary education in a statewide longitudinal data system.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2010.</p> |
| HB 1105 | PA 96-0772 | Rep. Reboletti Sen. Murphy | <p>HB 1105 amends the Criminal Code of 1961 to provide 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).</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2010.</p> |
| HB 1107 | PA 96-0252 | Rep. Eddy. Sen. Righter | <p>HB 1107 amends the School Code in provisions concerning a school board's power to levy a tax for the purpose of altering or reconstructing a school building or permanent, fixed equipment as a result of an order of an agency having authority to enforce a school building code or a law or regulation for the protection and safety of the environment; provides that, in the case of an emergency situation where the estimated cost to effectuate emergency repairs is less than the amount specified in the contract bidding provisions of the School Code, the school district may proceed with such repairs prior to approval by the State Superintendent of Education under certain conditions. Provides that if the estimated cost to effectuate emergency repairs is greater than the amount specified in the contract bidding provisions of the School Code, then the school district shall proceed in conformity with those provisions and with rules established by the State Board of Education to address such situations. Requires the rules to stipulate that emergency situations must be expedited and given priority consideration. Effective August 11,</p> |

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| HB 1108 | PA 96-0568 | Rep. Eddy Sen. Demuzio | HB 1108 makes changes with respect to the establishment and purpose of a regional office of education advisory board by providing that, beginning October 1, 2009, a board shall be established within each region serving Class I counties or within each group of regions participating in an intergovernmental agreement for the provision of professional development to advise the regional superintendent of schools of the region or regions involved concerning the planning and delivery of professional development programs and services. Provides that a board shall consist of at least 9 members (instead of requiring that a board consist of 13 members). Makes changes concerning the qualifications, nomination, and selection of members. Removes a provision concerning a 4-year term for members. Makes changes concerning when the board must meet and the board's duties. Effective August 18, 2010. |
| HB 1190 | PA 96-0257 | Rep. Smith Sen. Demuzio | HB 1190 amends Article 14 of the School Code. It provides for a definition of "qualified worker" instead of "professional worker". In a Section concerning State reimbursement for personnel and transportation, makes changes concerning reimbursement for staff working on behalf of children who have not been identified as eligible for special education and for eligible children with physical disabilities, including eligible children in hospital or home instruction. It also sets forth requirements in order to qualify for home or hospital instruction. ISBE must establish rules governing the required qualifications of staff providing home or hospital instruction. In addition, the bill makes changes concerning reimbursement for the cost of transportation, including changing the amount from 4/5 of the cost to 80% of the cost, as well as with respect to reimbursement for each qualified worker, for the director, and for non-certified employees. Effective August 11, 2009. |
| HB 1197 | PA 96-0258 | Rep. Black Sen. Frerichs | HB 1197 creates Section 17-2.11c of the School to provide 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 August 11, 2009. |
| HB 1332 | PA 96-0513 | Sen. Koehler Rep. Boland | HB 1332 creates the Official United States Flag Act to provide that each agency of the State government and each unit of local government shall ensure that each United States flag that is flown at each building, structure, or facility that is owned or occupied entirely by the agency or unit of local government is manufactured in the United States. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 1335 | PA 96-0674 | Rep. Schmitz Sen. Althoff | HB 1335 amends the School Code to provide 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. The bill further 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. CDB will provide administrative and other |

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| | | | <p>support to the task force. The task force must report its recommendations to the Capital Development Board and the General Assembly (no date specified), and upon reporting its recommendations the task force is dissolved. Effective August 25, 2009.</p> <p>**ISBE does not sit on this task force</p> |
| HB 2129 | PA 96-0113 | Rep. Madigan Sen. Sullivan | <p>HB 2129 is one of ISBE's budget bills. Specifically the bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains only funds for MCATs and GSA • \$3,825,200 – State GSA contribution • \$601,717,200 – ARRA Education funds to be used towards GSA • \$295,743,800 – ARRA Other Government Services Funds to be used towards GSA • \$1,926,936,800 – MCATS (at the Board's FY 10 recommended levels) • \$15,670,600 - Hold harmless <p>Effective July 31, 2009.</p> |
| HB 2206 | PA 96-0046 | Rep. Madigan Sen. Trotter | HB 2206 contains Other State (Non-GRF) and Federal Funds for various state agencies. Effective July 15, 2009. |
| HB 2235 | PA 96-0266 | Rep. Davis Sen. Lightford | <p>HB 2235 amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. The bill 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.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2010.</p> |
| HB 2321 | PA 96-0273 | Rep. Brauer Sen. Bomke | HB 2321 amends Section 19-1 of the School Code to allow Rochester Community Unit School District 3A to issue bonds that will exceed the district's debt limitation. The district will be able to issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000 (instead of \$15,000,000). Effective August 11, 2009. |
| HB 2352 | PA 96-0261 | Rep. Joyce Sen. Trotter | HB 2352 amends the School Code to provide that a school district, including its agents, employees, student or alumni associations, or any affiliates, may not provide a student's name, address, telephone number, social security number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information to a business organization or financial institution that issues credit or debit cards. |
| HB 2362 | PA 96-0392 | Rep. Smith | HB 2362 amends the School Code to add contracts providing for the transportation of students |

