

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS

Bill Information

HB4 SCH CD-ELECTION DAY E-LEARNING *(MAYFIELD R)*

Amends the School Code. Permits student instruction to be received electronically under a school district's program for e-learning days while students are not physically present because a school was selected to be a polling place under the Election Code.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/24/2021 - Do Pass / Consent Calendar Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB7 SCH DISTRICT EFFICIENCY COMM *(MAYFIELD R)*


Amends the Conversion and Formation of School Districts Article of the School Code. Creates the School District Efficiency Commission. Provides for the membership and support of the Commission. Requires the Commission to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of school districts in this State, the optimal amount of enrollment for a school district, and where reorganization and realignment of school districts would be beneficial. Sets forth what areas the recommendations must focus on, including drafting specific propositions to reduce the statewide total number of school districts by no less than 25% through the reorganization of school districts into unit districts. Provides that, on or before May 1, 2022, the Commission must vote on its recommended propositions and file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly. Provides that if the Commission adopts the report by an affirmative vote of at least 11 of its members, then the Commission's specific propositions for reorganization of school districts into unit districts shall be filed with the appropriate regional superintendent of schools. Sets forth the regional superintendent's and State Superintendent of Education's duties with respect to the propositions. Repeals these provisions on January 31, 2023, and exempts these provisions from certain financial incentives. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

4/5/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Tim Ozinga

3/25/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Jonathan Carroll

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HB12 EDUC-FAMILY LEAVE ELIGIBILITY *(COSTA HOWARD T)*

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public schools, public universities, and public community colleges in Illinois.

Provides that an employee of a school district, public university, or community college district who has been employed for at least 12 months and who has worked at least 1,000 hours in the previous 12-month period shall be eligible for family and medical leave under the same terms and conditions as leave provided to eligible employees under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

RECENT STATUS

3/23/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Natalie A. Manley

3/18/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

3/15/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

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HB18 SCH CD-TEACHER EVALUATION *(SCHERER S)*

Amends the School Code. With regard to teacher evaluations, provides that no later than September 1, 2022, each school district must establish a teacher evaluation plan that ensures that each teacher in contractual continued service whose performance is rated as either "excellent" or "proficient" is evaluated at least once in the course of the 3 school years after receipt of the rating (rather than at least once in the course of every 2 school years) and establish an informal teacher evaluation plan that ensures that each teacher in contractual continued service whose performance is rated as either "excellent" or "proficient" is informally evaluated at least once in the course of the 2 school years after receipt of the rating.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading Consent Calendar

3/4/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/3/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

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HB21 PEN CD-TRS-SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS *(SCHERER S)*

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions that limit the number of days and hours an annuitant may accept employment for without impairing retirement status, provides that the limitation does not apply to an annuitant who returns to teaching as a substitute teacher in a school district that has been granted a waiver by the System. Provides that a school district may apply for a waiver by providing to the System sufficient evidence that there is a substitute teacher shortage in the school district and an estimate of the number of paid hours in the school year that the annuitant will work. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/15/2021 - House Personnel & Pensions, (First Hearing);

Time & Location: 11:00 AM, Virtual Room 3 - ILGA.gov

3/26/2021 - House Personnel & Pensions, (First Hearing)

3/18/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

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HB24 SCH CD-SEX EDUCATION-SEXTING *(WEST, II M)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that sex education course material and instruction in grades 6 through 12 must include an

age-appropriate discussion on sexting; defines "sexting". Provides that the discussion on sexting must include an exploration of: (i) the possible consequences of sexting, (ii) the identification of situations in which bullying or harassment result from sexting, (iii) the possible long-term consequences of sexting, (iv) the importance of using the Internet safely, (v) the identification of individuals in the school or community that may be contacted for assistance with issues, concerns, or problems, and (vi) the development of strategies for resisting peer pressure and for communicating in a positive manner. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/6/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Carol Ammons

3/24/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Recommends Be Adopted Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; 023-000-000

3/24/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Recommends Be Adopted Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; by Voice Vote

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HB26 SCH CD-INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY *(MAH T)*

Amends the School Code. To ensure that the content available on any third party online curriculum that is made available to enrolled students or the public by a school district through the Internet is readily accessible to persons with disabilities, provides that the State Board of Education shall require that the third party online curriculum comply with Level AA of the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

RECENT STATUS

4/6/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

4/6/2021 - Removed from Consent Calendar Status Rep. Theresa Mah

3/22/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Mark Batinick

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HB27 ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY *(WEST, II M)*

Amends the Election Code. Provides that General Election Day (rather than Columbus Day) is a State holiday for the purpose of extending date requirements in the Election Code. Makes similar changes in the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/22/2021 - House Ethics & Elections, (First Hearing)

3/15/2021 - House Ethics & Elections, (First Hearing)

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HB29 SCH CD-LAW ENFORCEMENT *(STAVA-MURRAY A)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that law enforcement officers shall not maintain a presence on school grounds unless there exists an imminent threat of danger to students at the school in question or there is reason to believe that urgent and immediate action is

necessary to prevent such danger to students. Makes conforming changes. Defines "school grounds". Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - Motions in Writing Motion to Table

2/10/2021 - Motion Filed - Table Bill/Resolution

1/19/2021 - Motion Filed - Table Bill/Resolution Pursuant to Rule 60(b), Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

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HB30 SCH CD-ISBE BIAS COMMITTEE *(DELGADO E)*

Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a committee to review educational standards and policies and to create suggestions to help address bias, discrimination, and inequity by including curriculum that represents diverse and historically underrepresented people.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB38 SCH CD-MINORITY CANDIDATES *(WEST, II M)*

Amends the School Code. Requires school districts with a population of 3,000 or more students to interview a minimum percentage of minority candidates for teaching positions. Exempts teaching positions within an English as a Second Language program from the requirement. Sets forth the formula for the school district to use to calculate the minimum percentage required. Provides that if the school district is unable to interview the required minimum percentage of minority candidates for 2 consecutive years, the school district must implement a program for school district employees interested in obtaining a Professional Educator License. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB80 SCH CD-K-12 BOOKS ABOUT RACISM *(FLOWERS M)*

Amends the School Code. Sets forth a list of nonfiction, fiction, and children's books about racism that shall be required reading for students in every public elementary and secondary school beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Requires that the instruction in the material presented by each book be age appropriate and taught at the appropriate grade level. Effectively immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB81 SCH CD-CHARACTER EDUCATION *(FLOWERS M)*

Amends the School Code. Requires the instruction on character education to include the teaching of respect toward a person's race or ethnicity or gender. With regard to the State Board of Education's school report card, requires data collected on curriculum information to include information on a school's instruction on character education.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/24/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; 014-009-000

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB100 ELEC CODE-ELECTION DAY-SCHOOLS *(CARROLL J)*

Amends the Election Code. Provides that regardless of whether a school is used as a polling place, school districts shall close all schools on the day of a general election. Removes language encouraging a school district to close a school or hold a teachers institute day on election day for a school that is used as a polling place.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/22/2021 - House Ethics & Elections, (First Hearing)

3/15/2021 - House Ethics & Elections, (First Hearing)

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HB167 SCH CD-SECURITY GRANTS-SRO *(DIDECH D)*

Amends the School Code. In a provision concerning school safety and security grants, allows a law enforcement agency that provides a school resource officer to a public school to be awarded a grant (to be used exclusively to defray the costs related to providing a school resource officer to a school located within a Tier 1 or Tier 2 school district). Allows grant funds to be used to defray the costs associated with hiring a school resource officer, with the State Board of Education prioritizing estimated law enforcement response time in awarding grant funds for such a purpose. Requires the State Board to annually disseminate a request for grant applications, requires grant funds to be distributed annually, and permits the State Board to adopt rules. In a provision concerning school resource officers, changes how "school resource officer" is defined. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

HB169 SCH CD-EXCUSED ABSENCE-HOLIDAY *(DIDECH D)*

Amends the Compulsory Attendance of Pupils Article of the School Code. Provides that a child may be absent from a public school because of religious reasons, including the observance of a religious holiday or participation in religious instruction. Removes the provision that requires a school board to prescribe rules relative to absences for religious holidays, including a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse a child's absence. Provides instead that a district superintendent shall develop and distribute to schools appropriate procedures with regard to an absence. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/5/2021 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Carol Ammons

3/18/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading Consent Calendar

3/4/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB194 OUTDOOR RX PROGRAM *(HARPER S)*

Creates the Outdoor Rx Program Act. Creates the Outside Rx Program to provide funds, through grants, subject to appropriation, established by the Department of Public Health, for outdoor environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource or outdoor-based therapy programs serving the citizens of the State of Illinois. Requires the Department to establish an advisory committee to assist and advise the Department in the development and administration of the Outdoor Rx Program, including developing the form for an application for receipt of a grant. Provides that the Department shall set priorities and develop criteria for the awarding of grants to natural resource or outdoor-based therapy programs. Provides criteria for grant eligibility and selection. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall make the final decision on funding a program. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Outdoor Rx Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury.

