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HB1115	TIF-REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COST	REP. LANCE YEDNOCK	Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. For redevelopment project areas designated after November 1, 1999, in municipalities with less than 1,000,000 population, modifies the formula for elementary, secondary, or unit school district's increased costs attributable to assisted housing units located within the redevelopment project area for which the developer or redeveloper receives financial assistance through an agreement with the municipality or because the municipality incurs the cost of necessary infrastructure improvements within the boundaries of the assisted housing sites necessary for the completion of that housing. Removes differences in formulation for alternate method districts, flat grant districts, and foundation districts. For school districts in a municipality with a population in excess of 1,000,000, changes the last date upon which a school district may submit a claim for reimbursement to the municipality to October 31 of each year (currently, September 30) and provides that municipalities shall reimburse school districts that have met specified criteria no later than January 31 of the school year in which the claim is made.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Revenue & Finance
HB1371	SCH CD-JUNIOR COLOR GUARD	REP. MARTIN MCLAUGHLIN; SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM	Amends the School Code. Provides that subject to the availability of local resources, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, each public middle school, junior high school, and high school shall establish a junior color guard program to promote the value of and honor military personnel. Provides that the junior color guard shall be used at school events, including interscholastic athletic events and other events in which the presenting of the colors is requested. Provides that each school shall allow the junior color guard to participate in community events in which the presenting of the colors may be requested. Provides that each school may work with a civic organization or association to provide adequate training to the members of the junior color guard on the execution of their duties.	1/26/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Brandun Schweizer

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HB2401	SCH CD-DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE	REP. LA SHAWN FORD	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.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies
HB2623	TRS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	REP STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision that requires the System to automatically enroll certain employees in the System's defined contribution benefit, provides an exception for employees whose school district provides an alternative qualifying plan. Provides that the alternative qualifying plan shall abide by the automatic enrollment procedures and automatic increase in contribution provisions applicable to the System's defined contribution benefit. Sets forth additional requirements for alternative qualifying plans. Requires a school district that has an alternative qualifying plan to file a letter of compliance, passed by resolution of the school board, with the System. Effective immediately.		

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HB3093	MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS	REP. BARBARA HERNANDEZ; SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO	<p>Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that every public restroom open to the public shall include menstrual hygiene products at no cost to the users of that public restroom. Provides that all menstrual hygiene products shall be placed within the public restroom and be openly accessible to users of that public restroom. Provides that the entity providing the public restroom shall be responsible for ordering, stocking, and replenishing the supply of menstrual hygiene products in the public restroom. Provides that the provisions do not apply to mosques, temples, churches, or other places of worship. Includes provisions relating to inspection of public restrooms and rules that the Department of Public Health shall adopt. Provides that a violation of provisions relating to baby changing stations, all-gender single-occupancy restrooms, and menstrual hygiene products is a petty offense with a fine of not more than \$100. Effective immediately.</p> <p>House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that the provisions of the amendatory Act shall apply to any public toilet facility that is available without preference to any specific gender or any public toilet facility that is available only to women. Makes other changes.</p>	1/30/24	Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Cristina Castro
HB3138	TRS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision that requires the System to automatically enroll certain employees in the System's defined contribution benefit, provides an exception for employees whose school district provides an alternative qualifying plan. Provides that the alternative qualifying plan shall abide by the automatic enrollment procedures and automatic increase in contribution provisions applicable to the System's defined contribution benefit. Sets forth additional requirements for alternative qualifying plans. Requires a school district that has an alternative qualifying to file a letter of compliance, passed by resolution of the school board, with the System. Effective immediately.		

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HB3286	SCH-STIPEND FOR TEACH EXTERN	REP. SUZANNE NESS	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall provide stipends for teachers who participate in externships with a manufacturing company in the State.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools
HB3287	SCH CD-MANUFACT EMP-TEACH	REP. SUZANNE NESS	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriations, the State Board of Education shall pay one-half of the salary of an employee that is employed by a manufacturing company and working within a school district at a high school as a licensed career and technical education teacher.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools
HB3364	FOIA REQUEST FORMS	REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body may require (rather than may not require) that a request be submitted on a standard form or require the requester to specify the purpose for a request. Provides that a person making a request may not make a request for any other individual, but may make a request for an organization if the person discloses the organization for whom the request is being made.		

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HB3467	SCHOOL CD-PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	REP. TIM OZINGA	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish and administer an annual program to award property tax relief grants to school districts in the State. Provides that, in exchange for receiving a grant, the school district's maximum aggregate property tax extension for the taxable year that begins on January 1 of the fiscal year for which the grant is awarded may not exceed a specified maximum aggregate property tax extension. Creates the Education Property Tax Relief Fund for the purpose of making appropriations for the grant program. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.	1/30/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Jennifer Sanalidro
HB3519	PEN CD-TIER 2-VARIOUS	REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement formula, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55 (instead of age 60). With regard to Tier 2 members and participants under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, State Employees, and State Universities Article: changes the retirement age to age 60 with 20 years of service or age 67 with 10 years of service; changes the final average salary calculation to the total salary during the 60 months (instead of 96 months) of service within the last 120 months of service in which the total salary was the highest; rescinds an election for certain benefits for persons under the Chicago Municipal Article; provides that the automatic annual increase in retirement annuity shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted increase in the consumer-price index-u, whichever is greater (instead of whichever is less) of the originally granted retirement annuity; and makes other changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 and are applicable without regard to whether a member or participant was in active service on or after the effective date. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Personnel & Pensions

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HB3520	TIER 2 VARIOUS	REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement formula, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55 (instead of age 60). With regard to Tier 2 members and participants under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, State Employees, and State Universities Article: changes the retirement age to age 60 with 20 years of service or age 67 with 10 years of service; rescinds an election for certain benefits for persons under the Chicago Municipal Article; provides that any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on January 1 in the manner and with the same eligibility requirements provided for members or participants under the applicable Article who first became members or participants in that Article before January 1, 2011; and makes other changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 and are applicable without regard to whether a member or participant was in active service on or after the effective date. Authorizes SLEP status under IMRF for a person who is a county correctional officer or probation officer. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.		
HB3645	PROP TX- SCHOOL DISTRICTS	REP. FRED CRESPO	Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates the School District Extension Freeze Law. Provides that, if at the end of any levy year, a school district has reserves of 50% or more of its operating budget, then the school district's extension for all purposes may not exceed its extension for the previous levy year. Provides that, if the school district has reserves of 60% or more at the end of the immediately preceding levy year, then the district's extension shall be reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the district's reserve amount for the immediately preceding levy year and a reserve amount of 60% for that levy year. Effective July 1, 2023.	2/7/24	Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael J. Kelly

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HB3907	SCH CD-TEACHER PLAN TIME	REP. KATIE STUART	Amends the School Boards and Chicago School District Articles of the School Code. Provides that school boards shall allow all educators to have daily continuous uninterrupted individual classroom planning time. Provides that the planning period shall be equal to one class period but no less than 45 minutes in duration. Provides that this time requirement applies to educators who are in contact with students for 50% or more of their contracted workday. Provides that, during this planning period, educators may not be forced to substitute in other areas of the building or district when another educator is absent or a vacancy exists and may not be forced to attend meetings, trainings, or conferences of any kind. Provides that if an educator chooses to substitute or attend a meeting, training, or conference during their guaranteed planning period of their own free will, the educator shall be compensated at a rate of pay that is negotiated between the local Board of Education and local association of a state teacher association.	2/6/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Suzanne M. Ness

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HB4098	PENSIONS- VARIOUS	REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	<p>Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes changes to Tier 2 benefits for members or participants under the 5 State-funded retirement systems and the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, including changes to automatic annual increases, age and service requirements for retirement, and limits on the amount of salary for annuity purposes. Establishes an accelerated pension benefit payment option for the General Assembly and Judges Articles of the Code. Makes changes to the funding formula beginning in fiscal year 2025 for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the 5 State-funded retirement systems, provides for a deferred retirement option plan for certain participants under which a participant may continue in active service for up to 3 years while having his or her retirement pension paid into a special account, to be distributed to the participant upon retirement. Provides that any benefit increase that results from this Act is excluded from the definition of 'new benefit increase'.</p> <p>Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Provides that each fiscal year after certain State pension funding bonds and income tax proceed bonds are retired, the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller shall transfer \$500,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Unfunded Liability Reduction Fund each fiscal year, which shall be used for making additional contributions to the pension funds and retirement systems established under the General Assembly, State Employee, State Universities, Downstate Teacher, Chicago Teacher, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Repeals provisions concerning optional benefits for certain Tier 2 members. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.</p>	1/31/24	Assigned to House Personnel & Pensions



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HB4099	PEN CD-TIER 2 VARIOUS	REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	Amends the General Provisions, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice or a security employee of the Department of Human Services subject to the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement annuity provisions, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55, regardless of whether the attainment of age 55 occurs while the person is still in service. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of 'new benefit increase'. In the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles, in a provision that reduces the amount of the pension for a Tier 2 firefighter or Tier 2 police officer who retires with at least 10 years of creditable service before attaining age 55, provides that the pension of a Tier 2 firefighter or Tier 2 police officer who is retiring after attaining age 50 with 20 or more years of creditable service shall not be reduced. Makes a conforming change. Provides that each annual increase for Tier 2 firefighters shall be increased on the January 1 occurring either on or after the attainment of age 55 (instead of age 60) or the first anniversary of the pension start date, whichever is later. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Personnel & Pensions
HB4133	SCH CD-BULLYING PREVENTION	REP. MARGARET CROKE	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that the provisions concerning bullying prevention apply to nonpublic, sectarian schools.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies

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HB4173	EDUC-TRADE COURSES-METT	REP. JED DAVIS	Amends the School Code. Allows a METT Educator District License for teaching a course in manufacturing, engineering, technology, or a trade (METT) to be issued to an applicant who has at least 10,000 working hours in a trade. Provides that a METT Educator District License may be issued to qualified individuals who have not obtained a bachelor's degree or an equivalent number of hours in an educational program at an institution of higher education. Provides that a METT Educator District License is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued and may be renewed. Provides that a METT Educator District License is valid only for the teaching of a course that the State Board of Education has identified as related to the work experience of the licensee. Sets forth other provisions regarding the license. Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Provides that the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or the Department of Labor, shall expand a database to identify METT labor shortages. Provides that by July 1, 2026, school districts in identified regions shall be notified by the State Board and shall participate in a College and Career Pathway Endorsement program and offer a METT endorsement. Makes other changes.	2/6/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Martin McLaughlin
HB4175	SCH CD-NONPUBLIC DISCIPLINE	REP. MARGARET CROKE	Amends the School Code. Provides that a nonpublic school may not engage in slapping or paddling a student, the prolonged maintenance of a student in a physically painful position, or the intentional infliction of bodily harm on a student.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies

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HB4186	HIGH SCH FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQ	REP. AMY ELIK	<p>Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In the provisions concerning required high school courses, allows a pupil to take one year of a foreign language course (rather than 2 years), if, upon completing one year of foreign language coursework, the pupil, the pupil's parent or guardian, and the school counselor meet to discuss the pupil's postsecondary education or career goals, and, at that meeting, it is determined (i) that the pupil will take one year of career and technical education coursework, (ii) that a second year of foreign language coursework will limit the pupil's access to career and technical education coursework, and (iii) that the pupil does not need a second year of foreign language coursework to meet the pupil's postsecondary education and career goals. Provides that, following this meeting, the pupil's parent or guardian may opt the pupil out of a second year of foreign language coursework in a form and manner that is prescribed by the State Board of Education. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in this State. Provides that a university may not require a public high school student to have completed 2 years of foreign language coursework while in high school if it was determined in high school that the student was not required to and the student's parent or guardian opted the student out. Provides that if the student completed only one year of foreign language coursework in high school, the university may require the student to take no less than one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at the university. Effective immediately.</p>	1/25/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Brandun Schweizer

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HB4216	SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS	REP. RYAN SPAIN	Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board shall approve a course for school safety officers (a retired law enforcement officer who has been hired by a school district to perform security services). Sets forth training and certification requirements, including firearm certification. Provides that an applicant for employment as a school safety officer must authorize an investigation to determine if the applicant has been convicted of any criminal offense that disqualifies the person as a school safety officer. Amends the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act. Exempts school safety officers from the Act if a school board does not require officer-worn body cameras. Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, a school may employ a school safety officer. Requires a school safety officer applicant to provide the school district a certificate of completion or approved waiver issued by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Provides that a school safety officer shall wear a uniform that clearly identifies the officer as a school safety officer. Provides that a school safety officer may detain a person when the officer has reasonable suspicion to believe that an offense, other than an ordinance violation, is being committed. Provides that a school safety officer may carry a firearm as long as the officer is certified under specified provisions of the Illinois Police Training Act. Adds references to school safety officers throughout the Code. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Chief Co-Sponsor Changed to Rep. Jay Hoffman
HB4218	COLLEGE/ CAREER PATHWAY ENDORSE	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Provides that a postsecondary institution shall require applicants for admission to report which College and Career Pathway Endorsements, if any, they have received.	2/6/24	Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Suzanne M. Ness
HB4219	SCH CD-FENTANYL EDUCATION	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning fentanyl education, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, provides that in at least one unit in the State-required health courses for grades 6 through 8 a school district shall provide instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl.	2/9/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Jennifer Sanalidro

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HB4236	SCH CONSTRU CT-EARLY CHLD GRANT	REP. MARGARET CROKE	Amends the School Construction Law. In provisions concerning early childhood construction grants, removes a provision that specifies that grants made in fiscal year 2024 may be made only to public school districts. Provides that a not-for-profit early childhood entity that rents or leases from another not-for-profit entity shall be considered an eligible entity. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate
HB4242	PROP TX-DISABILITIES	REP. JED DAVIS	Amends the Property Tax Code. Increases the amount of the homestead exemption for persons with disabilities from \$2,000 to \$4,000 beginning in tax year 2024.	2/6/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Martin McLaughlin
HB4244	PROP TAX-HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	REP. JED DAVIS	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, provides that the term 'household' does not include an exempt family member who uses the residence as his or her principal place of residence for less than 12 months during the taxable year. Provides that the term 'exempt family member' means the applicant's son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter and the spouse of the applicant's son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter. Provides that the maximum income limitation amount is \$80,000 (rather than \$65,000)	2/6/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Martin McLaughlin