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| | | Sen. Cronin | with special needs or disabilities to the list of exceptions to the requirement that certain contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The bill further 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 proposals regarding quality of service, and then price. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 2400 | PA 96-0036 | Rep. Lang Sen. Cullerton | Among other things, HB 2400 contains \$420M in bonding authorization for school construction. Effective July 13, 2009. |
| HB 2424 | PA 96-0037 | Rep. Lang Sen. Trotter | <p><u>HB 2424 makes authorization for several new construction grant programs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization for ISBE to make grants for school energy efficiency projects. CPS will get 20% of the funds (P. 39-40) • Authorization for CDB to make grants to public school districts and not-for-profits for early childhood construction projects. CDB will have to work in consultation with ISBE to establish standards for the determination of priority needs concerning early childhood projects located in communities in the State with the greatest underserved population of young children, utilizing Census data and other reliable local early childhood service data. CPS will get 20% of these funds. (P. 40-41) • Authorization for CDB to make grants to charter schools for construction projects. These charters must receive silver certification for the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System. (P. 41-42) <p>Effective July 13, 2009.</p> |
| HB 2437 | PA 96-0075 | Rep. May Sen. Wilhelmi | <p>HB 2437 amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to provide 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. State-owned buildings can deplete existing cleaning and maintenance supply stocks and implement the requirements in the procurement cycle for the following year. State-owned buildings are exempted from meeting the requirement if adhering to the requirement it would not be economically feasible for the building.</p> <p>The bill also amends the Green Cleaning Schools Act to makes changes to a provision concerning legislative findings. It further 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 July 24, 2009.</p> |

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| HB 2445 | PA 96-0813 | Rep. Chapa LaVia Sen. Sullivan | HB 2445 amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act to make changes concerning Board attorneys and investigators, choice of employee organization, unit clarification petitions, and arbitration procedures. Effective immediately. |
| HB 2448 | PA 96-0684 | Rep. Miller Sen. Clayborne | HB 2448 amends the School Code to allow a school district, by resolution of its school board, to develop a policy to establish a remote educational program. A "remote educational program" is defined as an educational program delivered to students in the home or other location outside of a school building that meets specified criteria. The bill specifies what the 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. 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. 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. Furthermore, the bill allows that the 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. 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. ISBE may adopt any rules necessary to ensure compliance of remote educational programs. Effective August 25, 2009. |
| HB 2474 | PA 96-0593 | Rep. Howard Sen. Raoul | HB 2474 creates the Task Force on Inventorying Employment Restrictions Act and a task force of the same name within the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. 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. On or before September 1, 2010, all state agencies must provide a report to the task force relating to employment restrictions that are based on criminal records. 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 December 31, 2010. Effective August 18, 2009. |
| HB 2530 | PA 96-0102 | Rep. Holbrook Sen. Clayborne | HB 2530 amends the School Code to specifically state that ISBE can distribute loan or grant moneys for temporary relocation expenses to school districts as a result of mine subsidence. The bill also amends the School Construction Law to specifically state that the replacement or reconstruction of school buildings destroyed or damaged by mine subsidence will fall under the first priority. Effective July 29, 2009. |
| HB 2547 | PA 96-0814 | Rep. Fritchey | HB 2547 amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to provide that with respect to a non-sectarian nursery, day care center, school, or other place of education that is a place of public |