RECENT STATUS

4/9/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Natalie A. Manley

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/26/2021 - House Appropriations-Human Services, (First Hearing)

HB195 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL CHECK *(MEYERS-MARTIN D)*

Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Illinois State Police to furnish conviction information, pursuant to a fingerprint-based criminal history records check under the School Code, within 30 days after receipt of a request from a school board or regional superintendent of schools. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB221 SCH CD-APPLICATION-REFUND *(GREENWOOD L)*

Amends the School Code. Beginning July 1, 2021, provides that an individual who holds a Professional Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations (including an individual who has not been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher education) may apply for a refund of the required application fee after 12 months of issuance and shall be issued a refund by the State Board of Education if the individual provides evidence that the individual has taught at a school district for at least 12 months. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB225 SCH CD-SUB RECRUITING FIRMS *(GONZALEZ JR. E)*

Amends the School Code. In a provision concerning substitute teacher recruiting firms, provides that an individual hired by a recruiting firm may teach no more than 5 consecutive days per licensed teacher who is under a collective bargaining agreement.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB233 \$ISBE-ENGLISH LEARNER SOFTWARE *(HERNANDEZ E)*

Appropriates \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for English language learner support software for school district instruction. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/29/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

3/26/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

3/22/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

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HB234 SCH CD-MEDIA LITERACY *(HERNANDEZ E)*

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, requires every public high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy; sets forth what topics the unit of instruction shall include. Provides that the State Board of Education shall determine how to prepare and make available instructional resources and professional learning opportunities for educators that may be used for the development of the unit of instruction. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/24/2021 - Do Pass as Amended / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; 014-009-000

3/24/2021 - Do Pass as Amended / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; by Voice Vote

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HB273 SCH CD-VOUCHER-SUBSTITUTED ED *(WILHOUR B)*

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish and administer a program in which the State Board shall issue a voucher to the parent or guardian of a student, upon request of the parent or guardian, if: (1) the student was enrolled in a school district for a particular school year; (2) during that school year, the school board decided not to provide an option for full-time, in-person instruction at school as the primary method of instruction to students; and (3) the parent or guardian withdrew the student from enrollment in the district because the school board decided not to provide an option for full-time, in-person instruction. Sets forth provisions concerning the voucher amount and its use. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/29/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Steven Reick

3/29/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Dan Caulkins

3/29/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

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HB277 STATE PROPERTY-URBAN FARMS *(HARPER S)*

Amends the State Property Control Act. Provides that the Director of Central Management Services as Administrator may convey any surplus real property covered by the State Property Control Act, by sale or lease, to a duly incorporated, charitable, non-profit organization or association for the cultivation and sale of fresh fruits and vegetables on a tract of land of less than 5 acres within any unit of local government, provided that the non-profit organization or association is not controlled, directly or indirectly, by any agricultural, commercial, or other business. Provides that the non-profit organization or association shall be authorized to sell fresh fruits and vegetables either on the land that was conveyed, off that land, or both, provided, that the sales are related or incidental to the non-profit purposes of the organization or association, and the net proceeds received by the non-profit organization or association are used to further the non-profit purposes of the organization or association. Provides that the lease of any real property to any duly incorporated non-profit organization or association shall be in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code. Amends the Property Tax Code to provide a property tax exemption for non-profit organizations using land for the cultivation and sale of fresh fruits and vegetables.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Andrew S. Chesney

3/18/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading Consent Calendar

3/15/2021 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Carol Ammons

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HB319 SCH-EDUCATION PRIORITIZATION *(LILLY C)*

Creates the Education Prioritization Act. Beginning with fiscal year 2022, requires the General Assembly to appropriate for the evidence-based funding formula under the School Code an amount that is equal to or exceeds the sum of: (i) the total amount appropriated for the evidence-based funding formula during the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the appropriation is being made; and (ii) 51% of total new general funds available for spending from estimated growth in revenues and funds available because of budgeted program growth and decline in the fiscal year for which the appropriation is being made; but in no event shall the sum be less than a certain percentage required under the Act. Requires a continuing appropriation if the General Assembly fails to make sufficient appropriations to fund the evidence-based funding formula. Amends the School Code to make changes concerning a system for accounting for revenues and expenditures and evidence-based funding. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/2/2021 - Assigned to House Executive

1/29/2021 - Referred to Rules Committee

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HB343 VEH CD-SCHOOL ZONE START TIME *(BATINICK M)*

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that for the purpose of the Section concerning special speed limits while passing schools, a school day begins at 6:30 a.m. (instead of 7 a.m.). Includes a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading Consent Calendar

3/17/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/10/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee; 010-000-000

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HB356 SCH CD-REQUIRE SPANISH COURSE *(WILLIAMS J)*

Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, requires a school district to include in its curriculum an annual unit of instruction on the Spanish language. Provides that the State Board of Education may prepare and make available to all school boards resource materials that may be used as guidelines for the development of the unit of instruction. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB376 SCH CD-ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY *(GONG-GERSHOWITZ J)*

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian American history; contains provisions governing this instruction. Provides that the teaching of history of the United States shall include the study of the wrongful incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and the heroic service of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the United States Army during World War II.

RECENT STATUS

4/5/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

4/1/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Lamont J. Robinson, Jr.

4/1/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. William Davis

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HB424 USE/OCC TX-TEACHERS *(CARROLL J)*

Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that a teacher who is employed by an educational institution that is exempt from the tax under the Act is presumed to be making an exempt purchase if he or she (i) purchases materials and supplies, (ii) possesses a copy of the educational institution's exemption number, and (iii) presents identification at the time of the sale.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/25/2021 - House Sales, Amusement, & Other Taxes Subcommittee, (First Hearing)

3/25/2021 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)

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HB553 SCH CD-SCHOOL COUNSELORS *(EVANS M)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district shall employ a ratio of no less than one counselor to 150 students (rather than allowing a school district to employ a ratio of no less than one counselor to 250 students).

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/26/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Rita Mayfield

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB594 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL *(KIFOWIT S)*

Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act. Provides that the purpose of the Council is to facilitate communication between the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs important to youth in the State of Illinois. Creates an Advisory Board, consisting of 2 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate, to facilitate the functions of the Council. Creates the Transition Oversight Committee for the initial outreach of the Council. Provides for the application and nomination process for prospective members of the Council. Sets forth membership and meeting requirements and the powers of the Council. Provides that members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms, but may be re-elected if they continue to be nominated and qualified to serve as members. Provides for the election of a Chair at the first Council meeting of the year. Provides for administrative support of the Council. Requires the Council to submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor. Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all moneys in the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report. Amends the State Finance Act. Adds the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/14/2021 - House State Government Administration, (First Hearing);

Time & Location: 3:00 PM, Virtual Room 2 - ILGA.GOV

4/6/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Rules Refers to State Government Administration Committee

4/5/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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HB622 ISBE-RULES-UNFUNDED MANDATES *(REICK S)*

Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Provides that for each rule proposed to be adopted by the State Board of Education impacting the operations of any school district, any interested person may request the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to determine whether the proposed rule is a State mandate. Provides that if the Joint Committee determines that the proposed rule is a State mandate, then the running of all periods under the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act shall be tolled, and no Certificate of No Objection may be issued for the rule, until the rule has been approved by a joint resolution of the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/12/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Chris Miller

3/12/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Mark Batinick

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HB633 VEGETABLE GARDEN PROTECTION *(HARPER S)*

Creates the Vegetable Garden Protection Act. Provides for the right to cultivate a vegetable garden and permits state and local regulation. Defines "vegetable garden". Limits home rule powers.