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HB4253	EDUC/CRIM CD-HAZING/VIOLETIONS	REP. KAMBIUM BUCKNER	Creates the Higher Education Violation Reporting Act. Provides that each public and private institution of higher education shall maintain a report publicly reporting actual findings of violations by any student organization, athletic team, or living group of the institution's code of conduct or anti-hazing policy or State or federal laws relating to hazing or alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, or physical assault. Provides that an institution of higher education shall provide hazing prevention education to employees. Provides that if an employee or volunteer at an institution of higher education has reasonable cause to believe that hazing has occurred, the employee or volunteer shall report the incident. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. In provisions concerning hazing, provides that a person commits hazing when he or she knowingly requires the performance of any act by a student or other person in a school, college, university, or other educational institution of this State for the purpose of induction or admission into or maintenance of membership in (instead of only for the purpose of induction or admission into) any group, organization, or society associated or connected with that institution if the act meets certain requirements; makes changes to the requirements. Provides that an act may be considered hazing regardless of whether the student or other person is willing to participate in the act. Effective July 1, 2024.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4254	SCH CD-CENTRAL COMM BOND ISSUE	REP. JEFF KEICHER	Amends the School Code. In a Section concerning the debt limitations of school districts, provides that, in addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Central Community Unit School District 301 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$195,000,000 if specified conditions are met. Provides that the debt incurred on the bonds shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation and must mature within not to exceed 25 years from their date. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4264	MENSTRUAL PRODUCT-DONATIONS	REP. BARBARA HERNANDEZ	Creates the Good Samaritan Menstrual Products Act. Prohibits a person, manufacturer, or distributor from being held liable for damages incurred resulting from any illness or disease contracted by the ultimate user or recipient of an apparently usable menstrual product due to the nature, age, condition, or packaging of the menstrual product that the person, manufacturer, or distributor donates in good faith to a nonprofit organization for ultimate distribution to an individual in need of such menstrual product. Prohibits a nonprofit organization from being held liable for damages incurred resulting from any illness or disease contracted by the ultimate user or recipient of an apparently usable menstrual product due to the condition of the menstrual product. Sets forth exceptions. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4265	SCH CD-ACCEL PLACE-AUTO ENROLL	REP. LANCE YEDNOCK	Amends the Gifted and Talented Children and Children Eligible for Accelerated Placement Article of the School Code. Provides that, by no later than the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, a school district's accelerated placement policy may (instead of shall) allow for the automatic enrollment, in the following school term, of a student into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework offered by the high school if the student exceeds (instead of meets or exceeds) State standards in English language arts, mathematics, or science on a State assessment administered under the School Code. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies
HB4273	SCH CD-SCH TIME-CHANGE GRANT	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish and implement a school time-change grant program to provide grants to school districts to assist with additional costs incurred to change when the school day starts at a school containing any of grades 6 through 12 to on or after 8 a.m. Provides that to be eligible to receive a grant under this program, a school district must change when the school day starts before the 2026-2027 school year. Provides that State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary to implement these provisions.	1/31/24	Assigned to House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies

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HB4274	SCH CD-TICK REMOVAL IN SCHOOLS	REP. DANIEL SWANSON	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school nurse or other designated person employed by a school district shall remove a tick from a student in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Public Health. After the tick has been removed, requires (i) the school nurse or other designated person to notify the parent or guardian of the student (and sets forth what the notice must state), (ii) the school to provide the parent or guardian with an information sheet from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Department of Public Health regarding the signs and symptoms of Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever and testing labs for ticks, and (iii) the school to preserve the tick for 72 hours so that the parent or guardian may send the tick to a lab for testing and provide information to the parent or guardian on how to send the tick to a lab for testing (but allows the parent or guardian to give the school permission to dispose of the tick before the 72-hour time period has expired). Provides that the Department of Public Health shall issue guidelines on how to remove a tick, publish those guidelines on the Department of Public Health's Internet website, and, in consultation with the State Board of Education, provide the guidelines to school districts. Provides that a school district and its employees and agents shall incur no liability, except for willful or wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from the removal of a tick if the removal of the tick followed the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Health. Effective July 1, 2024.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4277	SCH-CD-EDUC LICENSE-ASL ENDORS	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Requires the world language endorsement on a Professional Educator License to include American Sign Language under rules of the State Board of Education.	2/6/24	Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Maurice A. West, II
HB4284	PELL-HOMEWOOD SCH DIST	REP. WILLIAM DAVIS	Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for the purpose of calculating the limiting rate for levy year 2023, the last preceding aggregate extension base for Homewood School District No. 153 in Cook County shall be \$19,535,377. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules



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HB4299	INVEST IN KIDS-EXTEND	REP. PAUL JACOBS	Amends the Invest in Kids Act. Provides that the credit under the Act is available for tax years ending before January 1, 2029 (currently, January 1, 2024). Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4308	PROP TX-PERSON W/DISABILITY	REP. PAUL JACOBS	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning the homestead exemption for persons with disabilities, provides that, if the person with a disability is eligible to receive disability benefits under the federal Social Security Act and has a household income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level, then the property is exempt from taxation under the Code. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4311	SCH CD-SUBSTITUTE TEACHING LIC	REP. TRAVIS WEAVER	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Authorizes the issuance of short-term substitute teaching licenses to applicants who hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an unaccredited institution of higher education. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4313	SCH CD-EDUCATOR LICENSE ENDORS	REP. TRAVIS WEAVER	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Authorizes the issuance of a college-level endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations if an applicant (i) holds at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, (ii) possesses an educational background that allows the applicant to teach college-level coursework in either a bachelor's degree or master's degree granting program, and (iii) has passed a content area test in the subject to be taught by the applicant. Provides that the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of being issued and may be renewed. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4318	PROPERTY TX-SURPLUS	REP. CURTIS TARVER, II	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, within 30 days after recording of a tax deed with respect to residential property, the tax deed grantee shall pay the surplus to the previous owner of the property described in the deed. Sets forth the procedures to calculate the surplus.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4319	SCH CODE-CLIMATE CHANGE	REP. KIMBERLY DU BUCLET	Amends the School Code. Provides that every public school shall provide instruction, study, and discussion of current problems and needs in the conservation of natural resources, including climate change. Provides that the content of climate change curriculum must be supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals or comprises of information recognized as accurate and objective. Provides that the State Board of Education may devise or approve the climate change education curriculum	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4335	PROP TX-VETERANS-SPOUSE	REP. JOHN CABELLO	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for taxable year 2024 and thereafter, the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities carries over to the benefit of a deceased veteran's remarried surviving spouse as long as the surviving spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the property and permanently resides on the property (currently, the surviving spouse is not eligible for the exemption if the spouse remarries). Effective immediately.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4402	OPN MTG-EMERGENCY DEFINED	REP. DANIEL DIDECH	Amends the Open Meetings Act. Defines the terms 'bona fide emergency' and 'exigent circumstances'. Provides that, if a quorum of the members of a public body is physically present at a meeting, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of, among other things, exigent circumstances concerning a family member (rather than because of, among other things, a family or other emergency).	1/16/24	FIRST READING
HB4407	CHILD ABUSE REPORTS TO SCHOOL	REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS	Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Requires the Child Protective Service Unit to send a notification letter (rather than a copy of the Unit's final finding report) to a child's school following an investigation and finding of physical or sexual abuse. Provides that if an indicated finding is overturned in an appeal or hearing, the Department of Children and Family Services shall request that the notification letter (rather than final finding report) be purged from the student's record, and the school shall purge the notification letter (rather than final finding report) from the student's record in accordance with the Illinois School Student Records Act. Requires the notification letter to provide the date of expungement from the central register. Removes a provision requiring all reports made by mandated reporters to be confirmed in writing to the appropriate Child Protective Service Unit within 48 hours of any initial report.	1/16/24	FIRST READING

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HB4414	TIF - CITY OF HIGHLAND	REP. CHARLES MEIER	Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Extends the estimated dates of completion of redevelopment projects and the retirement of obligations issued to finance redevelopment project costs for two ordinances adopted by the City of Highland. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	FIRST READING
HB4417	SCH-CD WORKPLACE READINESS WK	REP. GREGG JOHNSON	Amends the Course of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that all public high schools, including charter schools, shall designate and annually observe a week known as 'Workplace Readiness Week'. Provides that students shall be provided information on their rights as workers during that week, and sets forth what information must be included. Provides that for students in grades 11 and 12, the information shall be integrated into the regular school program but may also be provided during special events after regular school hours. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	FIRST READING
HB4420	PROPERTY TAX- SENIOR FREEZE	REP. JENNIFER GONG-GERSHOWITZ	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for taxable years 2024 and thereafter, the maximum income limitation for the senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption is \$75,000 (currently, \$65,000) for all qualified property.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4424	PROP TX- HISTORIC RESIDENCE	REP. KELLY BURKE	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning the Historic Residence Assessment Freeze Law, provides that the fair cash value of the property shall be based on the final determination by the assessment officer, board of review, Property Tax Appeal Board, or court. Provides that, after the expiration of the 8-year valuation period, if the current fair cash value is less than the adjusted base year valuation, then the assessment shall be based on the current fair cash value. Provides that the changes are declarative of existing law.	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4437	PROP TX- FLOOD HAZARD	REP. MAURICE WEST, II	Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a homestead exemption, subject to certain limitations, for property that is located within a special flood hazard area as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Provides that the amount of the exemption shall be a reduction in the property's equalized assessed value of \$5,000. Effective immediately.	1/16/24	FIRST READING

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HB4441	LOCAL&SCH HOOL CONTRAC TING GOALS	REP. DANIEL DIDECH	Amends the Counties Code, the Township Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, the Park District Code, the Illinois Local Library Act, the Public Library District Act of 1991, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Provides that the board of trustees and corporate authorities of the various local governmental entities referenced in the named Acts and Codes may establish aspirational goals for the awarding of contracts to minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities. Defines 'minority-owned business', 'women-owned business', and 'business owned by a person with a disability'	1/16/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4443	SCH SAFETY- LOCKDOW N DRILLS	REP. DANIEL DIDECH	Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Provides that a law enforcement lockdown drill must not be conducted on the day of or within 2 days before a school-administered standardized test.	1/16/24	FIRST READING
HB4454	SCH CD- MENTAL HEALTH- NOTIFY	REP. DAGMARA AVELAR	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require each school to notify students and the students' parents or guardians twice each year on how to access any mental health services offered in school or in the community where the school is located.	2/8/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Janet Yang Rohr
HB4473	SCH CD-ST BD ED-CTE TASK FORCE	REP. MARY GILL	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the Career and Technical Education Task Force is created within the State Board of Education to examine how to involve more students in technical education. Specifies the members of the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall meet once every 3 months at the call of the State Board of Education and shall receive administrative and other support from the State Board of Education. Provides that the Task Force shall prepare and deliver to the State Board of Education a report each year covering the Task Force's findings. Provides that the Task Force is dissolved and the provisions are repealed on January 1, 2026. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Suzanne M. Ness

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HB4474	SCH CD-IEP-VOTER REGISTRATION	REP. NABEELA SYED	Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that in the development of the individualized education program for a student who is 17 years of age or older, or will be during that school year, the IEP team shall consider voter registration as an appropriate goal or competency to be included in the IEP, and, if appropriate, when and how voter registration shall be accomplished. Provides that any resulting decisions shall be included in the IEP. Effective July 1, 2024.	1/17/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4476	MOLD REMEDIATION-AWARENESS	REP. NABEELA SYED	Amends the Mold Remediation Registration Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall establish a public awareness campaign to assist the public in understanding the threat and importance of removing mold from indoor environments. Provides requirements for the Department to follow regarding the campaign. Defines terms. Provides that the Department must report, annually, to the Environment and Energy Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate concerning the implementation of any federal regulations or State rules (instead of federal regulations) that establish scientific evidence concerning the health effects of mold and its byproducts on the training, certification, and licensing of parties providing mold remediation services. Provides that the Department shall (instead of may) adopt rules to implement a program establishing procedures for parties that provide mold remediation services to register with the State and provide evidence of an active third-party certification and evidence of financial responsibility (instead of only provide evidence of financial responsibility). Removes language exempting from the provisions of the Act persons licensed under the Structural Pest Control Act.	1/17/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4491	CHILD CARE FACILITY-STANDARDS	REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS	Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that a qualified child care director must be present at the open or close of the facility. Provides that a qualified early childhood teacher who has been employed by the facility continuously for at least 24 months may otherwise be present for the first or last hour of the workday.	1/17/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4503	ELEC CD- EARLY VOTING LOCATION S	REP. KATIE STUART	Amends the Election Code. Provides that, if a unit of local government receives a request to make the unit's public buildings within the election authority's jurisdiction available as permanent or temporary early voting polling place, the unit may demonstrate to the election authority that the use would interfere with scheduled programming, and, if so, the election authority and the unit shall work cooperatively to find an alternative location to serve as the permanent or temporary early voting polling place. <i>Effective immediately.</i>	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4509	SOUTH SUBURBA N TRAUMA CENTER	REP. THADDEUS JONES	Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. Creates the South Suburban Trauma Center Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Specifies that certain toll surcharges are to be deposited in the Fund and used for a suburban trauma center to be situated on the border between Calumet City and the Village of Dolton. Describes additional duties of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board regarding the establishment of a south suburban trauma center. Amends the Toll Highway Act. Imposes a toll surcharge at a specific toll plaza. Amends the State Finance Act to make <i>conforming changes. Effective immediately.</i>	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4512	PROP TX- PUBLICATI ON	REP. CYRIL NICHOLS	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the assessment list may be posted on the chief county assessment officer's website.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4520	SCH CD- JUNIOR COLOR GUARD	REP. MARTIN MCLAUGHLI N	Amends the School Code. Provides that subject to the availability of local resources, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each public middle school, junior high school, and high school may establish a junior color guard program to promote the value of and honor military personnel. Provides that the junior color guard may be used at school events, including interscholastic athletic events and other events in which the presenting of the colors is requested. Provides that each school may allow the junior color guard to participate in community events in which the presenting of the colors may be requested. Provides that each school may work with a civic organization or association to provide adequate training to the members of the junior color guard on the execution of their duties.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4521	CHILD CARE-VIDEO SURVEILLANCE	REP. MARTIN MCLAUGHLIN	Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that, on or before January 1, 2025, the Department of Children and Family Services shall require each licensed day care center to maintain a video security system and maintain video surveillance of all public areas within the premises of the day care center, including, but not limited to, hallways, entrances, play areas, common rooms, and eating areas. Provides that video surveillance shall not take place in private areas within the day care center, including, but not limited to, bathrooms and changing areas. Provides that, if a video security system is deemed inadequate by the Department, the day care center shall have 30 days to correct the inadequacy. Provides that each licensed day care center must notify all parents of children attending the day care center that public areas are under video surveillance and must post a sign at the entrance of the day care center that informs visitors that the area is under video surveillance. Provides that the minimum standards for licensing shall require that each child care institution, maternity center, day care center, group home, day care home, and group day care home require that every staff member involved in the direct care of children be certified in first aid, in the Heimlich maneuver, and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (rather than have on its premises during its hours of operation at least one staff member certified in first aid, in the Heimlich maneuver, and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation).	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4527	CRIM CD-SEXUAL REL-STUDENTS	REP. JOYCE MASON	Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of sexual misconduct with a student. Provides that a person commits sexual misconduct with a student when he or she is or was an employee of a school and commits sexual misconduct with a student who, at the time the employee was employed by the school, attended the school. Provides that the consent of the student is not a defense to a prosecution under this provision. Provides that a student is deemed incapable of consent, for purposes of this provision, when he or she is a student who attended the school while the employee was employed at the school. Provides that it is not a defense to a violation of this provision that the student was of the age to give consent to sexual penetration or sexual conduct in circumstances not involving a violation of this provision. Provides that a person convicted of violating this provision shall immediately forfeit his or her employment with a school and may not subsequently be employed at a school. Provides that a violation is a Class 3 felony. Provides exemptions. Defines 'school' as a public or private elementary or secondary school or a school that operates grades kindergarten through 12. Defines 'sexual misconduct' as any act, including, but not limited to, any verbal, nonverbal, written, or electronic communication or physical activity, by an employee or agent of the school district, charter school, or nonpublic school with direct contact with a student that is directed toward or with a student to establish a romantic or sexual relationship with the student. Defines other terms.	2/9/24	Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Daniel Didech
HB4542	PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE	REP. JOYCE MASON	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the minimum age for eligibility for the low-income senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption is 62 years of age (currently, 65 years of age). Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4547	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH	REP. JAY HOFFMAN	Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning prohibited transactions.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4557	SAFETY-TECH	REP. MARY GILL	Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules



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HB4559	PROP TX-NOTICE	REP. MARK WALKER	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning notices of increased assessments, provides that the county assessor shall continue to accept appeals from the taxpayer for a period of not less than 30 days (currently, 30 business days) from the date the assessment notice is mailed or the date the notice is published on the assessor's website, whichever is later. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4561	PROP TX-PROTEST PAYMENTS	REP. AMY ELIK	Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes changes concerning the amount required to be paid under protest for the 2024 or 2025 tax year. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4568	PROP TX-PTELL NEW RATE	REP. MATT HANSON	Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a levy authorized for contributions to a Firefighters' Pension Fund for a municipality with a population of 500,00 or less is not considered a new rate. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4572	SCH CD-MONTESSORI EDUC LICENSE	REP. JAIME ANDRADE, JR.	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides for the issuance of a Montessori educator license to qualified individuals to teach using the Montessori method in public school programs that use the Montessori method as the primary method of instruction. Sets forth the requirements that an individual must satisfy to be issued a Montessori educator license, which include requiring the applicant to have (i) graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree, (ii) a Montessori certificate or credential issued by an institution accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, by the American Montessori Society, or by the Association Montessori Internationale, and (iii) successfully completed required testing. Makes related changes to provisions concerning educator testing and fees.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4573	PROPERTY TX-SURPLUS	REP. AMY ELIK	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, within 30 days after recording of a tax deed with respect to residential property, the tax deed grantee shall pay the surplus to the previous owner of the property described in the deed. Sets forth the procedures to calculate the surplus.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4577	SCH CD-STUDENT ACCOUNT-UNPAID	REP. JOYCE MASON	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that no public high school of a school district may punish or penalize a student because of an unpaid balance on the student's school account. Removes a provision making the prohibition on withholding a student's grades, transcripts, or diploma because of an unpaid balance inoperative beginning 3 years from May 5, 2022. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4581	SCH CD-SPEC ED-RESIDENT DIST	REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN	Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that if a student who is 18 years of age or older with no legal guardian is placed residentially outside of the school district in which the student's parent lives and the placement is funded by a State agency or through private insurance, then the resident district is the school district in which the parent lives. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4584	SCH CD-REPORT POLICE INVOLVE	REP. ANNE STAVA-MURRAY	Amends the School Code. Provides that any involvement by a law enforcement agency in an incident at a school or on school owned or leased property, including any conveyance owned, leased, or used by the school for the transport of students or school personnel, shall be reported monthly to the Illinois State Police by the school district superintendent or his or her designee or other appropriate administrative officer if the school is a nonpublic school. Provides that the State Board of Education shall receive an annual statistical compilation and related data associated with the reporting from the Illinois State Police. Provides that the State Board of Education shall compile this information by school and make it available to the public. Effective July 1, 2024.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4586	SCH CD-MENTAL HEALTH-NOTIFY	REP. ANNE STAVA-MURRAY	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require each school to notify students and the students' parents or guardians twice each year on how to access any mental health services offered in school or in the community where the school is located.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4596	PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE	REP. JOYCE MASON	Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Removes a provision that the Act shall not apply to any employee who is covered by a bona fide collective bargaining agreement with an employer that provides services nationally and internationally of delivery, pickup, and transportation of parcels, documents, and freight. Provides that the definition of 'employee' does not include an employee as defined in the Federal Employers' Liability Act.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4616	SCH CD-ANTI-LITTER EDUCATION	REP. AMY ELIK	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that each school board may provide instruction in anti-litter education in all grades and include that instruction in the courses of study regularly taught in those grades. Provides that by January 1, 2025, the State Board of Education shall post on its Internet website instructional materials relating to teaching anti-litter education. Creates the Anti-Litter Education Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Superintendent of Education may provide a grant to a school district to support the school district's anti-litter programming, including implementation of litterbug programs within the schools of the district. Provides that grants may be awarded from the Anti-Litter Education Fund. Provides for rulemaking. Amends the State Finance Act to make a conforming change. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4618	SCH CD-DIST BOUNDARY CHANGE	REP. HARRY BENTON	Amends the Boundary Changes Article of the School Code. With respect to a petition to change school district boundaries, provides that the length of time for signatures to be valid, before the filing of the petition, shall not exceed one year (rather than 6 months). Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4622	SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT NOTE	REP. DANIEL DIDECH	Creates the Local School District Mandate Note Act. Provides that, every bill that imposes or could impose a mandate on local school districts, upon the request of any member, shall have prepared for it, before second reading in the house of introduction, a brief explanatory statement or note that shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated fiscal and operational impact of those mandates on local school districts. Provides that the sponsor of each bill for which a request has been made shall present a copy of the bill with the request for a local school district mandate note to the State Board of Education. Provides that the State Board of Education shall prepare and submit the note to the sponsor of the bill within 5 calendar days, except as specified. Sets forth provisions concerning the requisites and contents of the note; comments or opinions included in the note; and the appearance of State officials and employees in support or opposition of measure.	2/5/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Tony M. McCombie

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HB4625	SCH CD-DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that all school districts shall, with guidance and standards provided by the State Board of Education and a group of educators convened by the State Board of Education, ensure that students receive developmentally appropriate opportunities to gain digital literacy skills beginning in elementary school. Provides that digital literacy instruction shall include developmentally appropriate instruction in digital citizenship skills, media literacy, and AI literacy. Provides that digital literacy skills may, based on the recommendation of the State Board of Education, incorporate existing computer literacy standards. Sets forth what the digital citizenship skills instruction, media literacy instruction, and AI literacy instruction shall include. Effective July 1, 2024.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4626	SCH CD-STUDENTS AND OFFICIALS	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the School Code. Provides that a public school student may communicate and work with federally elected, State-elected, or locally elected officials or other stakeholders or officials as part of the student's education.	1/31/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4633	INS-SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER	REP. DAGMARA AVELAR	Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed in this State on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall provide coverage for health care services provided at a school-based health center at the same rate that would apply if those health care services were provided in a different health care setting.	2/8/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Janet Yang Rohr
HB4647	INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ORG	REP. JOE SOSNOWSKI	Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Provides that an association or other entity that has as one of its purposes promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among schools and students within this State shall adopt a policy that allows for a student to participate in interscholastic athletics immediately upon completing a transfer from one school to another school and enrolling in that other school. Provides that the policy may prohibit the student from participating in interscholastic athletics at that other school before the school transfer process is complete and the transfer has been accepted by the principal of the school from which the student is transferring and the principal of the school to which the student is transferring. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4649	EDUCATION-TECH	REP. JEHAN GORDON-BOOTH	Amends the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4653	SCHOOL-EMPLOYEE TRAUMA TRAINING	REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN	Amends the School Code. Makes stylistic changes in provisions concerning institutes or inservice training workshops. In provisions concerning inservice training programs, removes the requirement that the training regarding health conditions of students include the chronic health conditions of students and provides that school district employees who are trained to respond to trauma under the provisions shall be immune from civil liability in the use of a trauma kit unless the action constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Provides that training regarding the implementation of trauma-informed practices under the provisions concerning institutes or inservice training workshops satisfies the requirements under the provisions concerning inservice training programs. Removes certain provisions that require a school board to conduct inservice training for all school district employees on the methods to respond to trauma. Makes technical changes having a revisory function. Effective January 1, 2025.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4655	REVENUE- MEGAPRO JECT	REP. MARTIN MOYLAN	Creates the Megaproject Sports and Entertainment Facility Admission Tax Act. Imposes a tax of \$3 for each individual admitted to a sports and entertainment facility located on megaproject property. Contains provisions concerning the distribution of the proceeds of the tax. Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that certain property may be certified by the Department of Revenue as containing a megaproject. Provides that a 'megaproject' is a project with respect to which a company makes a specified investment during a specified investment period. Provides that the Department of Revenue may issue a megaproject certificate only for a megaproject in the Village of Arlington Heights. Provides that the megaproject property is eligible for an assessment freeze. Provides that megaproject property may be granted an abatement. Provides that a company that operates a megaproject shall enter into an agreement with the municipality in which the project is located to make certain special payments. Creates the Arlington Megaproject Oversight Board. Provides that the incentive agreement must be approved by resolution of the Arlington Megaproject Oversight Board. Amends the State Finance Act making conforming changes. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that qualified tangible personal property used in the construction or operation of a megaproject is exempt from the taxes imposed under those Acts. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act, and the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that certain tax proceeds from megaproject property shall be deposited into the Arlington Megaproject Infrastructure Fund. Makes other changes. Effective June 1,	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4658	SCH CD- PERSONAL FINANCE EDUC	REP. CURTIS TARVER, II	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Instead of requiring consumer education to be taught and studied, provides that, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2027-2028 school year, pupils in the public schools in grade 11 or 12 shall be taught and be required to complete a stand-alone, one-semester or equivalent course covering personal finance. Sets forth what topics must be included. Provides that the State Board of Education shall devise or approve the personal finance education standards for the course. Provides that the school board shall oversee implementation of the course for each high school student prior to graduation. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a Financial Literacy Implementation Committee no later than June 30, 2024 to make recommendations to the State Superintendent of Education concerning the implementation of the course for each high school student prior to graduation. Sets forth provisions concerning Committee members, meetings, and support. Provides that the State Board of Education shall present regular and timely reports to the Committee regarding the implementation of the course. Requires a pupil to successfully complete a course on personal finance education as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma (rather than allowing a financial literacy course to be included as part of the social studies requirement). Makes other changes. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4672	SCH CD- SPEECH- LANG PATHOLO GIST	REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning educator testing, provides that an applicant for a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement for non-teaching speech-language pathologist may satisfy the requirement of passing a test of content area knowledge by passing the national Praxis test in speech-language pathology administered by the Educational Testing Service. Provides that an applicant for a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement for non-teaching speech-language pathologist may complete a school internship, externship, or practicum prior to taking the Praxis test, but must pass the Praxis test in speech-language pathology prior to licensure.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4690	COMMUNICATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL	REP. TIM OZINGA	Creates the Communication and Actions in Public Schools Act. Provides that no communication by a public school entity, official representative thereof, professional employee, or guest school speaker may compel a person to adopt, affirm, adhere to, or profess an idea that violates Title IV or Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 or adopt, affirm, adhere to, or profess specified concepts. Provides that nothing in those provisions may be construed to prohibit the discussion of ideas and history of the described concepts or may be construed to prohibit the discussion of public policy issues of the day or ideas that individuals may find unwelcome, disagreeable, or offensive. Sets forth provisions concerning a refusal to engage in any of the specified concepts. Provides that no public school entity may use funds from any source to engage in any of the specified concepts. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop and make available to professional employees technical assistance, guidance, and professional development in accordance with specified provisions. Sets forth requirements for contractors with a public school entity. Provides that a parent, student, professional employee, or other person interacting with a public school entity may file a complaint with the school board of the school district alleging a violation of the Act by a professional employee or contractor. Sets forth other enforcement provisions. Provides that the State Board shall develop a policy on how a complaint may be filed. Provides that the policy shall be made available on the State Board's Internet website. Provides that the State Board may adopt rules to implement the Act.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4691	INVEST IN KIDS-SUNSET	REP. TIM OZINGA	Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and the Invest in Kids Act. Provides that the Invest in Kids credit applies for taxable years ending before January 1, 2035 (currently, January 1, 2024). Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Dan Ugaste
HB4695	PROP TX-LIMITATION	REP. TIM OZINGA	Amends the Property Tax Code. Sets forth procedures for calculating a taxing district's maximum extension if the taxing district's population has decreased when compared with the taxing district's population in the immediately preceding taxable year. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules



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HB4700	INC TX-EDUCATION EXPENSE	REP. TIM OZINGA	Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases the maximum amount of the education expense credit from \$750 to \$1,000. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4709	ELEC CD-SCHOOL POLLING PLACE	REP. MAURA HIRSCHAUER	Amends the Election Code. Provides that the county board or board of election commissioners may use public school buildings as polling places only if a school board or a local school council approves the use of that school. Provides that, if the county board or board of election commissioners uses all convenient and available public buildings and determines that a public school building is needed as a polling place, it shall send a written request to use the public school building to the school board or local school council. Sets forth provisions concerning the contents of the request and the response to the request. Amends the School Code. Provides that each school board or local school council shall have the power to approve or deny, in accordance with the school board or local school council's rules and policies, any request of a county board or board of election commissioners to use a school building as a polling place. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4729	EDUCATION-TECH	REP. LA SHAWN FORD	Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning licensure of educators.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4779	SCH CD-DEBT LIMIT EXCEPTION	REP. JENNIFER GONG-GERSHOWITZ	Amends the School Code. In a Section concerning the debt limitations of school districts, provides that, in addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Avoca School District 37 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$89,800,000 if specified conditions are met, including (i) that the voters of the school district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at an election held on or after March 19, 2024 and (ii) that, prior to the issuance of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that the projects set forth in the proposition for the bond issuance were and are required because of the age and condition of the district's existing school buildings. Provides that the debt incurred on the bonds shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation and must mature within not to exceed 25 years from their date, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4800	SCH CD-ALTERNATIVE SCH-FUNDING	REP. WILLIAM DAVIS	Amends the Safe Schools Law of the School Code. In provisions concerning funding, provides that in any fiscal year in which the State funding allocation is at or above \$22,730,000, each alternative school program shall receive \$100,000 for that fiscal year (instead of receiving funding in the amount of \$30,000), plus an amount based on the ratio of an educational service region's or the Chicago public school system's average student enrollment (instead of best 3 months' average daily attendance in grades pre-kindergarten through 12) to the statewide totals of these amounts. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4826	SCH CD-MENTAL HEALTH INSTRUCT	REP. KEVIN OLICKAL	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education, in consultation with licensed clinical social workers and licensed social workers, shall develop a unit of instruction on mental health that teaches students in grades 9 through 12 essential skills for recognizing and managing mental health issues effectively. Provides that the unit of instruction shall include a list of resources available to a student. Provides that the unit of instruction shall be made available to each school district that maintains grades 9 through 12 by July 1, 2025. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4850	SCHOOL MANDATE TRANSPARENCY	REP. TONY MCCOMBIE	Creates the School District Impact Note Act. Requires every bill that could have a negative impact on the finances of a school district in the State or that could cause a school district to expend additional staffing resources to have prepared for it by the Illinois State Board of Education a brief explanatory statement or note describing the bill's anticipated impact on education in the State. Specifies the contents of the note and the circumstances under which the note is to be prepared. Clarifies that the preparation of such a note does not preclude a State official or employee from participating in legislative hearings concerning the bill. Provides that the subject matter of bills submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education shall be kept in strict confidence, and no information relating to the bill or its anticipated impact on education in the State shall be divulged, before the bill's introduction in the General Assembly, by any State official or employee of the State Board, except to the bill's sponsor or his or her designee. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4853	SCHOOLS DECIDE ACT	REP. TONY MCCOMBIE	Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning holidays, provides that a school board or other entity eligible to apply for waivers and modifications under the Code is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on November 5, 2024 (2024 General Election Day) if certain conditions are met. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4866	SCHOOL CD-PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	REP. TIM OZINGA	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish and administer a program to award property tax relief grants to school districts in this State. Provides that, in exchange for receiving a grant, a school district's maximum aggregate property tax extension for the taxable year that begins on January 1 of the fiscal year for which the grant is awarded may not exceed an adjusted maximum aggregate property tax extension for that taxable year. Creates the Education Property Tax Relief Fund as a special fund in the State treasury for the purpose of awarding grants. Sets forth provisions concerning the Education Property Tax Relief Fund. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately	2/8/24	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Kevin Schmidt