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| | | Sen. Steans | 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) severe or pervasive harassment of an individual when the covered entity fails to take corrective action to stop the severe or pervasive harassment, 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 January 1, 2010. |
| HB 2619 | PA 96-0517 | Rep. Eddy Sen. Righter | <p>HB 2619 is special legislation for Martinsville Community Unit School District 3C and Gillespie Community Unit School District 7. Specifically, the bill 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. The replacement building can be larger than the size of and offer more functions than the school building being replaced. 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 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 August 14, 2009.</p> <p>The bill also 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. The replacement building to be larger than the size of and offer more functions than the school building being replaced. 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. PTELL is also amended to provide that "aggregate extension" excludes special purposes extensions made for the taxing district to pay interest or principal on the bonds. Effective August 14, 2009.</p> |
| HB 2674 | PA 96-0401 | Rep. Eddy | HB 2674 amends the School District Financial Oversight Panel and Emergency Financial |

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| | | Sen. Demuzio | Assistance Law of the School Code. The bill 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. If 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, appoints a chief fiscal officer who, under the direction of the school board and Financial Oversight Panel, the CFO 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 August 13, 2009. |
| HB 2675 | PA 96-0689 | Rep. Eddy Sen. Demuzio | <p>HB 2675 does two things:</p> <p>The bill 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Effective August 25, 2009.</p> |
| HB 2871 | PA 96-0403 | Rep. Bassi Sen. Meeks | HB 2871 amends the School Code to provide that the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to administrative charge transfers from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of this State. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| HB 3600 | PA 96-0404 | Rep. Beaubien, Jr. Sen. Sullivan | HB 3600 amends the School Code with respect to agricultural (instead of agriculture) science teacher education. The bill 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). The bill also makes changes concerning |

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| | | | the activities for which the funds may be used. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| HB 3673 | PA 96-0300 | Rep. Gordon Sen. Koehler | HB 3673 amends the State aid formula with respect to determining Available Local Resources. The bill 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 August 11, 2009. |
| HB 3731 | PA 96-0088 | Rep. Mathias Sen. Murphy | HB 3731 amends a provision of the School Code that allows awarding high school diplomas to honorably discharged Veterans of the World War II and the Korean War to also include those honorably discharged veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States during the Vietnam Conflict. Effective July 27, 2009. |
| HB 3787 | PA 96-0089 | Rep. Tryon Sen. Althoff | <p>HB 3787 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.</p> <p>If a permit holder fails to comply with the school bus driver permit requirements while called to active duty, the Secretary of State may not characterize the permit as invalid. Once a school bus driver permit holder who is a service member returns from active duty, he or she must renew his or her permit within 90 days. "Active duty" is defined 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. A "service member" is defined as a member of the armed services or reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois National Guard. Effective July 27, 2009.</p> |
| HB 3982 | PA 96-0410 | Rep. D'Amico Sen. Meeks | <p>HB 3982 amends the School Code and the Illinois Vehicle Code. It 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 an 11-15 passenger van.</p> <p>The bill adds a provision 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. Provides instead that a school district transporting students in grade 12 or below for an interscholastic, interscholastic athletic, or school-sponsored, noncurricular-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</p> |

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| | | | 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. |
| HB 3990 | PA 96-0579 | Rep. Hamos Sen. Collins | <p>HB 3990 creates the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act and sets forth procurement goals for local farm or food products. The Council shall be created by the Department of Agriculture in accordance with Section 10 of the State Agency Entity Creation Act.</p> <p>The bill also creates the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council ("Local Food Council"), a not-for-profit corporation tasked with facilitating the growth of an Illinois-based local farm and food product economy and lays out the responsibilities of the Local Food Council and composition and governance of the Local Food Council. Regarding governance of the Council, the bill states that the Council can apply for and establish a not-for-profit corporation; states 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; exempts the Council from the Public Funds Investment Act and Illinois Procurement Code; provides that the Council may be assisted in carrying out its functions by personnel of the Department of Agriculture; and authorizes the development of a labeling and certification program different than the "Illinois Product" labeling program.</p> <p>The bill also amends the Department of Agriculture Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and 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. The Department is authorized 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. It further requires the label and certification program to be developed jointly with the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council and that the Department must adopt rules necessary to implement the labeling program. Effective August 18, 2009.</p> |
| HB 4038 | PA 96-0412 | Rep. Schmitz Sen. Frerichs | HB 4038 amends the School Code in existing provisions that allow students in grade 7 or 8 to enroll in a high school course to allow 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 August 13, 2009. |
| HB 4117 | PA 96-0414 | Rep. Mulligan | HB 4117 amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act to provide that a "hard-to-staff" school include the Department of Juvenile Justice School District. |