RECENT STATUS

4/5/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Terra Costa Howard

3/23/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez

3/22/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Natalie A. Manley

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HB655 SCH CD-TEACHER LICENSURE TEST *(SCHERER S)*

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Removes the requirement that educator licensure candidates pass a teacher performance assessment. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - Remains in Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School

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HB834 INC TX-INTERNSHIP CREDIT *(BENNETT T)*

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit in an amount equal to 10% of the stipend or salary paid by the taxpayer to up to (i) 5 qualified college interns or (ii) 5 qualified high school interns during the taxable year. Provides that no taxpayer may claim more than \$5,000 in total credits under that Section for all taxable years combined. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/25/2021 - House Income Tax Subcommittee, (First Hearing)

3/25/2021 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)

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HB856 SCH CD-ST BD ED-STANDARDS *(MILLER C)*

Amends the School Code. Prohibits the State Board of Education from revising its teaching standards or learning standards without the approval of the General Assembly through adoption of a joint resolution outlining the State Board's specific revisions and granting the State Board the authority to revise those standards. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/2/2021 - Assigned to House Executive

2/18/2021 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Steven Reick

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HB857 SCH CD-CURRICULA ON WEBSITE *(MILLER C)*

Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, requires each school board to post on its district's Internet website, if one is maintained, or in the district's main administrative office, if the district does not maintain an Internet website, all curricula to be taught in each school during the next school year for parents and guardians of students to review. Provides that, as part of the posting, the school board shall identify how each school's curricula aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards. Provides that if the curricula is updated at any time during the school year, the posted curricula shall be revised to reflect the updated curricula. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB1758 SCHOOL SECURITY-ARMED TEACHERS *(FRIESS D)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a grant program to provide for armed security in the schools of this State and grants to schools for the training of teachers in armed security, including grants for teachers to obtain a concealed carry license under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act and the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that the unlawful use of weapons offense does not apply to carrying a concealed pistol, revolver, or handgun by a full-time teacher or full-time professor or administrator of a public or private school, community college, college, or university who has a valid concealed carry license issued under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act and who has been designated by his or her school district board or the board of trustees of his or her community college, college, or university as a school or college protection officer, into: (1) any building, real property, and parking area under the control of the public or private elementary or secondary school in which the person is employed; or (2) any building, classroom, laboratory, medical clinic, hospital, artistic venue, athletic venue, entertainment venue, officially recognized university-related organization property, whether owned or leased, and any real property, including parking areas, sidewalks, and common areas under the control of a public or private community college, college, or university in which the person is employed. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/26/2021 - House Judiciary - Criminal, (First Hearing)

3/23/2021 - House Judiciary - Criminal, (First Hearing)

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HB1765 OPEN MEETINGS-BACKGROUND CHECK *(BUCKNER K)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a law enforcement agency, an officer employed by a law enforcement agency, or a person contracted by a law enforcement agency may not conduct a background check of speakers at meetings of public bodies, including police disciplinary boards, except to provide security for the premises in which the meeting is to occur and for the protection of public officials and other persons who attend the meeting. Provides that information obtained in violation of this provision may not be used for purposes, other than those permitted purposes, and may not be admitted as evidence in any criminal or civil proceeding or as evidence in an administrative hearing. Provides that a person who violates this provision is guilty of official misconduct under the Criminal Code of 2012. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - House Committee Amendment No. 1 Tabled Pursuant to Rule 40
3/18/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate
3/16/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Judiciary - Criminal Committee; 012-007-000

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HB1785 SCH CD-SCHOOL CLOSURE-HEARING *(DELUCA A)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that unless a school building is unsafe, unsanitary, or unfit for occupancy and notice has been served or notice is provided by a licensed entity able to determine the safety of a school building, the school board must hold at least 3 public hearings, the sole purpose of which shall be to discuss the decision to close a school building and to receive input from the community. Provides that the notice of each public hearing that sets forth the time, date, place, and name or description of the school building that the board is considering closing must be provided at least 10 days prior to the hearing by publication on the board's Internet website. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar
3/17/2021 - Do Pass / Consent Calendar Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000
3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB1812 SCH CONSTRUCTION-MATCH FUNDS *(JONES T)*

Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Law to the contrary, a disadvantaged school district may submit an application with the State Board of Education to waive any local matching funds requirements for a grant awarded under the Law until the project for which the grant was awarded is complete. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules. Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Act to the contrary, a disadvantaged community college district may submit an application with the Illinois Community College Board to waive any local matching funds requirements for a grant awarded to the district for a capital project until the capital project is complete. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to adopt rules.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee
3/19/2021 - House Appropriations-Higher Education, (First Hearing)
3/9/2021 - Assigned to House Appropriations-Higher Education

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HB1819 SCH CD-RURAL ED ADVIS COUNCIL *(SCHERER S)*

Amends the School Code to create the Rural Education Advisory Council. Provides that the purpose of the council is to exchange thoughtful dialogue concerning the needs, challenges, and opportunities of rural districts and to provide policy recommendations to the State. Sets forth the functions and membership of the council. Contains provisions concerning expenses, meetings, and administrative support.

RECENT STATUS

4/14/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing);

Time & Location: 2:00 PM, Virtual Room 3 - ILGA.GOV

4/6/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 2 Rules Refers to Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School

3/23/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Rules Committee

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HB1833 GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER-PROGRAM *(MORGAN B)*

Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish and administer a transition to teaching program that allows competent professionals, recent college graduates, and individuals working at a school or in some other facet of teaching to train to become teachers. Provides that a person is eligible to participate in the program if the person (1) passes a written examination that demonstrates competency in relevant subjects related to the person's expected teaching position, (2) participates in a beginning teacher residency program at an elementary or secondary school in this State, and (3) receives sponsorship by the school to have an initial practitioner license issued by the State Board of Education that allows the individual to teach at the school while pursuing a Professional Educator License. As part of the transition to teaching program, requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a loan forgiveness program in which a person participating in the transition to teaching program who has student loans guaranteed by the State of Illinois is eligible to have those loans forgiven if the person successfully receives a Professional Educator License and teaches in a rural school district or a disadvantaged school district in this State for 2 consecutive school years.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/25/2021 - House Higher Education, (First Hearing)

3/18/2021 - House Higher Education, (First Hearing)

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HB1874 SCH CD-TEACHING LICENSES *(DAVIS W)*

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Removes a provision limiting the issuance of Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses to June 30, 2023. Allows the State Board of Education to issue a Short-Term Teaching License to an individual who holds a Professional Educator License to teach in a position, including in special education, for which the individual does not hold the necessary qualifications in those situations in which a school district's need for an individual who holds a Short-Term Teaching License is a result of the lack of teachers with the necessary content-area or grade-level endorsement who are available to fill a particular teaching position. Sets forth the qualifications, requirements, and fee for the license. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/17/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB1880 SCH CD-REMOTE LEARNING DAYS *(SPAIN R)*

Amends the School Code. Requires each school district to maintain records that are related to the utilization of remote and blended remote learning days. Sets forth what teacher information the records must include. Requires the school district to make the records available to the public in the district's administrative office and on the district's Internet website. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB1906 SCH CD-UNFUNDED MANDATES *(MAZZOCHI D)*

Amends the School Code. Until July 1, 2031, provides that a school district is relieved from the requirement to establish and implement certain unfunded mandates for a period of up to 5 years if specified conditions are met. In a provision that prohibits certain unfunded mandates, provides that the provision does not allow a school district or private school to discontinue or modify any law, rule, or regulation pertaining to special education, teacher educator licensure, teacher tenure and seniority, or voter eligibility; to fail to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act; or to discontinue or modify any requirement for student performance data to be a significant factor in teacher or principal evaluations or teachers and principals to be rated using specified categories. Requires a public hearing before discontinuing or modifying a mandate. Sets forth notice procedures and a review process. Provides that if the provisions prohibiting certain unfunded mandates conflict with the State Mandates Act, the provisions prohibiting certain unfunded mandates (instead of the State Mandates Act) shall prevail. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB2400 SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT DRILLS *(HIRSCHAUER M)*

Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Provides that parents or guardians must receive prior notice of a law enforcement drill not less than 5 days prior to the drill. Provides that a law enforcement drill (i) must not include simulations that mimic an actual school shooting incident or active shooter event, (ii) must be announced in advance to all school personnel and students prior to the commencement of the drill, (iii) must include content that is age appropriate and developmentally appropriate, (iv) must include and involve school personnel, including school-based mental health professionals, and (v) must include trauma-informed approaches to address the concerns and well-being of students and school personnel. Requires a school district to include in its annual review of each school building's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures an examination of the efficacy and effects of law enforcement drills. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/25/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Deb Conroy