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HB4895	SCH CD-CLIMATE CHANGE EDUC	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, every public high school shall require a unit of instruction addressing climate change in either a required science class or a required social studies class. Sets forth what the unit of instruction shall include. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or the Director's designee, shall prepare and make available to school boards instructional materials and professional development training for educators that may be used as guidelines for development of the instruction. Provides that, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, every public high school shall include instruction on climate change and the impacts and causes of climate change in grades 9 through 12 in specified courses. Provides that the State Board of Education shall convene a working group of students, educators, and experts in the area of climate change. Sets forth the membership of the working group. Sets forth tasks for the working group concerning State learning standards. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education shall prepare and make available to school boards instructional materials and professional development training for educators that may be used as guidelines for development of the instruction. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4896	SCH CD-SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning sexual misconduct in schools, provides that guidelines established for certain situations and all available methods for how to report staff-student boundary violations within a school and to external agencies must be posted on the website, if any, of each school district, charter school, or nonpublic school and must be included in any staff, student, or parent handbook provided by the school district, charter school, or nonpublic school. In provisions concerning an employment history review, provides that a job applicant shall provide the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant contact information of the applicant's current employer only if the applicant has direct contact with children or students at the applicant's current employer. Provides that for a substitute employee licensed by the State Board of Education and seeking employment in more than one school district, the employment history review shall be conducted by the regional office of education or intermediate service center in which the school districts are located. Provides for when this review is required and how the review remains valid, and provides for immunity for regional offices of education and intermediate service centers.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4902	SCH CD-SCH IMPROVE PLAN-READNG	REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning State interventions, provides that the support provided by a vendor or learning partner approved to support a school's continuous improvement plan related to English language arts must be based on the comprehensive literacy plan for the State developed by the State Board of Education.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4903	SCH CD-AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE	REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS	Amends the School Code. Creates the Air Quality in Schools Task Force. Provides that the purpose of the task force is to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly on air quality goals for elementary, middle, and high schools, processes to assess current ventilation systems in schools, processes to improve ventilation after assessment, and potential State and federal funding sources to improve school air quality in this State. Sets forth the members of the task force. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide administrative assistance and necessary staff support services. Provides that the task force shall meet at the call of the State Superintendent of Education and issue recommendations for elementary and secondary schools, in a report to the General Assembly, relating to best practices to better assess current ventilation systems in schools and to improve their overall maintenance, as well as identify potential infrastructure needs and funding sources.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4905	TWP OFFICIAL-EDUCATIONAL BOARD	REP. GREGG JOHNSON	Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a township official for a township with a population of less than 2,500 inhabitants, including, but not limited to, a trustee for the township, may serve as a member of a board of education, regional board of school trustees, board of school directors, or board of school inspectors. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4918	SCH CD-TRANSPORT-TRANSIT FEES	REP. MARCUS EVANS	Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. With respect to the provision of free transportation for pupils, allows a school district to pay the public transit fees of pupils instead (rather than providing an exception for pupils for whom the school board certifies to the State Board of Education that adequate transportation for the public is available). In provisions allowing for free transportation if conditions are such that walking constitutes a serious hazard, removes the provision specifying that such transportation shall not be provided if adequate transportation for the public is available. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2025.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4920	VEH CD-BUS DRIVERS	REP. ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ	Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that it shall be the policy of the State to encourage foreign-born drivers to apply and work as school bus drivers in the State. No State law or action shall prohibit, directly or indirectly, the application of a foreign-born, non-citizen, or non-domiciled driver from applying for a CLP or a CDL for a driver ultimately seeking a type S endorsement as a school bus driver or a school bus driver permit. Provides that where reasonable, all course work, course descriptions, and test proctoring and the application of other requirements for a CLP, CDL, initial or renewal classroom training course administered by the Illinois State Board of Education, or a type S endorsement for a driver ultimately seeking a type S endorsement as a school bus driver, written or in person, may be made available or be obtainable in Spanish, in addition to other languages as deemed appropriate by the Secretary of State or the Illinois State Board of Education.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4924	SCH CD-NAME ON NOM PETITION	REP. ANN WILLIAMS	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the nominating petitions for school board candidates, provides that the name change requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from a civil union to assume a spouse's surname or dissolution of a civil union or declaration of invalidity of a civil union to assume a former surname or a name change that conforms the candidate's name to the candidate's gender identity. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules
HB4955	SCH CD-STATE ASSESSMENTS	REP. SUE SCHERER	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall administer no more than one assessment (instead of 3 assessments), per student, of English language arts and mathematics for students in a secondary education program. Removes a provision that specifies that students who do not take the State's final accountability assessment or its approved alternate assessment may not receive a regular high school diploma unless otherwise exempted. Provides that the State Board of Education may not assess students in any manner beyond that required for compliance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. Provides that the State Board shall also explore any flexibility afforded to states through waivers under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB4995	TIF DISTRICTS-REFERENDUM	REP. JEFF KEICHER	Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, before an ordinance may be adopted approving a redevelopment project area, the redevelopment project area must be approved by referendum of the voters of the affected taxing districts. Includes requirements for the ordinance or resolution proposing the redevelopment project area, for submission of and language for the referendum, and approval of the referendum when a majority of the voters in each of the affected taxing districts approve the referendum. Modifies notice requirements for the public meeting, and requires the notification of all voters of the affected taxing districts. Requires notice by publication, mailing, and on the website of the municipality (rather than by publication and mailing), and modifies the timing in which notices must be sent. Requires that a notice also must contain a copy of the proposed ordinance designating the redevelopment project area, a list of all taxes levied by each of the taxing districts that constitute the joint review board, a statement of the projected impact that the redevelopment project area will have on those taxing district, and the proposed referendum language. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5009	SCH CD-HOLIDAYS-EMPLOYEE	REP. MARGARET CROKE	Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning holidays, provides that no deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a school employee, including an educational support personnel employee, on account of any legal or special holiday during which time the employee is contractually employed (instead of on account of any legal or special holiday in which that employee would have otherwise been scheduled to work but for the legal or special holiday).	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules



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HB5015	REVENUE-MEGAPROJECTS	REP. MARK WALKER	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that certain property may be certified by the Department of Revenue as containing a megaproject. Provides that a 'megaproject' is a project with respect to which a company makes a specified investment during a specified investment period. Provides that the megaproject property is eligible for an assessment freeze. Provides that megaproject property may be granted an abatement. Provides that a company that operates a megaproject shall enter into an agreement with an oversight board established by the local municipality and local taxing districts to make certain special payments. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that qualified tangible personal property used in the construction or operation of a megaproject is exempt from the taxes imposed under those Acts. Effective June 1, 2024.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5020	EDUC-DUAL CREDIT QUALITY ACT	REP. DIANE BLAIR-SHERLOCK	Amends the Dual Credit Quality Act. Makes changes concerning high school and community college partnership agreements, the Dual Credit Committee, instructor and other standards for dual credit courses, and the data in reports made by institutions of higher learning. Provides that a Dual Credit Instructor Endorsement Framework shall be developed through a committee involving collaboration between the Illinois Community College Board and the State Board of Education by December 31, 2024. Sets forth the membership of the committee. Provides that the Framework shall establish criteria for evaluating instructors on the basis of academic credentials, progress toward academic credentials, equivalent experience, or some combination of these. Sets forth what the criteria shall include and what the Framework may do. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5025	SCH CD-SHORT TERM SUBSTITUT E	REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Allows an applicant to qualify for a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License if the applicant has retired in good standing while holding a valid paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5050	LOC GOV REDUCTIO N&EFFICIE NCY	REP. NATALIE MANLEY	Amends the Local Government Reduction and Efficiency Division of the Counties Code. Defines 'district' as a township road and bridge district, sanitary district, drainage district, mosquito abatement district, or street light district. Provides that a county board may enact a resolution or ordinance or a county executive may issue an executive order to dissolve a district, but must first adopt or issue a plan that describes how the county will absorb and implement the services provided by the district, that provides a reason to discontinue the services provided, that describes how the county will pay for the transfer of services, and that shows long-term savings for taxpayers and file that plan with the State Comptroller. Provides that the State Comptroller may approve or deny the dissolution of the district based on the contents of the plan. Provides that, if the dissolution and transfer is approved by the State Comptroller, the county board may adopt a resolution or ordinance or a county executive may issue an executive order authorizing the dissolution of the district not less than 60 days following the court's appointment of a trustee-in-dissolution. Includes procedures for the dissolution of the district and designation of individuals to represent the district. Provides that the county must provide quarterly updates to the State Comptroller and that the State Comptroller shall publish those quarterly updates on the State Comptroller's local government Warehouse database. Makes conforming changes in the Division.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5057	SCH CD-PRIMARY SCH TEACH TEST	REP. SUE SCHERER	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a content area test for applicants seeking a State license to teach in any of grades kindergarten through 8. Provides that the test shall include foundational teaching skills and methods that are developmentally and educationally appropriate for students in grades kindergarten through 8. Provides that, in addition to this test, the State Board of Education shall establish specialty content area tests in mathematics, music, and science that are optional for applicants seeking an endorsement in mathematics, music, or science.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5113	ELEC/SCH CD-HIGH SCH VOTE REG	REP. DANIEL DIDECH	Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the fourth Tuesday in September shall be known as High School Voter Registration Day. Amends the Elections Code. In provisions concerning high school voter registration, provides that the one page document explaining the process to register to vote that every high school must provide to students shall be disseminated each year prior to the fourth Tuesday in September. Provides that the one page document prepared by the State Board of Elections must include a direct link to the State's online voter registration portal. Provides that the one page document shall also include sample ballot instructions and instructions for voting in the next election. Provides that a high school may adopt reasonable regulations restricting nonpartisan voter registration activities only if nonpartisan voter registration activities present a disruption to the school day or normal school operations. Provides that the board of each school district operating a high school shall allow each student who is at least 18 years of age, or 17 years of age on or before the date of the next primary election and turns 18 on or before the date of the general or consolidated election, and meets all other requirements of voter registration to register to vote during school hours on the fourth Tuesday in September of each year, or on the next school day if school is not in session on that the fourth Tuesday in September. Amends the School Code to make a conforming change.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5141	PROCUREMENT-BOARD OF EDUCATION	REP. DANIEL DIDECH	Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the Code shall not apply to procurement expenditures by the State Board of Education related to media marketing campaigns, one-year sole sources, and emergency purchases.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5174	PEN CD-IMRF-RETURN TO SERVICE	REP. JACKIE HAAS	Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning suspensions of retirement annuities during employment with a participating employer, provides that an annuitant receiving a sheriff's law enforcement employee annuity shall be considered a participating employee if the annuitant returns to work as a school security guard employed by a participating employer and works more than 999 hours annually. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5184	SCH CD-BULLYING PREVENTION-AGE	REP. CHRISTOPHER DAVIDSMEYER	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning bullying prevention, provides that 'policy on bullying' means a bullying prevention policy that is age and developmentally appropriate. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5211	PEN CD-TIER 2 BENEFITS	REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT	Amends the Illinois Pension Code. With respect to persons who, on or after January 1, 2011, become participants or members under the Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighter, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Articles of the Code, provides that, beginning on January 1, 2025 for all purposes under the Code (including, without limitation, the calculation of benefits and employee contributions) the annual earnings, salary, or wages (based on the plan year) of a member or participant shall not exceed the Social Security wage base for the applicable plan year. Provides that a participant or member shall be entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she: (1) has attained age 62, has at least 35 years of service credit, and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article; (2) has attained age 64, has at least 20 years of service credit, and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article; or (3) has attained age 67, has at least 10 years of service credit, and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article. Provides for a reduced annuity for persons who retire before reaching a specified age. Provides that any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on January 1 beginning with the January following the member's or participant's first annuity payment date. Provides that the annual increase shall be calculated at 3% of the originally granted retirement annuity. Provides that the changes do not apply to the extent that the changes would result in an impairment or diminishment of a pension benefit. Provides that the changes are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011. Makes conforming changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5226	SCH CD-RADON TESTING	REP. ANN WILLIAMS	<p>Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning radon testing, provides that every school building of a school district that is occupied or will be occupied shall be tested by January 1, 2028 and shall be tested every 5 years thereafter for radon (instead of recommending that every occupied school building of a school district be tested every 5 years for radon). Provides that all new schools of a school district shall be built using radon resistant new construction techniques in accordance with the American National Standards Institute/American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists CC-1000, Soil Gas Control Systems in New Construction of Multifamily, School, Commercial and Mixed-Use Buildings standard or a successor standard (instead of recommending that new schools of a school district be built using radon resistant new construction techniques, as shown in the United States Environmental Protection Agency document, Radon Prevention in the Design and Construction of Schools and Other Large Buildings). Removes a provision allowing a person to perform radon screening tests without a license. Makes changes concerning the exemption. Provides that if radon is found to exceed specified levels, then the school district shall (instead of may) hire a licensed radon professional to perform confirmatory measurements (instead of to perform measurements before any mitigation decisions are made). Sets forth provisions concerning mitigation. Provides that a school district may use life safety funds, if available, for radon testing and mitigation. Preempts home rule powers.</p>	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5250	SCH CD-ACCELERATED PLACEMENT	REP. CAROL AMMONS	Amends the Gifted and Talented Children and Children Eligible for Accelerated Placement Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district's accelerated placement policy may allow for the waiver of a course or unit of instruction completion requirement if (i) completion of the course or unit of instruction is required by the Code or rules adopted by the State Board of Education as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma and (ii) the school district has determined that the student has demonstrated mastery of or competency in the content of the course or unit of instruction. Provides that the school district shall maintain documentation of this determination of mastery or competency for each student, which must include identification of the learning standards or competencies reviewed, the methods of measurement used, student performance, the date of the determination, and identification of the district personnel involved in the determination process. Provides that a school district must provide notification to a student's parent or guardian that the student will receive a waiver. Makes a corresponding change in the Courses of Study Article of the Code. Effective	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5262	EDUCATION-TECH	REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN	Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5275	SCHOOL STUDENT RECORDS-MISC	REP. SUZANNE NESS	Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Provides that the term 'Student Permanent Record' may include reports of psychological evaluations, including information on intelligence and personality, academic information obtained through test administration, observation, or interviews, elementary and secondary achievement-level test results, special education records, and records associated with a plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. With respect to the term 'Student Permanent Record', removes intelligence test scores, aptitude test scores, psychological and personality test results, teacher evaluations, and other information of clear relevance to the education of a student from the information allowed to be included. Provides that if consent is provided by a student or the student's parent or guardian, then a copy of the student's school student records shall be provided at no cost to the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, an independent service coordination agency, or Equip for Equality to establish access to adult disability services and related benefits.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5276	SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-TRANSITION	REP. SUZANNE NESS	Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning transition services, provides that the transition planning process and the transition plan prepared for a student shall include consideration of the assistive technology needs of the student related to the student's transition goals while the student is participating in transition-related activities and in post-school activities, including assistive technology evaluations, devices, and services and the availability and accessibility of appropriate assistive technology devices and services for the student in post-school activities. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5361	SCH CD-PARENTING EDUCATION	REP. MARY BETH CANTY	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning parenting education, provides that school districts shall (instead of may) provide instruction in parenting education for grades 9 through 12. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5364	SCH CD-MILITARY DEPENDENTS	REP. HARRY BENTON	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district shall allow a dependent of United States military personnel who is housed in temporary housing located outside of a school district, but will be living within the district within 6 months after the time of initial enrollment, to be educated through an electronic learning program or remote learning program for the time period that the dependent is housed in temporary housing. Provides that if a dependent of United States military personnel is moving out of the State because the United States military personnel received a permanent change of station order, then the student shall be allowed to remain enrolled in the school district and be educated through an electronic learning program or remote learning program until a student enrolls in another school district.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5374	OPEN MEETING/SCH CD-LSC	REP. THERESA MAH	Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides if a public body is a local school council organized under the Chicago School District Article of the School Code, then subject to certain requirements, an open or closed meeting subject to the Act may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, so long as specified conditions are met. Amends the School Code. Provides that at the organizational meeting, the local school council shall take a vote to determine if meetings shall be held in-person or remotely; however, a declaration by the Governor or Director of Public Health limiting the size of or prohibiting an in-person meeting shall supersede a local school council's vote to meet in-person.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules



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HB5375	SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT	REP. LINDSEY LAPOINTE	Creates the Social Work Licensure Compact Act. Provides that the State of Illinois ratifies and approves the Compact. Provides that the purpose of the Compact is to facilitate interstate practice of regulated social workers by improving public access to competent social work services and that the Compact preserves the regulatory authority of States to protect public health and safety through the current system of State licensure. Includes provisions about state participation in the compact, social worker participation in the compact, issuance of a multistate license, creation of the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission, the authority of the Commission and state licensing authorities, reissuance of a multistate license by a new home state, licensing of active military members, adverse actions against a multistate licensee, development of a multistate data system, rulemaking authority of the Commission, effect and conflict with state laws, oversight, dispute resolution, enforcement, the effective date of the Compact, withdrawal from the Compact, amendments to the Compact, and construction and severability of provisions of the Compact.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5381	MUNI CD/SCHOOL CD-DESIGN-BUILD	REP. ANTHONY DELUCA	Amends the Municipal Design-Build Contracts Division of the Illinois Municipal Code and the School Design-Build Contracts Article of the School Code. Provides that a municipality or school district may use the design-build process to compare and potentially enter into contracts with design-build entities or design professionals (rather than only a design-build entities). Provides that design-build entities and design professionals must also include qualifications as well as proposals (rather than only proposals). Requires notice (rather than allows notice) to be published in construction industry publications or posted on construction industry websites. Provides that a municipality or school district must solicit requests for qualifications and proposals (rather than requests for proposals). Requires a municipality or school district to select at least one design professional if at least one proposal is made by a design professional. Provides that criteria in Phase I must include the experience of personnel, including evaluating design and construction separately (rather than only the experience of personnel). Provides that a design-build entity or design professional shall not be disqualified solely due to having previously been awarded a project or projects under any applicable public procurement law of the State. Provides that the municipality or school district must allow 30 days (rather than sufficient time) for the shortlist entities to prepare their Phase II submittals considering the scope and detail requested by the municipality or school district, but no shortlist is required if no less than 3 (rather than 2) or more than 6 design-build entities or design professionals are selected to submit proposals. Provides that the municipality or school district must provide the notice of award in writing at the time it awards the contract.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5389	\$ST BD ED-SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST	REP. KATIE STUART	Appropriates \$340,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education to address shortages of school psychologists in this State through specified methods. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5392	BUDGET-BIMP CHANGES	REP. FRED CRESPO	Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that any amendment to a budget implementation bill or to an omnibus appropriations bill must be reported to the applicable appropriations committee of each chamber of the General Assembly at least 2 business days before being heard in any committee. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5393	SCH CD-TEACH LICENSE-CONTENT	REP. RITA MAYFIELD	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Creates a Provisional Educator License and provides that a Provisional Educator License may be issued to persons who have completed the required education coursework in a State-approved educator preparation program, an educator preparation program approved by another state, or comparable educator program in another country, have completed 2 years of student teaching with satisfactory evaluation of performance, and met any other requirements set by the State Board of Education, but have failed to pass a content area knowledge test under the Code. Provides that a Provisional Educator License is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance and may not be renewed. In provisions concerning educator testing, removes provisions stating that there shall be no exceptions for passing a test of content area knowledge. Removes provisions stating that no candidate shall be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record until he or she has passed the applicable content area test. Sets forth exceptions as to when a candidate seeking licensure may not be required to pass a test of content area knowledge. Provides that a candidate seeking licensure for a Professional Educator License may either complete the required testing under the Code or have held a Provisional Educator License for 2 years (instead of completing the required testing under the Code).	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5394	SCH SAFETY DRILL-CARDIAC PLAN	REP. ANNA MOELLER	Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a school district shall develop a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while at a school or at a school-sponsored activity or event. Provides that a principal or other person having administrative control over the school must ensure that the plan is (1) available to the school community on the school's Internet website and in a paper form at various locations at the school, and (2) distributed to all coaches and other athletic staff members at each school, all persons responsible for executing the plan in the event of a cardiac emergency, all healthcare professionals that provide medical services during a school-sponsored activity or event, and to other appropriate school staff, as determined by the principal or other person having administrative control over the school. Specifies what a cardiac emergency response plan shall include. Provides that a school district shall provide all members of a cardiac emergency response team with the training necessary to implement a cardiac emergency response plan. Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act to make related changes. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5398	SCH CD-STATE ASSESSMENTS	REP. FRED CRESPO	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning State goals and assessments, provides that students who have been enrolled in schools in the United States for less than 12 months may not be required to participate in the State assessments.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5400	SCH CD-ARAB AMERICAN HISTORY	REP. ABDELNASSER RASHID	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, every public elementary school and high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Arab American history, including the history of Arab Americans in the State and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of Arab Americans from the 19th century onward. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials, including those established by the Public Broadcasting Service, that may be used as guidelines for the development of the unit of instruction. Provides that each school board shall determine the minimum amount of instructional time that qualifies as a unit of instruction. Provides that the regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a school district's compliance with the curricular requirements during the regional superintendent's annual compliance visit. Provides that a school may meet the requirements through an online program or course. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5406	INTSCHOLAR ATHL-PRACTICE LIMIT	REP. JANET YANG ROHR	Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Provides that, for the benefit of the physical and mental health of athletes, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, all practices, games, or contests by a State high school athletic program or team that is a part of an association or other entity that has, as one of its purposes, promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among high schools and high school students within this State shall meet all specified requirements. Provides that an association or other entity that has as one of its purposes promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among schools and students within this State shall enforce a penalty for a State high school athletic program or team exceeding practice maximums, which may include, but are not limited to, a loss of a practice day or other sanctions determined by the Illinois High School Association for each violation and shall be imposed as appropriate to the level, extent, and duration of the penalty. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5407	EDU-HOMELESS CHILD-REPORT/G RNT	REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN	Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. Provides that by June 31, 2026, the Office of the Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth shall create the School District Homeless Student Identification Performance Assessment and submit the Assessment to the State Board of Education for a school district with an enrollment greater than 100 students. Sets forth what information shall be included in the Assessment. Amends the School Code to provide that the information in the Assessment shall be included in the school report card. Further amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. In provisions concerning the Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant Program, provides that when awarding competitive grants under the Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant Program, grants shall be made to applicant school districts based on the percentage of students experiencing homelessness in the applicant school district in accordance with the Program (instead of to applicant school districts in accordance with the Program). Removes specified provisions concerning what factors the State Board of Education may use in awarding grants. Specifies other activities eligible for assistance. Provides that the State Board of Education may use up to 25% (instead 5%) of the funds appropriated for the purposes the Program for administrative costs. Makes other changes.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5416	SCH CD-ATTENDANCE-MEDICAL NOTE	REP. CHRISTOPHER DAVIDSMEYER	Amends the Compulsory Attendance Article of the School Code. Provides that a school, school board, or school district shall require a medical note for an absence to be excused only after 9 unexcused absences. Provides that if a student's medical note states that the student should be excused for a specific period of time or if the illness stated in the medical note has a recommended isolation period issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, then a school, school board, or school district shall excuse all days listed in the note or for the amount of days of the recommended isolation period set by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5418	SCH CONST-MAINTENANCE GRANTS	REP. BARBARA HERNANDEZ	Amends the School Construction Law. In provisions concerning school maintenance project grants, provides that the State Board of Education is authorized to make grants to school districts, regional offices of education, intermediate service centers, and special education cooperatives established by school districts (instead of school districts and special education cooperatives established by school districts). Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5430	SCH CD-RESIDENT DISTRICT	REP. WILLIAM DAVIS	<p>Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that the resident district for a student who, as a result of the student's medically complex status resides exclusively at a full-time residential care facility, shall be the school district in which the residential facility is located if the residential facility provides the student with a regular fixed night-time residence for reasons other than placement in a specific school district and the student is not enrolled in a school district outside the district in which the residential facility is located. Provides that as a resident of the district in which the residential facility is located, the educational costs for a student shall be provided directly by the State Board of Education and shall be calculated based on the applicable per diem rate provided by the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board, with such per diem rate being based solely upon the audited submission of the cost financial report for the residential facility for special education students during the applicable school year. Provides that a residential facility shall submit monthly invoices to the State Board of Education for the education costs of a student in a residential facility. Provides that the State Board of Education shall ensure that a representative of the resident school district of the student in a residential facility attend and participate in a individualized education program meeting for the student, and shall proffer a nonpublic facility placement contract for each student and the school district shall immediately execute and return the nonpublic facility placement contract to the residential facility. Provides that for a student in a residential facility, an educational surrogate shall be appointed who shall have authority to execute an individualized education program in the place of the student's parent or guardian on behalf of the student. Provides for restrictions on withholding payment to a residential facility. Provides that the provisions applies only to a special education student who lives at and relies on residential facility as the student's overnight residence but who has not been enrolled by the student's parent or guardian in a school district. Effective immediately.</p>	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5434	SCH CD-ENROLLMENT-CONFIRMATION	REP. JED DAVIS	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that a student shall remain on the attendance rolls of a school district until a cause for disenrollment is given and confirmed with specified documentation. Amends the School Board Article of the Code. Requires the school district report card to contain data concerning the number of students who remained on the school district's attendance rolls, and the length of time in which each student remained on the school district's attendance rolls but was not attending school. Amends the Compulsory Attendance Article of the Code to make a corresponding change regarding a chronic or habitual truant	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5452	EDUC/CITIZEN PART ACT-GENDER	REP. MARY BETH CANTY	Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Provides that all higher education institutions shall include in the comprehensive policy concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, information about how the higher education institution protects individuals who report from retaliation. Provides that the higher education institutions procedure for responding to a report shall also include protecting the survivor from retaliation, including a policy and process for early dismissal of any retaliatory claim by a respondent against a survivor, including, but not limited to, claims of defamation, harassment, bullying, and any other violation of policy claims where the actions alleged by the respondent are related to the survivor's report. Makes related changes in provisions concerning student notification of rights and options, confidential advisors, complaint resolution procedures, and campus training. Amends the Citizen Participation Act. Provides that a court shall not permit any person to pursue a defamation action to silence or retaliate against, a person reporting gender-based violence, including cases where the alleged perpetrator is publicly named. Provides that the exception to motions under this Act are when the acts are not genuinely aimed at procuring favorable government action, result, or outcome or when the plaintiff presents clear and convincing evidence that the reporting of gender-based violence constituted speaking with actual malice. Makes related changes.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules



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HB5455	SCH CD-LICENSE BD/RECOGNITION	REP. SHARON CHUNG	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the operating procedures of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may provide for the inclusion of nonvoting, ex officio members on the Board. With respect to a for-profit or not-for-profit entity being recognized as an educator preparation institution, provides that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity with a presence in this State must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board (instead of providing that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education).	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5464	SCH CD-E-LEARNING-MIGRANT	REP. CHRIS MILLER	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning e-learning days, provides that a school or school district that offers e-learning days may not use any real property owned or leased by a school or school district to house migrants while students are not present at a school. Provides that a school or school district may not utilize a e-learning day to house migrants on any real property owned or leased by the school or school district due to a mandate by a unit of local government that the school or school district house migrants on any real property owned or leased by the school or school district.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5480	SCH CD-STATE CHARTER TRANSPORT	REP. EVA-DINA DELGADO	Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. In provisions claiming reimbursement by the State for transportation, provides that, for a State-authorized charter school, the State will pay the prorated allowable cost of transporting eligible pupils less the prior year prorated assessed valuation based on enrollment reported for the previous academic year in a State-authorized charter school proportionate to the State-authorized charter school's local school board's district enrollment for the previous academic year. Provides that a State-authorized charter school's qualifying rate shall be the same as the rate that applies to State-authorized charter school's local school board's district. Provides that if a State-authorized charter school does not have a Transportation Fund tax rate of at least .12% based upon the tax rate of its local school board's district, the State-authorized charter school shall be eligible to receive a reimbursement based on the proportion of students enrolled in the State-authorized charter school compared with the local school board's district enrollment.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5489	SCH CD-LABOR HISTORY	REP. GREGG JOHNSON	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the school board of a school district that maintains any of grades 9 through 12 may provide to its students in grades 9 through 12 a unit of instruction studying the events of labor history. Provides that the instruction may also include information on the rights of workers and employment opportunities. Sets forth the events and information that may be included in the instruction. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials that may be used as guidelines for development of the instruction. Provides that the instruction may be provided through an online program or course. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5492	EDUC-SCH SUPPORT PERSONNEL	REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN	Amends the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall establish a program of paid internships for students enrolled in educator preparation programs in the school support personnel endorsement areas of school social worker, school psychologist, school counselor, school nurse, and speech-language pathologist. Sets forth provisions concerning the program. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall establish and maintain a mentorship and recruitment program to develop and maintain interest in the school support personnel endorsement areas of school social worker, school psychologist, school counselor, school nurse, and speech-language pathologist. Sets forth provisions concerning the program. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall establish a school support personnel educator preparation scholarship program to annually award up to 250 scholarships for school psychology, school counseling, school nursing, and school speech-language pathology. Sets forth provisions concerning the scholarship program. Provides that, to encourage Illinois students to enter the fields of school psychology, school counseling, school nursing, and school speech-language pathology and to continue to work in those fields in public schools in this State, the Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications for loan repayment assistance under a School Support Personnel Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program. Sets forth provisions concerning the Program. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5497	SCH STUDENT RECORD-LAW ENFORCE	REP. PATRICK WINDHORST	Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. In provisions concerning exceptions allowing the release of student records, provides that school student records or information contained may be released, transferred, disclosed or otherwise disseminated to law enforcement officers for purposes of review, recording, or contemporaneous access to security or surveillance video, audio, or footage, to the extent that the release, transfer, disclosure, or dissemination is consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5501	SCH CD-ABSENCE-APPRENTICESHIP	REP. KEVIN OLICKAL	Amends the Compulsory Attendance Article of the School Code. Provides that any child who is (i) 17 years of age or older or (ii) projected to graduate from a high school at the completion of the current school year shall be excused from attendance for no more than one-half of each school day in order to participate in an unpaid apprenticeship program. Provides that the student shall be excused from any mandatory school events during the school day.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5510	SCH CD-EDU LICENSE-SOCIAL WORK	REP. GREGG JOHNSON	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning types of licenses, creates the School Social Work Associate License. Provides that an applicant may apply to the State Board of Education for issuance of a School Social Work Associate License. Provides that a School Social Work Associate License holder shall be authorized to perform all responsibilities associated with traditional school social work roles, with the exception of direct work with students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, a student with an individualized education program. Provides that a School Social Work Associate License may be issued to an applicant who (i) holds a degree from a graduate program of social work that has been approved by the Council on Social Work Education and (ii) has an active license through the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act as either a licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker. Provides that if the applicant is a licensed social worker under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, then the applicant shall be limited to the restrictions in the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act regarding independent clinical practice. Provides for a \$150 application fee. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5552	PROP TX-EXTENSIONS	REP. BRADLEY STEPHENS	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2024, no taxing district, other than a home rule unit, may levy a tax on any parcel of real property that is more than 105% of the tax levied by that taxing district on that property in the immediately preceding taxable year unless (i) the increase is attributable to substantial improvements to the property, (ii) the taxing district did not levy a tax against the property in the previous taxable year, or (iii) the increase is attributable to a special service area. Provides that a taxing district may elect to be exempt from these provisions for one or more taxable years if the exemption is approved by referendum. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5609	SCH CD-CHARTER SCH-FEE/RENEWAL	REP. KAMBIUM BUCKNER	Amends the Charter Schools Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning contract contents, provides that for a charter granted or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act by a local school board, administrative fees withheld from a charter school under the charter for the purpose of conducting administrative duties shall be capped at 3% or less of the total annual public dollars allocated to the charter school. Provides that the 3% total administrative fee collected from a charter school shall include a 2% or less administrative fee collected by a local school board for the purpose of conducting administrative duties related to the administration of charter school contracts, oversight, and authorizing services, and a 1% fee to be either (i) given to a statewide charter school membership association for the purpose of administering State-mandated board governance training, and compliance and technical assistance to charter schools for the purpose of meeting academic, financial, and operational reporting requirements, or (ii) sub-granted by a statewide charter school membership association to charter schools for the purpose of meeting academic, financial, and operational requirements as agreed upon with the authorizer in the charter school's contract. In provisions concerning the term of a charter, provides that an authorizer shall grant renewal for a term of no fewer than 5 years if the charter's average annual summative designation over the term of the charter is in the top 3 summative designations on the State report card prepared by the State Board of Education.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5614	STUDENTS IN NEED SCHOLARSHIP	REP. TIM OZINGA	Creates the Students in Need Scholarship Act. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall award income tax credits to taxpayers who make authorized contributions to scholarship granting organizations. Sets forth limitations with respect to the aggregate number of credits awarded by the Department in a calendar year and the amount of credits awarded to an individual taxpayer. Sets forth provisions concerning scholarship granting organizations and requirements for scholarship granting organizations. Specifies which students are eligible for a scholarship. Provides for reporting. Sets forth further provisions concerning administering the scholarship program created by the Act. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to make a conforming change. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5617	SCH CD-PROHIBIT NATIVE AM NAME	REP. MAURICE WEST, II	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall prohibit a school from using a native name, logo, or mascot; defines 'native name, logo, or mascot'. However, provides that a school may continue to use uniforms or other materials bearing a native name, logo, or mascot that were purchased on or before the effective date of the amendatory Act until September 1, 2027 if specified requirements are met.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5619	SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-COUNCIL	REP. DIANE BLAIR-SHERLOCK	Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall allocate sufficient funds to provide for transportation and lodging for the members of the Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities to attend meetings in Springfield and shall provide funds, not to exceed \$5,000, for scholarships for families to attend an annual legislative breakfast organized by the Advisory Council.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5623	LOC GOV EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE	REP. ANN WILLIAMS	Amends the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. Provides that a governmental unit may elect to form a decennial committee to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board in which the governmental unit is located once every 10 years (rather than the governmental unit must form a decennial committee at least once every 10 years). Effective January 1, 2025.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules

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HB5624	OPEN MEETINGS ACT-EXCEPTIONS	REP. ANN WILLIAMS	Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that for a 3-member public body, 'meeting' does not include a gathering of 2 members of the public body, except when gathered for a regularly scheduled meeting, or otherwise gathered to adopt any motion, resolution, or ordinance. Provides that for a 3-member body, 2 members of the body constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of 2 members is necessary to adopt any motion, resolution, or ordinance, unless a greater number is otherwise provided. Allows a Police District Council to conduct a closed meeting if discussion of an issue of public safety concerns: (i) the privacy of individuals involved; (ii) law enforcement or official misconduct investigations involving specific individuals; or (iii) other topics that if discussed in an open meeting would pose an unreasonable risk to an ongoing criminal investigation, or an unreasonable risk to the safety of the general public. Allows a public body that has a website which is maintained by full-time staff of the public body to post public notice for a special meeting solely by posting notice on its website. Adds a provision allowing Police District Councils, created pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, to hold meetings (other than the required regularly scheduled monthly meetings) by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of the members, subject to specified conditions.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HB5629	EDUCATION-TECH	REP. ROBYN GABEL	Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
Individual district problem	SCHOOL-STATE MANDATES	REP. RITA MAYFIELD	Amends the School Code. Provides that notwithstanding any other State law to the contrary, from July 1, 2024 until July 1, 2028, any State mandate under the State Mandates Act enacted after July 1, 2024 does not apply to a school district if the State mandate is non-academic. Provides that the State Board of Education shall determine if a State mandate is non-academic. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to House Rules
HR571	SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK	REP. KATIE STUART	Declares February 5 through February 9, 2024 as School Counseling Week in the State of Illinois. Encourages all Illinoisans to join in recognizing school counselors who have worked diligently to ensure all students in the State are afforded more equal opportunities in their education and personal growth.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules

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HR585	MINIMUM ESP SALARY STUDY	REP. WILLIAM DAVIS	Directs the Professional Review Panel and the Illinois State Board of Education to conduct the analysis and financial modeling required to evaluate the implications of implementing the recommended \$22 minimum hourly rate for employees providing educational support services. The analyses should include the district impact of incremental increases beginning with \$20 in school year 2025-2026, \$21 dollars in school year 2026-2027, and \$22 in school year 2027-2028. The Professional Review Panel and the Illinois State Board of Education should include their findings in a written report to the General Assembly and Governor by December 31, 2024.	2/6/24	Referred to House Rules
HR595	CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUC. MONTH	REP. KATIE STUART	Declares the month of February 2024 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules
HR599	IHSA-ELIMINATE TRANSFER LIMITS	REP. CAMILLE LILLY	Urges the elimination of the Illinois High School Association's (IHSA) authority to restrict eligible student-athletes from transferring schools.	2/8/24	Referred to House Rules
HR604	MINIMUM ESP SALARY STUDY	REP. WILLIAM DAVIS	Directs the Professional Review Panel and the Illinois State Board of Education to conduct the analysis and financial modeling required to evaluate the implications of implementing the recommended \$22 minimum hourly rate for employees providing educational support services. The analyses should include the district impact of incremental increases beginning with \$20 in school year 2025-2026, \$21 dollars in school year 2026-2027, and \$22 in school year 2027-2028. The Professional Review Panel and the Illinois State Board of Education should include their findings in a written report to the General Assembly and Governor by December 31, 2024.	2/8/24	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. William Will" Davis"
SB1304	MUNICIPAL SURPLUS FUNDS	SEN. LAURA MURPHY	Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that all surplus funds in the special tax allocation fund shall be distributed as soon as possible after they are calculated (rather than distributed annually within 180 days after the close of the municipality's fiscal year).	1/10/24	Re-assigned to Senate Local Government

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SB1313	INC TX-STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax deduction for any amounts paid by the taxpayer's employer on behalf of the taxpayer as part of an educational assistance program. Creates an income tax deduction for any amounts paid by the taxpayer on behalf of an employee of the taxpayer as part of an educational assistance program. Provides that the deductions are limited to the first \$5,250 of such assistance so furnished to any individual. Effective immediately.	1/24/24	Re-assigned to Senate Revenue
SB1400	SCH CD-STUDENT DISCIPLINE	SEN. KIMBERLY LIGHTFORD	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning student discipline policies, provides that the State Board of Education shall draft and publish model policy guidelines for the development of reciprocal reporting systems and school bus safety protocols and for evidence-based early intervention procedures. In provisions concerning the suspension or expulsion of students, makes changes concerning a student's gross disobedience or misconduct posing an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or school personnel, when school exclusions should be used, the number and duration of expulsions and suspensions, the implementation of proactive evidence-based interventions that improve behavioral outcomes for all students, non-exclusionary discipline, out-of-school suspensions of 3 days or less, model policy guidelines for the re-engagement of students, professional development, and the removal of children with disabilities who violate the student discipline policies from their current placement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.	1/10/24	Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Re-assigned to Education



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SB1487	SCH CD- EDUCATOR LICENSE- ENDORS	SEN. SALLY TURNER	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that a specialized educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who is employed in a teaching position at an accredited institution of higher education in this State that has officially announced its intent to cease all academic programming at the time the announcement was officially made or was employed in a teaching position at an accredited institution of higher education in this State that has ceased all academic programming within 5 years prior to or on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act and who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, meets specified criteria. Provides that the specialized educator endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the endorsement being issued and may be renewed. Provides that the holder of a specialized educator endorsement shall be permitted to teach in the content area in which he or she previously taught at the accredited institution of higher education. Effective immediately.	1/10/24	Re-assigned to Senate Education
SB156	SCHCD- LEARNING MATERIAL REPORT	SEN. NEIL ANDERSON	Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, requires school boards to report, on their school district's website, a list of the learning materials and activities to be used for student instruction during the school year. Requires that the report also include any procedures that are in effect at each school for the documentation, review, or approval of the learning materials and activities used for student instruction. Specifies the minimum information that must be included in the report. Allows a school district to update the report on an ongoing basis, but requires the report to be updated by January 1 and August 1 of each year. Allows a school district to utilize collaborative online document or spreadsheet software to update or make additions to the report. Sets forth other requirements. Effective immediately.	1/8/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Tom Bennett
SB2006	SCH CD- MINIMUM FUNDING LEVEL	SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON	Amends the evidence-based funding provisions of the School Code. Provides that the Minimum Funding Level is equal to \$550,000,000 (instead of \$350,000,000). Effective July 1, 2023.	1/10/24	Re-assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education

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SB2222	EDUC-SCH SOCIAL WORKER GRANT	SEN. LAURA FINE	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, all internships for school social workers must be paid internships. Provides that subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall award competitive grants on an annual basis to school districts to assist in the funding of these paid internships. Provides that the State Board of Education shall annually disseminate a request for applications to the grant program. Provides that higher priority shall be given to schools that demonstrate a shortage of school social workers, which is determined by the average ratio of school social workers to students in the target school district over the preceding 3 school years. Provides that the State Board of Education shall produce an annual report on the program. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Board of Higher Education, shall award competitive grants on an annual basis to colleges or universities in the State to fund field placements for social workers. Provides that Subject to appropriation, colleges and universities shall annually disseminate a request for applications to the grant program. Provides that colleges and universities, upon receiving funding, shall provide applications to students eligible for this funding. Provides that the college or university shall give priority to applicants who are a member of a racial minority. Provides that each college or university that receives funds shall provide an annual report to the State Board of Higher Education, and the Board of Higher Education shall publish those reports on the State Board's website. Effective immediately.	1/10/24	Re-assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education
SB2265	SCH CD-RECRUITMENT & RETENTION	SEN. JIL TRACY	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a teacher recruitment and retention program, which shall encourage both new and experienced teachers to seek employment with qualifying public schools by providing for a refundable income tax credit to each participating teacher in the amount of \$3,000 per school year for no more than 5 consecutive school years. Contains requirements for participating school districts and participating teachers. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act establishing the \$3,000 tax credit for individuals designated by the State Board of Education as a participating teacher in the teacher recruitment and retention program. Effective July 1, 2023.	1/10/24	Re-assigned to Senate Revenue

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SB2327	SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-COSTS	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Amends the Children With Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that for individual students with disabilities who attend tier 1 or 2 schools whose program costs exceed 3 times the district's per capita tuition rate, the costs in excess of 3 times the district's per capita tuition rate shall be paid by the State Board of Education from unexpended IDEA discretionary funds originally designated for room and board reimbursement (instead of for individual students with disabilities whose program costs exceed 4 times the district's per capita tuition rate, the costs in excess of 4 times the district's per capita tuition rate shall be paid by the State Board of Education from unexpended IDEA discretionary funds originally designated for room and board reimbursement). Provides that for individual students with disabilities who attend Tier 3 or 4 schools whose program costs exceed 4 times the district's per capita tuition rate, the costs in excess of 4 times the district's per capita tuition rate shall be paid by the State Board of Education from unexpended IDEA discretionary funds originally designated for room and board reimbursement. Effective immediately.	1/10/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education
SB2349	SCH CD-GRANTS-CULT/ADV	SEN. RACHEL VENTURA	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a grant program to support cultural and language immersion programs, gifted and talented programs, and advanced placement programs. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop and administer an application program for schools to apply for grant funds. Provides that, to receive grant funds, schools must: (1) ensure that any student can apply to any school in the school district with restrictive admission procedures; and (2) provide transportation to each student in the school district to the school the student attends.	1/10/24	Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Re-assigned to Appropriations-Education
SB2568	SCH CD-RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	SEN. KARINA VILLA	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board that decides to offer to the school district's teachers a retirement savings plan under Section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may enter into a contract with only one vendor to administer the plan. Provides that a vendor shall be selected, with the approval of the teachers' exclusive bargaining representative, if any, through a competitive bidding process. Provides that the school board may enter into a contract with the vendor for no more than 5 years.	2/7/24	Postponed - Labor

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SB2572	INS-MENOPAUSE/GLUCOSE MEDICINE	SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO	Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In provisions concerning infertility coverage, provides that no group policy of accident and health insurance providing coverage for more than 25 employees that provides pregnancy related benefits may be issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2024 unless the policy contains coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, including procedures necessary to screen or diagnose a fertilized egg before implantation. Provides that coverage for procedures for in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian tube transfer, or zygote intrafallopian tube transfer shall be required only if the procedures comply with specified requirements. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance providing coverage for more than 25 employees that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024 shall provide, for individuals 45 years of age and older, coverage for an annual menopause health visit. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance providing coverage for more than 25 employees that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024 shall provide coverage for all types of injectable medicines prescribed on-label or off-label to improve glucose or weight loss for use by adults diagnosed or previously diagnosed with prediabetes, gestational diabetes, or obesity. Makes other changes. Makes conforming changes in the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Michael E. Hastings
SB2607	PEN CD-DEFERRED COMP-FEES	SEN. ROBERT MARTWICK	Amends the Deferred Compensation Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, after January 1, 2024, the deferred compensation plan shall provide for the recovery of the expenses of its administration by charging fees equitably prorated among the participating employers (instead of by charging administrative expenses against the earnings from investments or by charging fees equitably prorated among the participating State employees or by such other appropriate and equitable method as the Illinois State Board of Investment shall determine). Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.	1/24/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations

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SB2623	INS CD-FERTILITY PRESERVATION	SEN. NATALIE TORO	Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed in the State after June 1, 2024 to provide coverage for expenses for standard fertility preservation services and follow-up services related to that coverage. Defines 'standard fertility preservation services' as procedures based upon current evidence-based standards of care established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, or other national medical associations that follow current evidence-based standards of care. Makes conforming changes in the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Illinois Public Aid Code. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Michael E. Hastings
SB2634	VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES	SEN. STEVE STADELMAN	Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a Fleet Electrification Incentive Program to provide fleet owners and operators in the State grants to promote the use of eligible electric vehicles. Provides that the Program shall offer qualifying purchasers a grant up to specified base amounts toward the purchase of eligible electric vehicles based on the Class of vehicle. Requires the Agency to award grants under the Program on a competitive basis according to the availability of funding. Provides that to be eligible to receive a grant under the Program a purchaser must satisfy all of the required criteria. Provides that the Agency shall give weight to an application based upon the potential impact of the geographic location and route of the purchaser's fleet on pollution affecting an equity investment eligible community. Requires the Agency to ensure that resale of a vehicle serving a public school or located within an equity investment eligible community shall result in the vehicle servicing a similarly situated community. Provides that grants under the Program may be combined with other public incentives but the total of governmental incentives shall not exceed a maximum of 80% of the purchase price of the vehicle. Requires the Agency to set aside 20% of the appropriated funds under the Program for grants to the purchaser of electric school buses. Provides that all awards granted are subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. Defines terms.	1/24/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations

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SB2655	MEDICAID EXPANSION TASK FORCE	SEN. LAURA MURPHY	Creates the Medicaid Expansion of Network Providers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Task Force Act. Establishes the Medicaid Expansion of Network Providers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Task Force to develop and propose policies to increase the State's Medicaid provider networks to give Medicaid clients more provider choice for their health care needs. Provides that the Task Force shall work toward creating solutions to streamline the State's Medicaid system, making it more efficient, and making it easier to use while improving the overall quality of care. Contains provisions concerning the Task Force's composition and meetings. Requires the Department of Human Services to provide administrative support to the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the General Assembly by December 31, 2025. Repeals the Act on July 1, 2026.	2/5/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Paul Faraci
SB2665	OMA-SERVICE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	SEN. MIKE PORFIRIO	Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that, if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of performance of active military duty as a service member. Defines 'active military duty' and 'service member'.	1/24/24	Assigned to Senate Executive
SB2673	PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE	SEN. LAURA MURPHY	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for taxable years 2024 and thereafter, the maximum income limitation for the low-income senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption is \$75,000 for all qualified property. Amends the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Act. Provides that the maximum household income under the Act is \$75,000 for tax years 2024 and thereafter. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2675	SCH CONSTRUCT-EARLY CHLD GRANT	SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM	Amends the School Construction Law. In provisions concerning early childhood construction grants, removes a provision that specifies that grants made in fiscal year 2024 may be made only to public school districts. Provides that a not-for-profit early childhood entity that rents or leases from another not-for-profit entity shall be considered an eligible entity. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Senate Bills on Second Reading