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| | | Sen. Althoff | Effective January 1, 2010. |
| HB 4223 | PA 96-0417 | Rep. May Sen. Luechtefel d | HB 4223 recommends that every occupied school building of a school district be tested every 5 years for radon and 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. The bill further requires the district to report radon test results to the State Board of Education and for 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. Further, if Illinois Emergency Management Agency 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. 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. 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. 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. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 35 | PA 96-0051 | Sen. Garrett Rep. Pihos | SB 35 amends the School Code with respect to sick leave for teachers employed in districts other than the Chicago school district. The bill 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. 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. Effective July 23, 2009. |
| SB 51 | PA 96-0795 | Sen. Schoenber g /Rep. Madigan | SB 51 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 to make changes with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agency internal auditors • Finance authority project and action summaries • Chief procurement officers • State leases • The Procurement Policy Board • The Illinois Procurement Bulletin • Competitive sealed bidding |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 interest • State bond issuance contracts • State contract voidability • State property concessions • Duties of State grant application and recipients, associate procurement officers, contract compliance monitors and an Executive Procurement Officer • Suspension of State grants <p>It also creates the Local Government Electronic Reverse Auction Act which authorizes the use of electronic reverse auctions by units of local government. Effective upon becoming law.</p> |
| SB 54 | PA 96-0555 | Sen. Garrett Rep. Madigan | SB 54 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. The bill 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 August 18, 2009, in part and January 1, 2010, in part. |
| SB 75 | PA 96-0052 | Sen. Bond Rep. Hoffman | SB 75 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code in provisions that set 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. The bill provides that those purposes include the Safe Routes to School |

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| | | | 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 July 23, 2009. |
| SB 79 | PA 96-0119 | Sen. Link Rep. Burke | SB 79 requires that school districts and other entities receiving grants under Section 2-3.71(4.5) of the School Code (preschool for all programs) enter into agreements with local Head Start programs no later than three months after their receipt of a grant. An exception to this deadline is made in the case of FY 2010 grantees, which must have the agreement in place by a deadline established by ISBE in order to continue to receive funding in FY 2011. The purpose of the agreement is to assure that the preschool for all program collaborates with the Head Start program in its area regarding program objectives and activities, service areas, priorities for selecting participants, staff training, provision and use of facilities, improving local planning and collaboration, and disseminating information to parents before and during their children's participation, among others. The bill makes an exception to meeting the requirements for programs in areas in which the Head Start program chooses not to enter into such agreement and requires ISBE to make information about such circumstances available to the public. Effective August 4, 2009. |
| SB 187 | PA 96-0056 | Sen. Maloney Rep. Smith | SB 187 amends the School Code with respect to administrative certificates. The bill 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). Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 189 | PA 96-0542 | Sen. Raoul Rep. Madigan | SB 189 amends the Open Meetings Act and the Attorney General Act concerning a Public Access Counselor in the Office of the Attorney General. The bill also amends the Freedom of Information Act to make changes concerning: the Act's purpose, policy, and presumptions; defines terms; procedures for responding to requests for disclosure of public records; fees; public body freedom of information officers; denial of requests; exemptions from disclosure; exempted security information; and civil penalties. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 204 | PA 96-0057 | Sen. Demuzio Rep. Hoffman | SB 204 amends the School Code, various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois, and the Public Community College Act. With respect to school districts, the bill 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 and the board at public universities to make mutually agreed buildings of the institution |

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| | | | 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 July 23, 2009. |
| SB 235 | PA 96-0705 | Sen. Lightford Rep. Turner | SB 235 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). Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 269 | PA 96-0616 | Sen. Demuzio Rep. Pihos | SB 269 amends the School Code in provisions concerning the duty of the regional superintendent of schools to conduct courses of instruction for school bus drivers. The bill allows for an increase in fees for providing such courses for the Regional Superintendent's office. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 315 | PA 96-861 | Sen. Lightford Rep. Chapa LaVia | SB 315, the Performance Evaluation Reform Act of 2010 implements new teacher and principal evaluations statewide that must incorporate measure(s) of student growth and professional practice. |
| SB 364 | PA 96-0006 | Sen. Schoenberg Rep. Madigan | SB 364 amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act to require members of the board of any pension fund or retirement system established under the Illinois Pension Code to file a statement of economic interests and 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". Provides that 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. 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 |

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| | | | <p>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 April 3, 2009.</p> |
| SB 611 | PA 96-0783 | Sen. Harmon Rep. Mautino | <p>SB 611 provides that school technology loans under the School Technology Revolving Loan Program shall be made available to State-recognized, non-public schools. Priority for grants shall be given to public school districts, charter schools, area vocational centers, and laboratory schools that apply prior to October 1 of each year. ISBE may 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.</p> <p>The bill also amends the Local Government Property Transfer Act to include in the definition of "municipality" and "transferee municipality" to include [???] 2 or more school districts operating a cooperative or joint special education program. The bill also 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</p> |