3/24/2021 - House Committee Amendment No. 1 Tabled Pursuant to Rule 40

HB2422 SCH CD-THIRD PARTY SERVICES *(DIDECH D)*

Amends the School Code. Allows a board of education to enter into a contract, of no longer than 3 months in duration, with a third party for non-instructional services currently performed by an employee or bargaining unit member in an emergency situation that threatens the safety or health of the school district's students or staff or in the event of a disaster as defined in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (instead of for the purpose of augmenting the current workforce in an emergency situation that threatens the safety or health of the school district's students). Provides that if, at the end of the contract, the Governor or the Director of Public Health has declared a disaster and all or part of the territory of the school district is covered by such a declaration, then the school board may renew the contract for a term of no longer than 3 months. Provides that changes made by Public Act 95-241 do not apply to a school board if the school district's most recent final percent of adequacy under the evidence-based funding formula provisions is less than 85%. Allows a school board whose most recent final percent of adequacy is less than 85% to enter into a third-party contract for non-instructional services currently performed by an employee or bargaining unit member or lay off an educational support personnel employee, provided that the affected employee receives written notice of the removal or dismissal at least 30 days before the employee is removed or dismissed.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/9/2021 - Assigned to House Executive

2/17/2021 - Referred to House Rules

HB2438 SCH CD-SCH REPORT CARD-TEACHER *(STUART K)*

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education's school report cards to include the number of teachers who are National Board Certified Teachers. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Carol Ammons

3/18/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/17/2021 - Do Pass / Consent Calendar Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

HB2569 PEN CD-TRS-RETURN TO TEACHING *(WINDHORST P)*

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2021 to no later than June 30, 2026. Removes language requiring a school to advertise its vacancies in the subject shortage area in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the school is located. Provides that certain requirements related to advertising the vacancy in the subject shortage area and searching for teachers legally qualified to fill those vacancies through the Illinois Education Job Bank shall not apply to a school district replacing a teacher who is unable to continue employment with the school district because of illness, injury, or disability after being hired by a school district. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/26/2021 - Do Pass as Amended / Consent Calendar Personnel & Pensions Committee; 008-000-000

3/26/2021 - House Committee Amendment No. 1 Adopted in Personnel & Pensions Committee; by Voice Vote

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HB2634 STUDENT TRANSPORT-AGRARIAN *(DAVIDSMEYER C)*

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that provisions restricting the transportation of students to certain vehicles does not apply to any motor vehicle of the first division or the second division while that vehicle is being operated by specified entities for the purpose of transporting students to or from any agrarian-related school activity. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Transportation: Vehicles & Safety, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Transportation: Vehicles & Safety, (First Hearing)

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HB2750 INC TX-BEGINNING FARMER *(YEDNOCK L)*

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for an owner of an agricultural asset who sells or rents the agricultural asset to a beginning farmer. Provides that the credit shall be equal to: (1) 5% of the lesser of the sale price or the fair market value of the agricultural asset, up to a maximum of \$32,000; or (2) 10% of the gross rental income in each of the first, second, and third years of a rental agreement, up to a maximum of \$7,000 per year. Provides that the taxpayer shall apply with the Department of Agriculture. Provides that the Department of Agriculture may not approve more than \$5,000,000 in credits under those provisions in any one taxable year. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/25/2021 - House Income Tax Subcommittee, (First Hearing)

3/25/2021 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)

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HB2759 SCH CD-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION *(VELLA D)*

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that whenever the school board of any school district that maintains any of grades 6 through 12 (instead of grades 9 through 12) establishes a list of courses from which students each must elect at least one course, that school board must include on the list of such elective courses at least one course in vocational education. Provides that a school board that maintains any of grades 9 through 12 shall (instead of is authorized to) adopt a policy under which a student who is enrolled in any of those grades may satisfy one or more high school course or graduation requirements by successfully completing a registered apprenticeship program or by substituting for and successfully completing in place of the high school course or graduation requirement a related vocational or technical education course. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB2778 SCH CD-DAILY PUPIL ATTENDANCE *(BURKE K)*

Amends the School Code. With respect to the daily pupil attendance calculation, provides that instead of school improvement days with students in attendance a minimum of 3 clock hours, a school district may opt to have a school improvement day without students in attendance for up to 4 times in a given school year. Provides that each such day may be counted as a day of attendance, provided that a sufficient number of clock hours have been accumulated beyond the 5 clock hours per day that students would have been in session. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Eva Dina Delgado

3/18/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Anna Moeller

3/18/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

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HB2787 ACCELERATION OF SCHOOL FUNDING *(DAVIS W)*

Amends the evidence-based funding formula provisions of the School Code to make changes concerning the employee benefit investments calculation and the Adjusted Base Funding Minimum calculation in relation to the employer normal cost of teacher pensions and the Base Funding Minimum calculation in relation to excess State payments. Amends the Downstate and Chicago Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to make related changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/29/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/26/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

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HB2828 SCH CD-LAPSED EDUCATOR LICENSE *(CAULKINS D)*

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides for the reinstatement of a lapsed Professional Educator License upon the payment by the applicant of the lesser of a \$100 penalty or a \$10 penalty for each year the license has lapsed (rather than a \$500 penalty). Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/17/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

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HB2830 OPEN MEETINGS-REMOTE MEETINGS *(CAULKINS D)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body shall not conduct a closed meeting by audio or video conference, and shall conduct such meetings only with the physical presence of a quorum of the members of the public body. Makes conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/9/2021 - Assigned to House Executive

2/19/2021 - Referred to House Rules

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HB2859 SCH CD-CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK *(SWANSON D)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district seeking to employ a substitute teacher may use information in the Educator Licensure Information System rather than initiating its own criminal history records check or check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database or Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB2923 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES *(MAZZOCHI D)*

Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Provides that, notwithstanding the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, after a period of 60 days from the initiation of a disaster proclamation declaring a public health emergency, no proclamations or executive orders may be given effect by a scholastic association, athletic association, or other entity that has as one of its purposes promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or activities or any form of athletic competition or activity among schools and students within this State when setting interscholastic sports schedules or activities, unless the governing body for the interscholastic activity consents to the modifications or the governing body for the interscholastic activity makes specified findings relating to the participation of students. Makes changes concerning additional conditions for student participation, reporting to the Department of Public Health, and liability. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/9/2021 - Assigned to House Executive

2/19/2021 - Referred to House Rules

HB2983 SCH CD-ADMIN COST LIMIT (MORRISON T)

Amends the School Code. Makes changes with regard to the limitation of administrative costs. Defines "consumer price index", "expenditures per pupil", "general administration expenditures", and "school administration expenditures". Provides that for the 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter, each school district shall undertake budgetary and expenditure control actions so that the increase in each of the budgeted administrative expenditures per pupil (with the exception of the Chicago school district, whose limit is not changed), budgeted general administration expenditures per pupil, and budgeted school administration expenditures per pupil for that school year over the expenditures per pupil for the prior school year does not exceed the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index for the 12 months ending on the December 31 prior to the budgetary year or 5%, whichever one is less. Makes conforming changes and other changes.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/17/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

HB2987 SCHOOLS-WORK ETHIC INSTRUCTION (LILLY C)

Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. In provisions concerning postsecondary and career expectations, provides that, beginning in grade 6, students should be introduced to the importance of developing and applying a work ethic in a variety of contexts; sets forth what this introduction may include.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/24/2021 - Do Pass / Consent Calendar Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; 023-000-000

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

HB2988 EDUC OPPORTUNITY/DEVELOPMENT (LILLY C)

Amends the State Finance Act and the School Code. Creates the Roundtable on Educational Opportunity and Development. Contains provisions concerning the members of the Roundtable, meetings of the Roundtable, administrative support to the Roundtable, and annual reports to the General Assembly. Provides that the Roundtable shall study ways to expand educational opportunities and develop sources of private funding for students in primary and secondary education in the areas of (i) developing a business ethics curriculum, (ii) promoting and funding the arts, (iii) developing a drama therapy program, (iv) developing a school model that prioritizes an arts education, (v) establishing and funding global travel programs, and (vi) funding trips to museums. Requires the Roundtable to study ways to secure private donations and public funding in order to help expand opportunities for students and implement Roundtable recommendations. Provides that funding for programs recommended by the Roundtable must prioritize low-income students. Requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Roundtable, to provide administrative support to all school districts and their students wishing to utilize these opportunities. Creates the Educational Opportunity and Development Fund as a special fund in the State treasury to accept private donations and public funding. Provides that all money in the Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of Education for the purposes of implementing the priorities and

recommendations of the Roundtable. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/29/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