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SB2679	SCH CD-TEACHER TENURE-LICENSE	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. With regard to the Section concerning contractual continued service, removes provisions specifying that the probationary periods are only for service in which a teacher holds a Professional Educator License. Effective July 1, 2024.	1/10/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2689	SCH CD-MONTESSORI EDUC LICENSE	SEN. ROBERT PETERS	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides for the issuance of a Montessori educator license to qualified individuals to teach using the Montessori method in public school programs that use the Montessori method as the primary method of instruction. Sets forth the requirements that an individual must satisfy to be issued a Montessori educator license, which include requiring the applicant to have (i) graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree, (ii) a Montessori certificate or credential issued by an institution accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, by the American Montessori Society, or by the Association Montessori Internationale, and (iii) successfully completed required testing. Makes related changes to provisions concerning educator testing and fees.	2/6/24	Senate Education
SB2692	SCH CD/SCH SAFETY-DOOR LOCKING	SEN. JAVIER CERVANTES	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district shall (instead of may) install a door security locking means on an entrance or classroom door (instead of a door) of a school building. Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Provides that during a law enforcement lockdown drill, a school must train students on how to use a door security locking means. Makes conforming changes.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education
SB2695	PROPERTY TAX-ASSESSMENT CAP	SEN. JULIE MORRISON	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for assessment years following the next general assessment after the effective date of the amendatory Act, no increase in assessment may exceed 20% per year. Provides exceptions if: (1) the property is sold, transferred, or conveyed during the taxable year; (2) significant improvements were made to the property; (3) a homestead exemption or other preferential method of assessment was removed with respect to that property during the taxable year; or (4) the increase was due to an equalization factor imposed by the township, county, or Department of Revenue. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue

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SB2696	VEH CD-SCHOOL BUS-SEAT BELTS	SEN. JULIE MORRISON	Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a school district or a school bus company under contract with a school district shall not operate a Type I or Type II school bus manufactured after the effective date of the bill unless the bus is equipped with a set of 3-point seat belts or any other federally approved restraint system in good operating condition for each passenger seat and a rooftop safety hatch. Provides that, on or after January 1, 2028, all newly purchased school buses shall be equipped with 3-point seat belts or any other federally approved restraint system in good operating condition for each passenger. Provides that the provision shall not apply to a school bus that is legally registered in another state and displaying valid registration plates of that state if the bus is not operated in Illinois on a regular basis and the bus is operated in Illinois in connection with a cultural, tourist, athletic, or other similar activity for students enrolled in a school located outside of the State. Provides that nothing in the provision shall make a school district or a school bus company liable for a passenger's failure to properly adjust or fasten a seat belt or other restraint system. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Transportation
SB2700	PROP-TX-DISABLED VETERAN	SEN. JULIE MORRISON	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities, provides that the exemption applies to all real property that is the primary residence of a veteran with a disability (currently, property with an equalized assessed value of less than \$250,000 that is the primary residence of a veteran with a disability). Provides that, with respect to veterans with a service connected disability of 70% or more and surviving spouses of veterans whose deaths were service-connected, the first \$250,000 in equalized assessed value of the property is exempt	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2703	PROP TX-HISTORIC RESIDENCE	SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning the Historic Residence Assessment Freeze Law, provides that the fair cash value of the property shall be based on the final determination by the assessment officer, board of review, Property Tax Appeal Board, or court. Provides that, after the expiration of the 8-year valuation period, if the current fair cash value is less than the adjusted base year valuation, then the assessment shall be based on the current fair cash value. Provides that these changes are declarative of existing law.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue



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SB2710	PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE	SEN. SUE REZIN	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2024, the maximum income limitation for the low-income senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption shall be increased each year by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2711	PROP TX-TIF INFO ON BILL	SEN. SUE REZIN	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that each tax bill shall contain a statement for each tax increment financing (TIF) district in which the property is located setting forth the amount that each taxing district that contains all or part of the TIF district would have received for the taxable year in the absence of the TIF district. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2721	SCH CD-TEACHER PLAN TIME	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Amends the School Code. Provides that school boards shall allow all educators to have daily continuous uninterrupted individual classroom planning time. Provides that the planning period shall be equal to one class period but no less than 45 minutes in duration. Provides that this time requirement applies to educators who are in contact with students for 50% or more of their contracted workday. Provides that, during this planning period, educators may not be forced to substitute in other areas of the building or district when another educator is absent or a vacancy exists and may not be forced to attend meetings, trainings, or conferences of any kind. Provides that if an educator chooses to substitute or attend a meeting, training, or conference during their guaranteed planning period of their own free will, the educator shall be compensated at a rate of pay that is negotiated between the local board of education and local association of a state teacher association.	1/23/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Rachel Ventura

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SB2733	SCH CD-SCH CONSTRUCT REFERENDUM	SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions requiring referendum approval to build or purchase a school building, provides that for any school district: (i) that is designated as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 school district under the evidence-based funding provisions of the Code, (ii) with at least one school that is located on federal property, (iii) whose overall student population is no more than 4,500 students and no less than 2,500 students, and (iv) that receives a federal Public Schools on Military Installations grant until June 30, 2030, no referendum shall be required if at least 75% of the cost of construction or building of any such building is paid or will be paid with funds received or expected to be received from the Public Schools on Military Installations grant. Provides that the school board must hold at least 2 public hearings, the sole purpose of which shall be to discuss the decision to construct a school building and to receive input from those community members in attendance. Provides that the notice of each public hearing that sets forth the time, date, place, and description of the school construction project must be provided at least 10 days prior to the hearing by publication on the school district's website. Effective immediately.	1/12/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2736	PROP TX-NOTICE	SEN. ANDREW CHESNEY	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning notices of increased assessments, provides that the chief county assessment officer shall continue to accept appeals from the taxpayer for a period of not less than 30 business days from the later of the date the assessment notice is mailed or is published on the assessor's website. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2752	PROP TX-APPOINTED TWP ASSESSOR	SEN. DAN MCCONCHIE	Amends the Township Assessment Officials Article of the Property Tax Code. Provides that a township assessor or multi-township assessor shall be elected as provided in the Article unless the board of trustees of a township or, in the case of a multi-township assessor, the multi-township board of trustees adopts an ordinance or resolution requiring the township assessor to be appointed by the board. Provides that, if a board of trustees has adopted an ordinance or resolution to appoint the assessor, the township assessor or multi-township assessor shall be appointed by the board upon the expiration of the township assessor's or multi-township assessor's elected term next following the adoption of the ordinance or resolution. Makes conforming changes in the Article.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Executive

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SB2753	SCH CD-TEACHER EXTERNSHIP-PAY	SEN. DONALD DEWITTE	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall provide stipends for teachers who participate in externships with a manufacturing company in this State.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education
SB2754	SCH CD-MANUFACTURING EMPLOYEE	SEN. DONALD DEWITTE	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall pay one-half of the salary of an employee that is employed by a manufacturing company and working within a school district at a high school as a licensed career and technical education teacher. Provides that the school board of a school district that intends to hire a manufacturing employee shall first notify any labor organization that has entered into a collective bargaining agreement with the school district of the school board's intent to hire such an employee. Provides that if there are eligible employees in the applicable bargaining unit, then the school board shall offer to hire an employee who is a member of the applicable bargaining unit. Provides that if there are no eligible employees in the applicable bargaining unit, then the labor organization shall notify the school district and affirm that the position is unable to be filled by any members of the applicable bargaining unit.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education

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SB2755	SCH CD-ADV MANUFAC TURING EDUC	SEN. DONALD DEWITTE	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall create and maintain a comprehensive training program in advanced manufacturing to ensure an adequate supply of trained and skilled individuals to work in advanced manufacturing and to ensure appropriate representation of racial and ethnic groups in all phases of the industry. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop the program to be taught as part of the curriculum of the public school system from grades kindergarten through 12 and made readily available to all school districts. Provides that school districts may include programs in education in advanced manufacturing as a part of the curriculum of those districts. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to implement these provisions. Provides that the rules may not create any new State mandates on school districts as a condition of districts receiving federal, State, or local funds. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assume responsibility for the administration of the program throughout all school districts, as well as developing the program to match the requirements and mandates of federal programming.	2/6/24	Senate Education
SB2771	SCH CD-NONPUBLIC STUDENT-SPORT	SEN. JIL TRACY	Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, requires a school board to allow a student who resides in the school district but attends a nonpublic school to participate in extracurricular athletic activities sponsored by the district without being required to enroll or complete coursework at a public school within the district if certain conditions are met. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Neil Anderson
SB2772	SCHCD-LEARNING MATERIAL REPORT	SEN. NEIL ANDERSON	Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, requires school boards to report, on their school district's website, a list of the learning materials and activities to be used for student instruction during the school year. Requires that the report also include any procedures that are in effect at each school for the documentation, review, or approval of the learning materials and activities used for student instruction. Specifies the minimum information that must be included in the report. Allows a school district to update the report on an ongoing basis, but requires the report to be updated by January 1 and August 1 of each year. Allows a school district to utilize collaborative online document or spreadsheet software to update or make additions to the report. Sets forth other requirements. Effective immediately.	1/30/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Tom Bennett

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SB2775	PEN CD-IMRF-RETURN TO SERVICE	SEN. STEVE STADELMAN	Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning suspensions of retirement annuities during employment with a participating employer, provides that until June 3, 2026, an annuitant shall not be considered a participating employee if the annuitant is employed as a school bus driver by a participating school district and works fewer than 750 hours annually. Effective immediately.	1/17/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2780	PROP TX-COUNTY EXECUTIVE	SEN. RACHEL VENTURA	Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning supervisors of assessments to include references to county executives. Amends the Community Mental Health Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning community mental health boards to include references to county executives.	1/17/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2785	PROP TX-NOTICE	SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO	Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning notices of increased assessments, provides that the county assessor shall continue to accept appeals from the taxpayer for a period of not less than 30 days (currently, 30 business days) from the date the assessment notice is mailed or the date the notice is published on the assessor's website, whichever is later. Effective immediately.	1/17/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2788	CHILD ABUSE REPORTS TO SCHOOL	SEN. MARY EDLY-ALLEN	Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Requires the Child Protective Service Unit to send a notification letter (rather than a copy of the Unit's final finding report) to a child's school following an investigation and finding of physical or sexual abuse. Provides that if an indicated finding is overturned in an appeal or hearing, the Department of Children and Family Services shall request that the notification letter (rather than final finding report) be purged from the student's record, and the school shall purge the notification letter (rather than final finding report) from the student's record in accordance with the Illinois School Student Records Act. Requires the notification letter to provide the date of expungement from the central register. Removes a provision requiring all reports made by mandated reporters to be confirmed in writing to the appropriate Child Protective Service Unit within 48 hours of any initial report.	2/6/24	Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Julie A. Morrison

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SB2789	INS CD-COVERAGE CHANGES	SEN. LAURA MURPHY	Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that no individual or group policy of accident and health insurance shall amend, deliver, issue, or renew a policy in a way that changes an insured's eligibility or coverage during a contract period. During a contract period, an insured shall have the protection and continuity of his or her providers, his or her medication, his or her covered benefits, and the formulary during the contract period.	2/1/24	Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Julie A. Morrison
SB2793	PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE	SEN. MICHAEL HALPIN	Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of 'employee' does not include a worker who is not provided with a regular work schedule by an employer and is directly contracted with the employer to work on an as-needed basis for the express purpose of covering the shifts of full-time employees who are taking leave for vacations, illness, or for any other unforeseen reason.	1/17/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2810	SCH CD-SELF-DEFENSE PETITION	SEN. LAURA ELLMAN	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop and post on its Internet website a document that provides information to students and residents of a school district on how to petition a school board to require that self-defense instruction be included in physical education courses.	2/6/24	Senate Education
SB2814	PROP TX-OMITTED PROPERTY	SEN. PATRICK JOYCE	Amends the Property Tax Code. In counties with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, provides that property that receives an erroneous homestead exemption for the current assessment year or for any of the 3 prior assessment years may be considered omitted property. Provides for penalties and interest to be imposed on that omitted property. Provides that any arrearage of taxes or interest that might have been assessed against that omitted property shall not be chargeable to certain bona fide purchasers of the property. Effective immediately.	1/17/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2817	LOBBYIST-OFFERS/PROMISES	SEN. JIL TRACY	Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that a lobbyist or lobbying entity may not promise anything of value to an official, State employee, or a candidate for a State executive or State legislative office for the person's support, action, or inaction for a specific legislative action or executive action, including, but not limited to, campaign contributions, endorsement of candidacy, or any in-kind contributions supporting an official, State employee, or candidate for a State executive or State legislative office. Prohibits a lobbyist or lobbying entity from soliciting an official or State employee to violate similar provisions of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that nothing in the provisions prevents the making or accepting of voluntary contributions otherwise in accordance with law.	2/7/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Seth Lewis
SB2821	SCH CD-THIRD-PARTY CONTRACT	SEN. JAVIER CERVANTES	Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Provides that the Chicago Board of Education may not contract with a third party on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act for services relating to custodial, dietary, or daily maintenance of a district facility. Makes conforming changes.	1/19/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2824	SCH CD-NONRESIDENT PUPIL-WAIVE	SEN. STEVE MCCLURE	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district shall waive tuition costs for a non-resident pupil who was previously a resident of the district if the pupil submits a letter stating that the pupil no longer resides in the district because the pupil has made allegations of domestic violence, abuse, or sexual abuse against the pupil's parent or guardian and the Department of Children and Family Services has removed the pupil from the parent's or guardian's home.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Education
SB2825	SCH CD-TRANSPORTATION TO SCH	SEN. STEVE MCCLURE	Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. In provisions requiring a school district to provide free transportation for pupils residing one and one-half miles or more from school, provides that a pupil's parent or guardian may designate more than one home for the pupil if the parent or guardian has shared custody of the pupil at a different address within the district.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education

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SB2829	SCH CD-LICENSE BD/RECOGNITION	SEN. DAVID KOEHLER	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the operating procedures of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may provide for the inclusion of nonvoting, ex officio members on the Board. With respect to a for-profit or not-for-profit entity being recognized as an educator preparation institution, provides that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity with a presence in this State must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board (instead of providing that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education).	2/6/24	Senate Education
SB2832	PROP TX-PROBATE	SEN. STEVE MCCLURE	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that no interest or penalties shall be imposed with respect to property that is included in a decedent's probate estate at the time of a delinquency if the representative of the decedent's estate applies with the county treasurer for a waiver of those amounts and is granted that waiver. Provides that the waiver shall apply beginning on the date of the decedent's death until the earlier of either: (i) the date on which the property is sold, transferred, or conveyed or (ii) the date on which the estate is closed.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2838	HIGHER ED-DUAL CREDIT COURSES	SEN. SALLY TURNER	Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that scholarships awarded under the Teach Illinois Scholarship Program may be granted to individuals employed as teachers who agree to pursue a master's degree at a qualified institution of higher learning in order to teach dual credit courses at a secondary school. Provides that for any individual receiving a scholarship to teach dual credit courses, following the completion of the program of study, the individual must teach at least one dual credit course per school year in a secondary school in this State for a period of at least 5 years. Provides that individuals who fail to comply shall refund all of the awarded scholarships to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, whether payments were made directly to the institutions of higher learning or to the individuals, and this condition shall be agreed to in writing by the scholarship recipients at the time the scholarship is awarded. Provides that no individual may be required to refund tuition payments if his or her failure to teach a dual credit course in a secondary school is the result of financial conditions within school districts. Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2025.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education