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| | | | 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. The bill 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. Language is removed from a provision referencing the withdrawal of districts from a joint agreement by petition to the regional board of school trustees. The bill further 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). For the process for the withdrawal from a joint agreement, the language states that the amendatory provisions apply to withdrawals from or dissolutions of special education joint agreements initiated after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective August 28, 2009. |
| SB 612 | PA 96-0105 | Sen. Lightford /Rep. Mitchell | <p>SB 612 makes changes to the Charter Schools Law. The bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doubles the charter school limit from 60 to 120. Chicago will be permitted 75 charters and the rest of downstate will have 45; • Provides that 5 of the charters in Chicago will be for dropouts. These dropout charters can have up to 15 campuses and a maximum of 1,875 students with a maximum of 165 students at 1 campus; • Requires 75% of the teachers in a charter school to have a teaching certificate within 3-4 years, depending upon when the school opened; • Requires charter schools to annually submit to ISBE a copy of their audit report and Form 990; • Provides ISBE more time to approve charter school proposals for one year; • Requires ISBE or a local school board to inform a charter school in writing why its charter is subject to revocation and give the school a chance to rectify the problem; • Requires ISBE to submit a report on charter schools to the GA and Governor every 2 years, instead of annually; • Creates an Independent Charter School Authorizer Task Force; • Limits the number of contract schools and contract turnaround schools Chicago can operate. <p>Effective July 30, 2009.</p> |
| SB 613 | PA 96-0421 | Sen. Bond Rep. Howard | SB 613 creates the Children's Low-cost Laptop Act. The bill requires ISBE 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. A "low-cost laptop" is defined as a portable personal |

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| | | | computing device under \$400 in initial cost or with a financed cost of under \$250 per year. The bill also sets forth program and reporting requirements, including the requirement that the pilot program last for a period of at least 2 years. This act is repealed August 31, 2012. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| SB 616 | PA 96-862 | Sen. Meeks Rep. Chapa LaVia | Amends the School Code. Provides that alternative certification programs may be provided by various types of qualified providers, including both institutions of higher education and other providers operating independently from institutions of higher education; provided however, that any and all programs must be approved by the State Board of Education in accordance with rules and regulations. Changes provisions concerning the alternative certification of teachers. Changes provisions concerning the alternative route to teacher and administrative certification, including National Board Certified Teachers. Effective immediately. |
| SB 1216 | PA 96-0042 | Sen. Trotter Rep. Madigan | FY09 Supplemental Appropriation for ISBE. Provides corrections to General State Aid appropriations after final guidance was given by the US Dept of Education in completing the State Stabilization Fund application. |
| SB 1276 | PA 96-0062 | Sen. Demuzio Rep. Watson | SB 1276 creates a superintendent's mentoring program, subject to appropriation. The bill 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. The bill outlines 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. Effective July 23, 2009. |
| SB 1293 | PA 96-0063 | Sen. Clayborne, Jr. Rep. Jackson, Sr. | SB 1293 amends Section 19-1 of the School Code. These changes allow Belle Valley School District 119 to issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$47,500,000. The conditions for allowing the issuance of bonds are defined, 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. The bonds must mature within not to exceed 30 years from their date, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. Effective July 23, 2009. |
| SB 1341 | PA 96-0625 | Sen. Holmes Rep. D'Amico | Amends the Vehicle Code, Clerk of the Courts Act and the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that any person who receives court supervision for a Vehicle Code violation shall pay an additional fee of \$10 (current fee is \$20). \$9 of the additional fee shall be deposited into the Driver's Education Fund and the remaining \$1 shall be deposited into the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and Administration Fund. |
| SB 1372 | PA 96-0065 | Sen. Kotowski | SB 1372 amends the Children and Family Services Act to provide that the Department of Children and Family Services shall work with representatives of residential services providers |