3/26/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education Committee; 010-006-000

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HB2997 PEN CD-TRS-AGE&SERVICE CREDIT *(SEVERIN D)*

Amends the General Provisions and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a teacher may establish one additional day of service credit for each day of service credit that was earned between March 16, 2020 and June 30, 2021 in which the teacher provided in-person instruction if he or she pays certain contributions and supplies satisfactory evidence. For a Tier 1 member, provides that the System shall waive the reduction in retirement annuity for persons who retire before age 60 if the member has attained age 59 and earned service credit in the 2020-2021 school. For a Tier 2 member, provides that the reduction in retirement annuity for persons who retire before age 67 shall be waived if the member has attained age 66 and earned service credit in the 2020-2021 school year. For a Tier 1 member who earned service credit in the 2020-2021 school year and has not attained age 59 or a Tier 2 member who earned service credit in the 2020-2021 school year and has not attained age 66, provides that the member shall be deemed to be one year older than his or her actual age for purposes of provisions concerning a reduction in retirement annuity due to a member's age. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/26/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. William Davis

3/26/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael T. Marron

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HB2998 PEN CD-TRS-SERVICE CREDIT *(SEVERIN D)*

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a teacher who served as a teacher during the public health emergency declared by the Governor related to the COVID-19 pandemic shall receive one additional day of service credit for each day of service credit earned during that period, notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of service credit that may be earned in a single year. Provides that the service credit shall be granted without any additional employee or employer contribution. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/26/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael T. Marron

3/26/2021 - House Personnel & Pensions, (First Hearing)

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HB3096 MUNI-URBAN AGRICULTURAL AREA *(HARPER S)*

Amends the Municipal Urban Agricultural Areas Division of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of a municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, establish an urban agricultural area committee for the purpose of transforming vacant lots in a disadvantaged community or communities within the municipality into an urban agricultural area. Provides that, before the municipality either approves or denies the creation of an urban agricultural area, the urban agricultural area committee shall: (1) review the geographic description of the proposed urban agricultural area and make recommendations as to the adequacy of the geographic area; (2) seek and compile a list of qualified farmers that would operate in the proposed urban agricultural area; (3) estimate the number of jobs to be created, maintained, or supported within the proposed urban agricultural area and the type of products to be produced; and (4) make recommendations as to how the vacant parcels shall be transformed into usable agricultural or aquaculture lots if the vacant lots are not immediately ready for a qualifying farmer. States the duration of such urban agricultural area. Allows agricultural or aquaculture use of vacant lots within the urban agricultural area, even if not zoned for such use, with reasonable setback, height, livestock, and poultry regulations.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/25/2021 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)

3/16/2021 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

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HB3100 ANCRA-IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING *(RAMIREZ D)*

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Requires mandated reporters to complete an initial implicit bias training within 3 months of their date of engagement in a professional or official capacity as a mandated reporter, with certain exceptions, and at least every 3 years thereafter. Provides that the implicit bias trainings shall be in-person or web-based and shall include, at a minimum, information on implicit bias and racial and ethnic sensitivity. Requires the implicit bias trainings to provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking and ultimately eliminate discriminatory behaviors. Provides that, during these trainings, mandated reporters shall complete a pretest to assess baseline implicit bias levels, an implicit bias training task, and a posttest to reevaluate bias levels after training. Provides that the implicit bias curriculum for mandated reporters shall be developed within one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act and shall be created in consultation with organizations demonstrating expertise and or experience in the areas of implicit bias, youth and adolescent developmental issues, prevention of child abuse, exploitation, and neglect, culturally diverse family systems, and the child welfare system. Provides that implicit bias training shall be provided through the Department of Children and Family Services, through authorized entities.

RECENT STATUS

4/9/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Referred to Rules Committee

4/9/2021 - House Floor Amendment - Filed No. 1 Filed with Clerk by Rep. Delia C. Ramirez

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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HB3178 SCH CD-AG COMMITTEE-MEMBERSHIP *(HARPER S)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that the committee of agriculturalists established to represent the various and diverse areas of the agricultural industry in Illinois shall, among other duties, advise the State Board of Education on the administration of the agricultural education line item appropriation and agency rulemaking that affects agricultural education educators. Sets forth changes in the composition of the committee's membership.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Andrew S. Chesney

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/22/2021 - Do Pass / Consent Calendar Agriculture & Conservation Committee; 008-000-000

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HB3218 HIGHER ED-ADMISSIONS-AG SCI/ED *(SMITH N)*

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. With respect to the high school coursework that a person must satisfactorily complete for university admission, adds agricultural sciences as a course option for the science category and agricultural education as a course option for the electives category.

RECENT STATUS

4/9/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Rules Committee

4/9/2021 - House Floor Amendment - Filed No. 2 Filed with Clerk by Rep. Nicholas K. Smith

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

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HB3224 SCH CD-SEX ED-BOUNDARIES *(KIFOWIT S)*

Amends the Article of the School Code concerning courses of study. In provisions relating to sex education, requires that course material and instruction include an age-appropriate discussion about the importance of establishing physical boundaries in relationships and interactions with others. Requires that the instruction must include a discussion about (i) how to set appropriate boundaries with others, (ii) how to respond to unwanted physical contact or advances, (iii) the importance of saying "no" in uncomfortable situations, and (iv) how to help a peer deal with an uncomfortable situation. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB3229 \$AGR-DISADVANTAGED FARMER *(HARPER S)*

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of making grants to socially-disadvantaged farmers to provide funding for startup capital and for costs associated with farming operations and eq uipment. Effective July 1, 2021 .

RECENT STATUS

3/25/2021 - House Appropriations-General Services, (First Hearing)

3/16/2021 - Assigned to House Appropriations-General Services

2/19/2021 - Referred to House Rules

HB3254 SCH CD-DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE (FORD L)

Amends the Instructional Materials Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district (including a charter school) shall require that books that are included as a part of any course, material, instruction, reading assignment, or other school curricula related to literature during the school year or that appear on summer reading lists must include books that are written by diverse authors, including, but not limited to, authors who are African American, women, Native American, LatinX, and Asian. Provides that reading material may not perpetuate bias against persons based on specified categories. Provides that for any school district utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the selection of each book to be included in a reading assignment, course material and instruction, or other school curricula related to literature must first receive prior approval from the school board before the book may be included. Provides that the criteria for the approval or denial of a book shall be determined by school board policy, but the minimum requirement is that the book may not be approved by the school board if the book contains language or material that is derogatory or racist or incites hate against any persons. Provides for rulemaking and guidelines. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/24/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; 016-007-000

3/24/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee; by Voice Vote

HB3263 SCH-MATCHING FUNDS-FRESH FOODS (HARPER S)

Amends the Farm Fresh Schools Program Act. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, provides that funds from the Farm Fresh Schools Program Fund or from other funding sources shall be used to match \$1 for every \$3 a school district spends to purchase produce or minimally processed fresh foods directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative, farmers' market, or local food hub in this State, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$1,000 per school district. Makes a corresponding change. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/29/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/26/2021 - House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

HB3281 SCH CD-NATURALIZATION TEST (ORTIZ A)

Amends the School Code to require a high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction about the process of naturalization by which a foreign citizen or foreign national becomes a U.S. citizen. Provides that the course of instruction shall include content from the components of the naturalization test administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Provides that each school board shall determine the minimum amount of instructional time required. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/9/2021 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Referred to Rules Committee

4/9/2021 - House Floor Amendment - Filed No. 1 Filed with Clerk by Rep. Aaron M. Ortiz

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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HB3296 SCH CD-CAREER/TECH ED PATHWAY *(NESS S)*

Amends the School Code. Requires a school district to offer a program to prepare students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 for a career and technical education pathway by introducing students to career exploration opportunities that allow students to explore a wide variety of high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand career fields. Sets forth what a school district shall provide in its career and technical education pathway program. Provides for rulemaking. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB3368 SCH CD-STATE ASSESSMENTS *(DIDECH D)*