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| | | Rep. Froehlich | and with representatives of other State agencies to develop a performance-based model for residential services. 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. 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 23, 2009. |
| SB 1433 | PA 96-0044 | Sen. Trotter Rep. Mautino | Provides for fund sweeps from various agency funds, including several ISBE funds for FY 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's Ed Fund: \$2,244,000 • School District's Emergency Financial Assistance Fund \$2,059,200 • School Asbestos Abatement Fund: \$299,600 • School Technology Revolving Loan Fund: \$1,230,000 • Charter Schools Revolving Loan Fund: \$82,000 • Temporary Relocation Expenses Revolving Fund: \$460,000 Effective July 15, 2009. |
| SB 1508 | PA 96-0628 | Sen. Koehler Rep. Pihos | SB 1508 amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. The bill 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 provisions of State or federal law or rule or regulation. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 1557 | PA 96-0629 | Sen. Delgado Rep. Hernandez | SB 1557 amends the School Code in a Section requiring the history of the United States to be taught. The changes provide 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. Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 1570 | PA 96-0725 | Sen. Pankau Rep. Kosel | SB 1570 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. The School Wind and Solar Generation Program is created to fund wind generation projects and solar generation projects for school districts and community college districts. The bill allows the Illinois Finance Authority to implement and administer the program to award full or partial low-interest loans for, without limitation, engineering studies, |

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| | | | feasibility studies, research studies, and construction costs. 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 and all repayments of loans shall be deposited into the Fund. All money in the Fund must be used for the purposes of the program. The bill further 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. It also 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 August 25, 2009. |
| SB 1602 | PA 96-0543 | Sen. Garrett Rep. Franks | <p>SB 1602 creates the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act.</p> <p>This legislation establishes ethics requirements and restrictions for current and prospective members of boards and commissions appointed by the Governor. It also requires the Governor's office of Boards and Commissions to establish and maintain an Internet database of information concerning board and commission membership. The database shall include, at a minimum the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The qualifications for and the powers, duties, and responsibilities of each appointed position 2. The name and term of each appointed member 3. Each current vacancy 4. Information on how to apply for appointment, including a uniform downloadable application that may be submitted electronically 5. SOS website link allowing the public to search Statements of Economic Interest <p>Each board and commission with a website and full-time information technology staff must make minutes, recordings, dates, and agendas of its meetings available on its website.</p> <p>Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Requires appointees to certain gubernatorial boards and commissions to file statements of economic interests.</p> <p>Effective August 17, 2009.</p> |
| SB 1665 | PA 96-0128 | Sen. Jacobs Rep. Verschoore | SB 1665 amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act and the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. The legislation provides that the Comprehensive Health Education Program must include information about cancer, including various types of cancer, signs and symptoms, risk factors and early prevention. Currently the law states that comprehensive health education may include "early prevention and detection of cancer" and that language is being deleted and replaced with more prescriptive language. |

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| | | | <p>The bill also 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. The language further 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.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2010.</p> |
| SB 1675 | PA 96-0099 | Sen. Murphy Rep. McAsey | <p>HB 1675 requires that each school district will 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 Foundation. This is a requirement only if the film is made available to the district without any fee associated with the showing of the film.</p> <p>Effective July 27, 2009.</p> |
| SB 1718 | PA 96-0633 | Sen. Clayborne, Jr. Rep. Davis | <p>SB 1718 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). 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 August 24, 2009.</p> |
| SB 1769 | PA 96-0424 | Sen. Stearns Rep. May | <p>SB 1769 amends the School Code to require each school district and the Board of Education to adopt a procedure to comply with the requirements of the Lawn Care Products Application and Notice Act and the Structural Pest Control Act. Each entity must designate a staff person who is responsible for compliance with the requirements of those Acts. The bill also amends the Child Care Act of 1969 to require the owners and operators of licensed day care centers to ensure</p> |

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| | | | that lawn care products will not be applied to day care center grounds when children are present at a center or on its grounds. Amends the Lawn Care Products Application and Notice Act to requires applicators for hire to provide, upon request, a copy of the approved pesticide registration label as well as the material safety data sheet for applied lawn care product to certain persons. Requires schools and day care centers to give parents written or telephonic notice 4 days before applying pesticide on day care grounds or school grounds (now, written notice must be given 2 days before pesticides are applied to school grounds). Effective August 13, 2009. |
| SB 1796 | PA 96-0106 | Sen. Lightford Rep. Mitchell | SB 1795 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. The IHOPE Program shall award grants, subject to appropriation, 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. The 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. The bill also sets forth requirements for programs funded through the IHOPE Program, sub-grants, how funding is distributed, State aid, categories of programming, providing programming data to ISBE, and rules. ISBE 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. Effective July 30, 2009. |
| SB 1828 | PA 96-0107 | Sen. Steans Rep. Smith | SB 1828 creates the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act which requires ISBE, ICCB and IBHE 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, ISBE must establish a data warehouse in cooperation with ICCB and IBHE that integrates data from multiple student unit record systems and supports all of the uses and functions of the longitudinal data system. The data warehouse must have the ability to integrate longitudinal data from early learning through the postsecondary level. The bill further outlines provisions concerning the collection and maintenance of data, data sharing, privacy protection laws, the teacher and administrator identifier system, collection of data from charter school campuses and the performance of an evaluation and submission of a report. The bill also makes references to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act in the Illinois School Student Records Act. Effective July 30, 2009. |
| SB 1882 | PA 96-0798 | Sen. Cronin Rep. Fortner | SB 1882 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 all regional support systems for school districts, including without limitation the regional offices of |