Amends the School Code. In provisions prohibiting students who do not take the State's final accountability assessment or its approved alternate assessment from receiving a regular high school diploma, exempts a high school student from taking the assessment if: (1) the assessment is administered during the pendency of a disaster proclamation issued by the Governor as a result of a public health emergency or epidemic;(2) the student resides in a county that is subject to the gubernatorial disaster proclamation; (3) the student's high school has implemented remote learning or blended remote learning procedures as a result of the public health emergency or epidemic; and (4) the parent or guardian of the student certifies to the high school that the student is immunocompromised, resides with an individual who is immunocompromised, or is a caretaker for an individual who is immunocompromised. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB3398 INCOME TAX-EDUCATION CREDIT *(MAZZOCHI D)*

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for custodians of qualifying pupils for eligible education expenses related to online learning, including computers, printers, internet access, textbooks, tutors, and educational facilitators. Provides for an additional credit if the custodian is also an eligible teacher. Creates an income tax credit for employers of custodians of qualifying pupils for eligible expenditures paid by the employer on behalf of the custodian. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to provide for emergency rulemaking. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/25/2021 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)

3/16/2021 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

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HB3441 \$ISAC-TEACHER PIPELINE PROGRAM (ROBINSON L)

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the teacher pipeline program established under the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/16/2021 - Assigned to House Appropriations-Higher Education

2/22/2021 - Referred to House Rules

2/22/2021 - FIRST READING

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HB3442 HIGHR ED-TEACHER PIPELINE PROG (ROBINSON L)

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, to establish and administer a teacher pipeline program for the purpose of encouraging and recruiting students enrolled in public high schools to pursue teaching careers in their school district, with a special focus on the encouragement and recruitment of minority students and students of color. Provides that participants in the program, upon graduation from high school, shall receive grant assistance in an amount sufficient to pay the tuition and fees for up to 4 semesters at a public community college and up to 4 semesters at a public university if certain conditions are met. Requires the State Board of Education to designate teacher recruiters to work directly with public high school students. Sets forth provisions concerning applications, the repayment of grant assistance, and rulemaking. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Teacher Pipeline Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/25/2021 - Do Pass / Short Debate Higher Education Committee; 010-000-000

3/25/2021 - House Higher Education, (First Hearing)

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HB3573 SCH CD-REMOTE LEARNING DAY (BENNETT T)

Amends the School Code. Allows a school district to utilize a remote learning day instead of an emergency day provided for in the school calendar. Provides that the number of remote learning days used in a school year may not exceed the number of emergency days provided for in the school calendar and the district superintendent must approve a remote learning plan for the district before the district may utilize a remote learning day. Sets forth what the plan must address, the term of approval, and how the plan must be posted. Sets forth district requirements. Allows statutory and regulatory curricular mandates and offerings to be administered via remote learning, allows for electronic communication for instruction and interaction between educators and students, and provides

for rulemaking. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/24/2021 - Do Pass / Consent Calendar Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HB3650 AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES *(HALPIN M)*

Creates the Agricultural Experiences Act. Provides that licenses are not required for anyone trying to provide an "agricultural experience" which is defined as any agriculture-related activity, as a secondary use in conjunction with agricultural production, on a farm which activity is open to the public with the intended purpose of promoting or educating the public about agriculture, agricultural practices, agricultural activities, or agricultural products.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

3/23/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Maurice A. West, II

3/23/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Lance Yednock

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HB3674 SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS *(COSTA HOWARD T)*

Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Makes changes to provisions of the Act concerning law enforcement drills. Provides that no later than 90 days after the first day of each school year, schools must conduct at least one walk-through law enforcement drill (rather than one law enforcement drill) that addresses an active threat or active shooter within a school building. Makes changes concerning how law enforcement drills are conducted and the exemption of students. Requires drill content to be created by a team that includes administrators, teachers, school-based health and mental health professionals, and law enforcement agency members. Sets forth requirements and recommendations for the drill content. Within 2 weeks following the execution of a walk-through drill, requires the team to meet to evaluate the implementation of the drill and to determine and review if any students or educators exhibited signs of trauma during or after the drill so that the team may evaluate if changes in the drill content or procedures are required. Effective January 1, 2022.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HB3730 SCH CD-MENTORING NEW TEACHERS *(DEMME T)*

Amends the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Article of the School Code. Changes the heading of the Article and the definition

of "new teacher". Provides that, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the State Board of Education shall develop a program to provide grants to mentor training providers to establish a training program for new teacher mentors, and requires each public school to use a teacher induction and mentoring program provided by a mentor trained through a mentor training provider (rather than requiring a public school to develop a new teacher induction and mentoring program). Makes changes concerning program requirements, funding and stipends, the evaluation of programs, and obsolete references. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/16/2021 - Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School

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HB3769 SCH CD-TEACHING STANDARDS *(MAYFIELD R)*

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning October 1, 2021, culturally responsive teaching standards shall apply to the issuance of all professional educator licenses endorsed in teaching, school support personnel, and administrative fields. Provides that the culturally responsive teaching standards shall apply both to candidates for licensure and to educator preparation programs. Provides that the standards shall include (i) self-awareness and relationships to others, (ii) systems of oppression, (iii) students as individuals, (iv) students as co-creators, (v) leveraging student advocacy, (vi) family and community collaboration, (vii) content selections in all curricula, and (viii) student representation in the learning environment. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

3/16/2021 - Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School

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HB3875 INCLUSIVE AMERICAN HISTORY *(FORD L)*

Creates the Inclusive American History Act. Establishes the Inclusive American History Commission to (i) address the deficiencies and inadequacies in both perspective and content in traditional history course material and instruction and (ii) develop multiperspective, inclusive, and comprehensive standards that a school may use as a guide in replacing or developing its curricula for history education. Sets forth the membership of the Commission. Contains provisions concerning meetings, duties, and reporting. Repeals these provisions on December 31, 2022. Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, requires schools to suspend all instruction in history education, with exceptions. Not later than June 30, 2022, requires the State Superintendent of Education to provide to schools instructional guidelines and standards based on the recommendations of the Commission so that schools may develop alternative curricula to replace traditional course material and instruction to ensure that students obtain a multiperspective, inclusive, and comprehensive understanding about history. Provides that beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, schools shall resume instruction in history, which shall require the use of age-appropriate discussion, textbooks, and other course material that reframe the study of history by presenting to students an examination of history through the inclusion of diverse perspectives, contrary interpretations, and the viewpoints of various groups of people whose voices have traditionally been excluded from the conventional teaching of history. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2021 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies, (First Hearing)

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HR5 LOAN FORGIVENESS-FARMING *(WEST, II M)*

Urges the U.S. Congress to expand the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program so that it includes farming as an applicable career for loan forgiveness.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar Resolutions - Consent Calendar

3/22/2021 - Recommends Be Adopted Agriculture & Conservation Committee; 008-000-000

3/22/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Andrew S. Chesney

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HR14 SCHOOL REPORTING-REVIEW *(KEICHER J)*

Urges the Illinois State Board of Education to review existing data reporting mandates, both State and federal, in an effort to streamline the reporting system and remove redundant data collection.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar Resolutions - Consent Calendar

3/24/2021 - Recommends Be Adopted Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

3/24/2021 - House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School, (First Hearing)

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HR46 BLACK FARMERS-ILLINOIS *(HARPER S)*

Urges the Illinois Department of Agriculture to study to the effects and the types of land loss to Black farmers. Calls for state support and capacity building for Black farming communities across the state and a dedication to helping grow agriculture in rural, urban, and suburban areas. States that Black farmers can play a leading role in our local healthy food system and create regional networks of jobs, food, and opportunities.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar Resolutions - Consent Calendar

3/22/2021 - Recommends Be Adopted Agriculture & Conservation Committee; 008-000-000

3/22/2021 - Recommends Be Adopted Agriculture & Conservation Committee; by Voice Vote

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HR77 ED PROFESSIONALS-SUPPORT *(GONG-GERSHOWITZ J)*

States that education support professionals in public schools should be treated with the same respect, recognition, value, and standards as teachers. Urges the General Assembly to seek solutions via study and legislation that include, but are not limited to, legislated salary parity, quality professional development and training, and mandated access to health benefits for all education support professionals.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2021 - Placed on Calendar Resolutions - Consent Calendar

3/26/2021 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michelle Mussman

3/24/2021 - Recommends Be Adopted Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School; 008-000-000

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HR105 PUBLIC EDUCATION-PRIORITY *(LILLY C)*

Acknowledges the importance of having a high quality education system and all of the societal benefits that go along with it. Encourages the General Assembly to make education a priority in the budget, fully fund elementary and secondary education, and continue to strive to create an adequately funded and high quality education system for the benefit of all citizens. Encourages the business community to advocate for a high quality education system in Illinois.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2021 - Referred to House Rules