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| | | | 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. The bill lays out other task force duties and membership and requires that a report be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly by August 1, 2010. Effective immediately. |
| SB 1926 | PA 96-0731 | Sen. Martinez Rep. McAsey | SB 1926 amends the School Construction Law to amend the definition of "school district" to include a Type 40 area vocational center if the joint agreement includes language that specifies how the debt obligation is to be paid, including in the event that an entity withdraws from the joint agreement. For the purpose of determining a Type 40 area vocational center's eligibility for an entity included in a school construction project grant or a school maintenance project grant, an area vocational center shall be deemed eligible if one or more of its member school districts satisfy the grant index criteria. Additionally, a Type 40 area vocational center that makes application for school construction funds after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall be placed on the respective application cycle list and must be placed last on the priority listing of eligible entities for the applicable fiscal year. The average of the grant indexes of the member districts in a joint agreement shall be used to calculate the amount of a school construction project grant awarded to an eligible Type 40 area vocational center. Effective August 25, 2009. |
| SB 1956 | PA 96-0640 | Sen. Demuzio Rep. Eddy | SB 1956 makes changes in the School Code regarding two areas: The bill 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 waivers to parent-teacher conference schedules in statute so that a district would not have to submit waivers to the General Assembly for approval. Further changes are made with respect to school holidays, which 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 August 24, 2009. |
| SB 1957 | PA 96-0158 | Sen. Demuzio Rep. Eddy | SB 1957 amends the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act and the Childhood Hunger Relief Act. The bill makes changes concerning the 3 components of the breakfast incentive program, including changing one of the components to a non-traditional breakfast incentive. The bill further makes changes to the required annual report ISBE must submit to the Governor and the General Assembly and to the contents of the report. Additional 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 August 7, 2009. |
| SB 1977 | PA 96-0734 | Sen. Meeks | SB 1977 makes changes to multiple areas of the School Code, including the Childhood Hunger |

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| | | Rep. Pritchard | Relief Act, the School Safety Drill Act, and the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, the 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, the 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. In addition, the bill repeals the Educationally Disadvantaged Children Article of the School Code, the Sex Education Act and the Recognized Normal School Act. Effective August 25, 2009. |
| SB 1984 | PA 96-0104 | Sen. Lightford Rep. Davis | SB 1984 amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. The bill provides that a charter school shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act and adds the statement "this bill is existing of amendatory law". In provisions concerning the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, the bill expands the definition of educational employer to include charter schools, turn around schools, private special education facilities that contract with public schools/cooperatives, and "a subcontractor of instructional services of a [non Article 34] school district." Effective January 1, 2010. |
| SB 1995 | PA 96-0787 | Sen. Wilhelmi Rep. Chapa LaVia | SB 1995 amends the Government Debt Reform Act, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act to authorize Lockport High School and Elgin Community College District No. 509 to issue bonds for building purposes for 25 years (instead of 20 years). Effective August 28, 2009. |
| SB 2014 | PA 96-0430 | Sen. Demuzio Rep. Pritchard | SB 2014 provides that a school district shall afford students one opportunity (instead of 2 opportunities) to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) beginning as late as practical during the spring (instead of second) semester of grade 11. The bill also adds exceptions from the requirement that a student not receive a high school diploma without taking the PSAE 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 August 13, 2009. |
| SB 2051 | PA 96-0152 | Sen. Crotty Rep. Chapa LaVia | SB 2051 amends the State aid formula provisions of the School Code with respect to equalized assessed valuation data. The bill states that 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 PTELL, affecting the Base Tax Year, the Extension Limitation EAV of the school |

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| | | | district, as calculated by ISBE, shall be equal to the product of the EAV last used in the calculation of general State aid times an amount equal to one plus the percentage increase, if any, in the CPI 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 EAV of new property, annexed property, and recovered tax increment value and minus the EAV of disconnected property. Effective August 7, 2009. |
| SB 2071 | PA 96-0431 | Sen. Haine Rep. Eddy | SB 2071 makes changes concerning educator misconduct. Specifically, the bill provides that it is a State's Attorney's duty to notify the State Superintendent of Education and others, including the chief school administrator of an employing nonpublic school, 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, the bill makes changes concerning the offenses for which a school board may not knowingly employ a person and 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). The bill vests the ability to initiate the suspension of up to 5 calendar years or revocation of any certificate with the State Superintendent (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). Further changes are made with respect to certificate suspension and revocation, the investigation, notice, a hearing, an appeal, and the offenses that are grounds for suspension and revocation. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| SB 2119 | PA 96-0109 | Sen. Steans Rep. Flynn Currie | SB 2119 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. The bill 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. <u>ISBE will provide the administrative support to the task force</u> and a comprehensive report must be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Superintendent of Education not later than December 31, 2009. Effective July 30, 2009. |
| SB 2270 | PA 96-0434 | Sen. Cronin Rep. Pihos | SB 2270 requires each school district to post on its 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. The bill sets forth what the salary compensation report must include. The report must 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 |

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| | | | school board enters into with an exclusive bargaining representative, requires the school board to provide the terms of that contract online. Effective August 13, 2009. |
| SB 2277 | PA 96-0647 | Sen. Cronin Rep. Biggins | SB 2277 requires the State Board of Education to implement a pilot program, subject to appropriation, to test digital technologies in 3 geographically diverse school districts. The bill sets forth the issues that the pilot program must examine and provides for a report and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. These provisions are repealed on January 16, 2013. Effective August 24, 2009. <u>No appropriation in FY 10</u> |
| HR 56 | N/A | Rep. Ford | Urges the State Board of Education to establish a comprehensive plan to close the student achievement gap by the 2010-2011 school year. |
| HJR 1 | N/A | Rep. Pihos Sen. Cronin | Extends the reporting deadline for the task force created by House Joint Resolution 24 of the 95th General Assembly. |
| HJR 4 | N/A | Rep. Reis Sen. Maloney | 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. |
| HJR 5 | N/A | Rep. William Sen. Delgado | Creates the School Success Task Force to examine issues and make recommendations related to current State Board of Education policies regarding suspensions, expulsions, and trancies. |
| HJR 6 | N/A | Rep. Nekritz Sen. Maloney | Creates the School Transportation Task Force to study the possibility of enacting legislation making changes to current transportation program. 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 as ex officio members. The Office of the Governor shall provide administrative support to the Task Force to the extent of its abilities and the task force shall report its findings and recommendations by June 30, 2010. |
| HJR 45 | N/A | Rep. May Sen. Frerichs | Creates a Task Force to investigate how to retrofit 3 public schools in the State of Illinois to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. |
| HJR 46 | N/A | Rep. Coulson Sen. Althoff | HJR 46 request that ISBE, 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. The Department of Public Health will provide administrative support for the task force, whose report will be due to the General Assembly by January 1, 2010. |

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| HJR 50 | N/A | Rep. Coulson Sen. Steans | HJR 50 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. The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support for the taskforce. The task force will report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2010. |
| HJR 76 | N/A | Rep. Mendoza Sen. Frerichs | Resolves that the General Assembly expressly reaffirms the State's obligation for economic development, including job creation in Illinois and the attraction of job-creating businesses to the State, including the iBio Institute and other not-for-profits wishing to lessen the economic burdens of State government. |
| SJR 5 | N/A | Sen. Hunter Rep. Howard | SJR 5 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. The committee will submit a report of its findings and recommendations by June 30, 2010. |
| SJR 7 | N/A | Sen. Crotty Rep. Riley | SJR 7 urges the DHS, in collaboration with the DCFS, Healthcare and Family Services, Corrections, Financial Institutions and Professional Regulation, ISBE, and the Illinois Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities to complete an assessment of existing State and federal assistance programs involving Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. |
| SJR 52 | N/A | Sen. Meeks Rep. Smith | <p>SJR 52 is the spring waiver resolution that limits or disapproves waivers requested by school districts and other eligible entities from the Spring 2009 waiver report. Specifically it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Limits behind-the-wheel waiver requests from Rock Island SD 41, Reavis THSD 220, Lyons THSD 204, and Moline USD 40 to one year. * Limits the driver's education fee waiver increase to \$350 and is disapproved for the remaining amount of their request. * Disapproves the request of Mannheim SD 83 with respect to the administrative cost cap. |
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