2/18/2021 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

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SB49 SCH CD-TEACHER LICENSURE TEST *(BAILEY D)*


Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Removes the requirement that educator licensure candidates pass a teacher performance assessment. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

2/25/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Jason A. Barickman

2/25/2021 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Chapin Rose

2/10/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Jason Plummer

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SB98 CHILD ABUSE-MANDATED REPORTERS *(BRYANT T)*

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. In a provision requiring all mandated reporters to complete mandated reporter training, provides that the required in-person or web-based training shall include information on the process for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect utilizing the Department of Children and Family Services' Online Reporting System for Mandated Reporters.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2021 - Postponed - Health
3/2/2021 - Senate Health, (First Hearing)
3/2/2021 - Senate Subcommittee on Children & Family, (First Hearing)

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SB274 SCH CD-AG COMMITTEE-MEMBERSHIP *(BENNETT S)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that the committee of agriculturalists established to represent the various and diverse areas of the agricultural industry in Illinois shall, among other duties, advise the State Board of Education on the administration of the agricultural education line item appropriation and agency rulemaking that affects agricultural education educators. Sets forth changes in the composition of the committee's membership.

RECENT STATUS

4/13/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing);
Time & Location: 1:00 PM, Virtual Room 1 - ILGA.gov
3/24/2021 - Postponed - Education
3/23/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

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SB279 INC TX-SMALL FARMS *(BRYANT T)*

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit to taxpayers that own and operate a small farm and make a qualifying food commodity donation to a food bank or emergency feeding organization. Provides that the credit shall be equal to the lesser of \$5,000 or 15% of the value of the food commodity donated. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/25/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Assignments Refers to Revenue
3/24/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments
3/24/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Filed with Secretary by Sen. Terri Bryant

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SB309 SCHOOL-PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY *(BELT C)*

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. If the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency, requires the Department of Public Health to establish metrics for school districts and public institutions of higher education to use during the public health emergency in determining if the district or institution may safely conduct in-person instruction or if the district or institution must implement remote learning or blended remote learning to keep students and staff safe. Provides that the metrics shall be enforced by the Department, in cooperation with the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education. Requires the Department, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Higher Education to follow all guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as it pertains to schools and institutions of higher education during the public health emergency. Provides that the Department shall be responsible for providing rapid COVID-19 testing in public schools and public institutions of higher education. Amends the School Code and the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires school districts and public institutions of higher education

to grant paid sick leave to their employees if they contract the illness for which the public health emergency was declared. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - To Executive- Government Operations
3/17/2021 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford
3/17/2021 - Senate Executive, (First Hearing)

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SB458 AGRITOURISM LIABILITY ACT *(WILCOX C)*

Creates the Agritourism Liability Act. Provides that an agritourism operator is not liable for the injury or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of agritourism activities if the agritourism operator posts the prescribed warning notice. Provides that a participant assumes the inherent risks of an agritourism activity by engaging in the agritourism activity. Provides that no participant may pursue an action or recover from an agritourism operator for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the inherent risks of agritourism activities. Provides that nothing prevents or limits the liability of an agritourism operator if the agritourism operator: (1) commits an act or omission that constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant and that act or omission proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant; or (2) has actual knowledge or reasonably should know of an unusual dangerous condition on the land, facilities, or equipment used in the activity or the dangerous propensity of a particular animal used in such an activity, does not make the danger known to the participant, and the danger proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant. Provides that an agritourism operator shall post and maintain a warning notice in a clearly visible location at or near the entrance to the agritourism activity. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

4/9/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Rachelle Crowe
4/8/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Brian W. Stewart
4/7/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Jason Plummer

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SB482 OPEN MEETINGS-REMOTE MEETINGS *(CASTRO C)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Modifies the requirements by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. Makes conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

3/10/2021 - Postponed - Executive
3/10/2021 - Senate Executive, (First Hearing)
3/3/2021 - Assigned to Senate Executive

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SB489 SCH CD-FIREARM SAFETY COURSE *(ANDERSON N)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district may offer a firearm safety training course to students in grades 9 through 12,

which may include instruction on hunting safety. Provides that if a school district offers the course, a student may not be required to take the course. Provides that if a school board intends to offer a firearm safety training course, it must develop a policy to implement the course and must publish that policy on the district's website.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - To Executive- Firearms
3/23/2021 - Assigned to Senate Executive
2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments


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SB496 SCH CD-GRADE LEVEL ENDORSEMENT *(BARICKMAN J)*

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish grade level endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator License in the categories of: (i) Elementary (grades K through 9); and (ii) Secondary (grades 6 through 12). Provides for the adoption of rules regarding requirements for obtaining grade level endorsements. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Education
3/23/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Postponed - Education
3/23/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Assignments Refers to Education


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SB497 SCH CD-LICENSE-STIPULATIONS *(BARICKMAN J)*

Amends the School Code. Provides that a career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a minimum of 30 (rather than 60) semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Education
3/23/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
3/3/2021 - Assigned to Senate Education

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SB498 SCH CD-ALTERNATIVE ED LICENSUR *(BARICKMAN J)*

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code with respect to the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers. Removes the phase of the Program requiring a second year of residency; makes related changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Education

3/23/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

3/3/2021 - Assigned to Senate Education

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SB576 HIGHER ED-CLASSES ON ELEC DAY *(VILLANUEVA C)*

Amends various acts relating to the governance of public universities and community college districts in Illinois. Prohibits public universities and community colleges from holding any classes on the day of a general primary election or general election, as established by the Election Code. Allows public universities and community colleges to remain open for other purposes.

RECENT STATUS

3/17/2021 - To Executive- Elections

3/9/2021 - Assigned to Senate Executive

2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB647 SCH CD-SEXUAL EDUCATION/HEALTH *(VILLIVALAM R)*

Amends the School Code. Makes changes to the provisions of the Code relating to policies addressing sexual abuse. In the Courses of Study Article, repeals the sex education, family life, and instruction on diseases provisions. Instead, creates an age-appropriate comprehensive sex education program that shall be taught to students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. Provides that the sex education curricula shall, among other provisions, provide information regarding sexual health, consent, personal safety, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases. Provides that the instruction, among other provisions, shall incorporate discussion about diversity in cultures, families, gender identity, economic status, and the roles that these factors play in the development of sexual health and human relationships. Contains provisions that allow a parent or guardian to excuse his or her child from receiving the instruction. Provides for the formation of a committee to assist in the implementation of these provisions. Makes changes in the Chicago School District Article concerning AIDS training. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/25/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 Assignments Refers to Executive

3/25/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 Referred to Executive

3/24/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 Referred to Assignments

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SB648 SCH CD-ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY *(VILLIVALAM R)*

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian American history; contains provisions governing this instruction. Provides that the teaching of history of the United States shall include the study of the wrongful incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and the heroic service of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the United States Army during World War II.

RECENT STATUS

4/13/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing);

Time & Location: 1:00 PM, Virtual Room 1 - ILGA.gov

4/8/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Bill Cunningham

4/8/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. David Koehler

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SB1624 HIGHER ED-ADMISSIONS-AG SCI/ED *(TURNER D)*

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. With respect to the high school coursework that a person must satisfactorily complete for university admission, adds agricultural sciences as a course option for the science category and agricultural education as a course option for the electives category.

RECENT STATUS

4/13/2021 - Senate Higher Education, (First Hearing);

Time & Location: 5:30 PM, Virtual Room 1

4/7/2021 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Assignments Refers to Higher Education

3/29/2021 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments

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SB1668 HARVEST TO HOME PILOT PROGRAM *(HOLMES L)*

Creates the Illinois Harvest to Homes Pilot Program Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture, with meaningful input from stakeholders, shall develop an Illinois Harvest to Homes Pilot Program for a period of 5 years under which eligible entities may receive funding to provide agricultural surplus to communities of need. Creates an advisory council to support the Program. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules to implement the program no later than 90 days after the effective date of the Act. Provides that aspects of the program that are eligible for funding may include: (1) reimbursement to growers for picking, packing, and processing agricultural surplus; (2) transportation to the food banks; (3) reimbursement to food banks for storage and distribution costs; (4) capacity building grants for food banks to invest in facility upgrades for processing agricultural surplus; (5) marketing and promotional activities related to the pilot program; and (6) program administration. Provides for reporting requirements. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/23/2021 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Dale Fowler

3/9/2021 - Assigned to Senate Agriculture

2/26/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB1680 STUDENT TRANSPORT-MSAB *(BENNETT S)*

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a multifunction school activity bus may be used to transport a student in any of grades 9 through 12 who participates in a career exploration program, as approved by a parent or guardian. Effective July 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Transportation
3/23/2021 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing)
3/9/2021 - Assigned to Senate Transportation

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SB1687 SCH CD-TRANSPORTATION-REPEAL *(BENNETT S)*

Amends the School Code. Repeals the provisions of the Code that relate to the transportation of students to and from interscholastic or school-sponsored activities that do not require student participation and are not associated with the students' regular class-for-credit schedule. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Transportation
3/23/2021 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing)
3/9/2021 - Assigned to Senate Transportation

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SB1819 SCH CD-RURAL ED ADVIS COUNCIL *(KOEHLER D)*

Amends the School Code to create the Rural Education Advisory Council. Provides that the purpose of the council is to exchange thoughtful dialogue concerning the needs, challenges, and opportunities of rural districts and to provide policy recommendations to the State. Sets forth the functions and membership of the council. Contains provisions concerning expenses, meetings, and administrative support.

RECENT STATUS

4/13/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing);
Time & Location: 1:00 PM, Virtual Room 1 - ILGA.gov
4/7/2021 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Assignments Refers to Education
3/25/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

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SB1829 SCH CD-TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN *(LOUGHRAN CAPPEL M)*

Amends the School Code. In a provision concerning teacher evaluation plans, provides that for teachers not in contractual continued service who participate in a new teacher induction and mentoring program established by the school district in which they are employed, non-evaluative mentor observation and feedback may be used as part of the evaluation plan.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Education
3/23/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
3/9/2021 - Assigned to Senate Education

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SB1831 SCH CD-TEACHER EVALUATION (LOUGHRAN CAPPEL M)

Amends the Evaluation of Employees Article of the School Code. In a provision concerning the development of evaluation plans, provides that each school district shall determine research-based and proven evaluation practices (instead of incorporating the use of data and indicators on student growth). Provides that the practices may include incorporating the use of data and indicators on student growth, student surveys, teacher self-evaluation, goal-setting practices, peer-to-peer feedback, practices developed and approved by a specified joint committee, or practices recommended by the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council. Makes conforming changes. Provides that if a joint committee does not reach agreement on an evaluation plan, then the evaluation rating shall be based on professional practice as established by the district's evaluation plan (instead of implementing a model evaluation plan). Provides that the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council may develop nonregulatory guidance on research-based and proven evaluation practices.

RECENT STATUS

3/25/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

3/24/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

3/23/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

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SB1989 PEN CD-TRS-RETURN TO SERVICE (JOYCE P)

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that through June 30, 2023 (instead of June 30, 2021), an annuitant may accept employment as a teacher without impairing his or her retirement status if that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year. Makes a conforming change. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/13/2021 - Senate Education, (First Hearing);

Time & Location: 1:00 PM, Virtual Room 1 - ILGA.gov

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Education

3/23/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Scott M. Bennett

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SB2053 INCOME TAX-EDUCATION CREDIT (AQUINO O)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each qualified teacher is entitled to an income tax credit in an aggregate amount equal to 50% of the tuition costs incurred by that teacher at a public university in the State. Provides that each qualified teacher may take no more than 20% of his or her aggregate credit amount in any taxable year. Provides that the term "qualified teacher" means an individual who (i) graduated from a public university in the State, (ii) is employed as a teacher in this State during the taxable year, and (iii) has been employed as a teacher in the State for at least 5 consecutive years as of the first day of the taxable year. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2021 - To Credits, Deductions, and Exemptions

3/23/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Assignments Refers to Revenue

3/19/2021 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments

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SB2152 SCH CD-VOUCHER-SUBSTITUTED ED *(BAILEY D)*

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish and administer a program in which the State Board shall issue a voucher to the parent or guardian of a student, upon request of the parent or guardian, if: (1) the student was enrolled in a school district for a particular school year; (2) during that school year, the school board decided not to provide an option for full-time, in-person instruction at school as the primary method of instruction to students; and (3) the parent or guardian withdrew the student from enrollment in the district because the school board decided not to provide an option for full-time, in-person instruction. Sets forth provisions concerning the voucher amount and its use. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/7/2021 - To Appropriations- Education

4/7/2021 - Assigned to Senate Appropriations

2/26/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2164 STUDENT TRANSPORT-AGRARIAN *(ANDERSON N)*

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that provisions restricting the transportation of students to certain vehicles does not apply to any motor vehicle of the first division or the second division while that vehicle is being operated by specified entities for the purpose of transporting students to or from any agrarian-related school activity. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

4/13/2021 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing);

Time & Location: 3:30 PM, Virtual Room 1 - ILGA.gov

3/24/2021 - Postponed - Transportation

3/23/2021 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing)

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SB2246 OPEN MEETINGS-REMOTE MEETINGS *(KOEHLER D)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Modifies the requirements by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. Makes conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

3/23/2021 - Assigned to Senate Executive

2/26/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

2/26/2021 - FIRST READING

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SB2299 VEH CD-SCHOOL-ACTIVITY BUS USE (GILLESPIE A)

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a multifunction school-activity bus may additionally be used for transportation to a college, university, student job site developed through a partnership with the school, a college or career fair, or an experience that the school determines will contribute to a student's college or career readiness. Provides that, from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, a student in any of grades K through 12 may be transported in a multifunction school-activity bus for any transportation from home to school or from school to home. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes and to provide that a student in any of grades 7 through 12 (instead of grades 9 through 12) may be transported in a multifunction school-activity bus for specified purposes.

RECENT STATUS

3/23/2021 - Assigned to Senate Transportation

2/26/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

2/26/2021 - FIRST READING

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SB2354 SCH CD-FORENSIC SPEECH COURSE (REZIN S)

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Adds forensic speech (speech and debate) to the music, art, foreign language, or vocational education elective that a pupil may choose to satisfy the one year prerequisite that each pupil entering the 9th grade is required to successfully complete to receive a high school diploma. Provides that a forensic speech course used to satisfy the course requirement in language arts may not be used to satisfy a forensic speech course chosen as an elective course.

RECENT STATUS

3/23/2021 - Assigned to Senate Education

3/23/2021 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Karina Villa

2/26/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2436 CLEAN JOBS WORKFORCE EQUITY (PETERS R)

Creates the Clean Jobs, Workforce, and Contractor Equity Act. Creates the Equity and Empowerment in Clean Energy Advisory Board to administer the Clean Jobs Workforce Hubs Network Program, the Expanding Clean Energy Entrepreneurship and Contractor Incubator Network Program, the Returning Residents Clean Jobs Training Program, and the Illinois Clean Energy Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Primes Contractor Accelerator Programs. Establishes the Returning Residents Clean Jobs Training Program within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to assist inmates in their rehabilitation through training that prepares them to successfully hold employment in the clean energy jobs sector upon their release from incarceration. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to create an Illinois Clean Energy Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Primes Contractor Accelerator Program. Creates the Illinois Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund Act to ensure access to financial products that allow Illinois residents and businesses to invest in clean energy. Creates the Community Energy, Climate, and Jobs Planning Act to aid local governments in developing a comprehensive approach to combining different energy, climate, and jobs programs and funding resources to achieve complementary impact. Creates the Energy Community Reinvestment Fund Act. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Energy Community Reinvestment Fund and the Illinois Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund. Amends the School Code. Sets

forth provisions concerning a clean energy jobs curriculum. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Sets forth provisions concerning the Equitable Energy Upgrade Program. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Sets forth provisions concerning the energy community reinvestment fee. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/23/2021 - Assigned to Senate Energy and Public Utilities

2/26/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

2/26/2021 - FIRST READING

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SR57 ED PROFESSIONALS-SUPPORT *(VILLIVALAM R)*

States that education support professionals in public schools should be treated with the same respect, recognition, value, and standards as teachers. Urges the General Assembly to seek solutions via study and legislation that include, but are not limited to, legislated salary parity, quality professional development and training, and mandated access to health benefits for all education support professionals.

RECENT STATUS

2/17/2021 - Referred to Senate Assignments

2/17/2021 - Filed with Secretary Ram Villivalam

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