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SB2845	PROP TX-LONG-TIME OCCUPANT	SEN. NATALIE TORO	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for the purpose of calculating the long-time occupant homestead exemption, the adjusted homestead value shall be calculated by increasing the base homestead value by (i) 5% (currently, 10%) for qualified taxpayers with a household income of more than \$75,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 or (ii) 3% (currently, 7%) for qualified taxpayers with a household income of \$75,000 or less. Effective immediately.	1/31/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2848	EDUCATION-TECH	SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO	Amends the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	1/19/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2853	PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-HOME RULE	SEN. ANN GILLESPIE	Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that a unit of local government, including a home rule unit, shall not exempt any employee from the scope of a paid leave ordinance unless the employee is excluded from the definition of employee in the Act. Limits home rule powers.	1/19/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2857	REVENUE-MEGAPROJECTS	SEN. ANN GILLESPIE	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that certain property may be certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as containing a megaproject. Provides that a 'megaproject' is a project that meets certain investment and job creation specifications. Provides that the megaproject property is eligible for an assessment freeze. Provides that megaproject property may be granted an abatement. Provides that a company that operates a megaproject shall enter into an agreement with the municipality in which the project is located and other local taxing districts to make certain special payments. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that qualified tangible personal property used in the construction or development of a megaproject is exempt from the taxes imposed under those Acts. Effective June 1, 2024.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Executive

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SB2859	PROP TX-WASTEWATER	SEN. STEVE MCCLURE	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that regional wastewater facilities shall be valued at 33 1/3% of the fair cash value of the facility, with consideration given to the probable net value that could be realized by the owner if the facility were removed and sold at a fair, voluntary sale, giving due account to the expense of removal, site restoration, and transportation. Provides that the alternate valuation for qualifying water treatment facilities applies only to the qualifying water treatment facility itself and not to the land on which the facility is located. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2861	SCH CD-SPIRIT RULES BOOK	SEN. JULIE MORRISON	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt the Spirit Rules Book published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, or a similar document, as the statewide uniform safety standards for student cheerleaders, spirit groups, and their coaches who participate in any school activity or extracurricular student activity. Effective January 1, 2024.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Education
SB2872	SCH CD-RELAXATION ACTIVITIES	SEN. RACHEL VENTURA	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that each school district shall provide to students, in addition to and not substituting recess, at least once a week, relaxation activities to enhance the mental and physical health of students as part of the school day. Specifies which activities may be considered relaxation activities. Provides that a school district may partner with local community-based organizations to provide relaxation activities. Provides that these activities may take place in a physical education class, social-emotional learning class, or student-support or advisory class or as a part of another similar class, including a new class.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Education

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SB2873	STUDENT TRANSPORT- ACTIVITIES	SEN. JOHN CURRAN	Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. Allows the use of a multi-function school activity bus that is manufactured to transport not more than 15 persons, including the driver, or a vehicle manufactured to transport not more than 10 persons, including the driver, for the transportation of students in any of grades 9 through 12 or who attends an alternative education program operated by a regional office of education for any curriculum-related activity (other than for transportation to and from home on regular bus routes) if the driver (i) holds a minimum of a valid driver's license and (ii) is an employee or contractual employee of the school district or alternative education program or of a third-party contractor (rather than allowing the use of a multi-function school activity bus for transporting students in grades 9 through 12 only if the driver holds a valid school bus driver permit). Makes a conforming change to the Illinois Vehicle Code. Effective immediately.	1/24/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2874	SCH-MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT	SEN. JIL TRACY	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district may (instead of shall) make menstrual hygiene products available, at no cost to students, in bathrooms of every school building that are open for student use in grades 4 through 12 during the regular school day. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Sue Rezin
SB2895	SCH CD-SPEC ED JOINT AGREEMENT	SEN. LAURA FINE	Amends the School Code. Allows an elementary school district to withdraw from its special education joint agreement program if the district (i) maintains grades up to and including grade 8, (ii) had a 2022-2023 best 3 months' average daily attendance of 4,013, and (iii) had a 2022 equalized assessed valuation of at least \$2,927,750,000, but not more than \$2,927,760,000, and the special education joint agreement consists of 18 school districts. Requires approval by the school board and notification to and the filing of an intent to withdraw statement with the governing board of the joint agreement program. Sets forth provisions concerning the notification and statement, the allocation of assets and liabilities, and the effective date of the withdrawal.	1/24/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB2911	PROP TX-TIF INCENTIVES	SEN. RACHEL VENTURA	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that owners of commercial or industrial property who receive a tax incentive as a result of a tax incentivized development are not eligible to receive distributions from a tax reimbursement account. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue

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SB2913	PEN CD- IMRF- ANNUITY SUSPENSION	SEN. KARINA VILLA	Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if any annuitant must be considered a participating employee because there was not a separation from service and the participating municipality or participating instrumentality that employs or re-employs that annuitant knowingly fails to notify the Board to suspend the annuity, the Board may review the totality of circumstances regarding the annuitant not having a separation of service and assign proportionate responsibility for reimbursement of the total of any annuity payments made to the annuitant after the date the annuity should have been suspended, as determined by the Board, between the participating municipality or participating instrumentality and the annuitant, less any amount actually repaid by the annuitant. Provides that in no case shall the total amount repaid by the annuitant plus any amount reimbursed by the employer to the Fund be more than the total of all annuity payments made to the annuitant after the date the annuity should have been suspended. Removes language providing that the provisions shall not apply if the annuitant returned to work for the employer for less than 12 months. Adds similar provisions to a provision concerning separation from service and entitlement to a retirement annuity. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.	1/26/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB2928	SECOND CHANCE STATE EDUCATION	SEN. NATALIE TORO	<p>Provides that the Act may be referred to as the Second Chance State Education Act. Contains declarations and findings. Creates the Second Chance Seat in Every Class Act. Provides that each institution of higher education shall reserve at least one enrollment in each class for a returning resident (a person who is a resident of and domiciled in Illinois, has graduated from high school or the equivalent, has been convicted of a felony by a court sitting in the State of Illinois, was sentenced to incarceration pursuant to that conviction, and is not currently incarcerated) and at least one enrollment in each online class for an incarcerated individual. Provides for computer equipment, Internet connections, books, and supplies for enrolled incarcerated individuals. Creates the Incarcerated Individuals and Returning Residents Educational Supply Fund as a fund of the Department of Returning Resident Affairs. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used exclusively to pay for costs that incarcerated individuals and returning residents incur for books or other supplies needed to take classes under the Act. Provides that any concession or similar agreement between a public institution of higher education and the operator of a bookstore or similar operation at that public institution of higher education shall include a provision requiring the operator of the bookstore or similar operation to pay 1% of its gross revenues from the operation of that bookstore or similar operation to the Fund. Creates the Second Chance State College Admissions Act. Provides that no institution of higher education shall consider criminal history information when making any decision about an applicant or student, inquire about or consider criminal history information at any time during the admission decision-making process, or place an applicant or student on probationary or similar status based upon criminal history information, with specified exceptions. Contains provisions concerning compliance, administration, enforcement, education, licensing, employment barriers, severability, and other matters. Effective immediately.</p>	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations-Education

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SB2936	PROPERTY TX-ABATEMENT	SEN. DAVID KOEHLER	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the abatement for property located in an area of urban decay also applies to newly remodeled single-family or duplex residential dwelling units (currently, only newly constructed single-family or duplex dwelling units). Provides that provisions requiring the abatement to be reduced in 20% increments annually during the last 4 years of the abatement period apply only to abatements granted prior to the effective date. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Revenue
SB2956	TWP CODE-BUS TRANSPORTATION	SEN. ANN GILLESPIE	Amends the Township Code. Provides that townships in a county with a population of 500,000 or more may enter into intergovernmental agreements to provide ADA paratransit bus transportation and bus transportation for senior citizens between townships. The township providing service may apply to the Department of Human Services to receive grants to reimburse costs from the Township Bus Service Fund, a special fund that is created in the State treasury, and, subject to appropriation and as directed by the Secretary of Human Services, moneys in the Fund may be expended for reimbursement costs for ADA paratransit bus transportation and bus transportation for senior citizens between townships and for no other purpose. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Township Bus Service Fund.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Appropriations - Health and Human Services
SB2987	SCH CD-BOARD MEMBER TRAINING	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that, in addition to required professional development leadership training, every voting member of a school board of a school district elected or appointed for a term beginning after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall complete a minimum of 3 hours of training every 2 years on continuous improvement planning and leveraging instruction, funding, and support to improve student outcomes. Provides that this training must be completed within one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act or the first year of a school board member's term and must be completed at least every 2 years thereafter. Provides that, subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, school board members may take this training together. Provides that the training may be provided by an association established under the Code for the purpose of training school board members or by other qualified providers approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with an association so established.	2/6/24	Assigned to Senate Education

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SB2995	SCHOOL CD-PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	SEN. THOMAS BENNETT	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish and administer a program to award property tax relief grants to property taxpayers within school districts in this State. Provides that the State Board of Education shall work with county clerk's offices in this State to determine the amount given to each property taxpayer. Provides that moneys awarded to property taxpayers shall be distributed pro rata based on the amount a property taxpayer paid in taxes in the previous fiscal year. Creates the Education Property Tax Relief Fund as a special fund in the State treasury for the purpose of awarding grants. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.	2/2/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3017	EDUCATION-TECH	SEN. DON HARMON	Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	2/2/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3018	EDUCATION-TECH	SEN. DON HARMON	Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	2/7/24	Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Mike Simmons
SB3076	FOIA-LIST OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS	SEN. DONALD DEWITTE	Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body shall include in its list of records available under the Act the identification and a plain-text description of each of the types or categories of information of each field of each database of the public body. Provides that the public body shall provide a sufficient description of the structures of all databases under the control of the public body to allow a requester to request the public body to perform specific database queries.	2/2/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3092	SCH CD-EMPLOYE TRAUMA TRAINING	SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM	Amends the School Code. Makes stylistic changes in provisions concerning institutes or inservice training workshops. In provisions concerning inservice training programs, removes the requirement that the training regarding health conditions of students include the chronic health conditions of students and provides that school district employees who are trained to respond to trauma under the provisions shall be immune from civil liability in the use of a trauma kit unless the action constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Provides that training regarding the implementation of trauma-informed practices under the provisions concerning institutes or inservice training workshops satisfies the requirements under the provisions concerning inservice training programs. Removes certain provisions that require a school board to conduct inservice training for all school district employees on the methods to respond to trauma. Makes technical changes having a revisory function. Effective January 1, 2025.	2/2/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3110	SCH CD-REGIONAL BOARD VACANCY	SEN. MARY EDLY-ALLEN	Amends the Regional Board of School Trustees Article of the School Code. Provides that a vacancy on a regional board of school trustees shall be subject to the residency provisions in the Article unless the vacancy occurs in a single county educational service region (instead of providing that any vacancy is subject to the residency provisions in the Article). Provides that if a vacancy occurs in a single county educational service region, then the vacancy may be filled by a person who is a resident of a congressional township not represented on the board. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Adriane Johnson
SB3117	EDUCATION-TECH	SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO	Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.	2/2/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3133	EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAMS	SEN. STEVE STADELMAN	Amends the State Treasurer Act. In provisions concerning the College Savings Pool, provides that an account may be rolled over into a Roth IRA account, to the extent permitted by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. In provisions concerning the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program, provides that the definition of 'eligible child' includes a child born or adopted after December 31, 2022, to a parent who is a resident of Illinois at the time of the birth or adoption, as evidenced by documentation received by the Treasurer from a parent or legal guardian of the child. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.	2/2/24	Referred to Senate Assignments



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SB3151	SCH CD-DRIVER ED-WORKER SAFETY	SEN. STEVE STADELMAN	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning safety education and driver education courses, provides that, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the course instruction relating to highway construction and maintenance zones shall include at least one clock hour on worker safety in highway construction and maintenance zones. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3156	SCH CD-VARIOUS	SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning a comprehensive strategic plan, provides that the State Board of Education shall annually review the strategic plan, update the contents of the plan if necessary, and provide updates to the Governor and General Assembly (instead of requiring the plan to be updated and issued to the Governor and General Assembly). Makes changes concerning property tax relief pool grants and tuition for non-resident pupils. In provisions concerning hazardous materials training, provides that the State Board may identify in-service training programs to be used by school boards (instead of shall approve in-service training programs). In provisions concerning e-learning days, provides that a research-based program for e-learning days shall be verified annually before the implementation of any e-learning days in a school year (instead of requiring verification on or before September 1st annually); makes other changes. In provisions concerning school counseling services, provides that school counseling services shall (instead of may) be provided by school counselors and may be delivered through a comprehensive school counseling program; makes other changes. Makes changes concerning the reporting of firearms and drug-related incidents in schools, educator licensure, reenrolled students, and career and technical education. Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Makes changes concerning threat assessment team members, and fixes a typographical error. Amends the Vocational Education Act. Makes changes regarding the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.	2/8/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Michael W. Halpin
SB3164	SCH CD-ASSESSMENT RESTRICTION	SEN. MARY EDLY-ALLEN	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning restrictions on prekindergarten through grade 2 assessments, provides that the term 'diagnostic and screening purposes' includes to determine eligibility for advanced academic programs, as defined in the Gifted and Talented Children and Children Eligible for Accelerated Placement Article of the Code. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3166	SCHOOL STUDENT RECORDS-MISC	SEN. DAVID KOEHLER	Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Provides that the term 'Student Permanent Record' may include reports of psychological evaluations, including information on intelligence and personality, academic information obtained through test administration, observation, or interviews, elementary and secondary achievement-level test results, special education records, and records associated with a plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. With respect to the term 'Student Permanent Record', removes intelligence test scores, aptitude test scores, psychological and personality test results, teacher evaluations, and other information of clear relevance to the education of a student from the information allowed to be included. Provides that if consent is provided by a student or the student's parent or guardian, then a copy of the student's school student records shall be provided at no cost to the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, an independent service coordination agency, or Equip for Equality to establish access to adult disability services and related benefits.	2/6/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3195	SCH CD-FIREARM SAFETY COURSE	SEN. NEIL ANDERSON	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, then the school board must develop a policy to implement the course and must publish that policy on the district's website.	2/6/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3229	IEMA-SCHOOL SAFETY	SEN. LAURA MURPHY	Amends the Illinois Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act. Provides that Local Emergency Planning Committees and the State Emergency Response Commission partner with schools and school districts regarding safety threats posed by storage and transport of hazardous substances near schools. Provides requirements for a comprehensive emergency response plan to go into effect. Details duties of the State Emergency Response Commission, working in consultation with Local Emergency Planning Committees and schools, with respect to planning and preparedness. Provides for rulemaking by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security. Directs the Illinois Emergency Response Commission and Local Emergency Response Committees to create a timeline for compliance with the requirements of the amendatory Act not to exceed 2 years. Defines terms.	2/6/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3237	SCH CONSTRUCT LAW-GRANT AWARDS	SEN. CHRISTOPHER BELT	Amends the School Construction Law. In provisions concerning grant award amounts and required local matches, provides that the required local match and grant award amount are calculated by multiplying the required local match percentage and the grant award percentage by the recognized project cost, provided that, for the first application in which an applicant is funded (instead of only during the first application cycle after June 30, 2022), the amounts may be adjusted. Provides that to receive an adjustment, a school district on the 2004, 2005, or 2006 School Construction Grant List must initially apply and be approved during the first 3 application cycles after June 30, 2024. Makes a conforming change. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Rachel Ventura
SB3243	INVEST IN KIDS-VARIOUS	SEN. THOMAS BENNETT	Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and the Invest in Kids Act. Provides that the Invest in Kids credit applies permanently (currently, the credit applies for taxable years ending before January 1, 2024). Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3261	SCH CD-TRAFFICKING TRAINING	SEN. DALE FOWLER	Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, at least once every 2 years, a school board shall conduct in-service training for all school district employees on how to identify trafficking in persons under the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes technical changes having a revisory function. Effective immediately.	2/6/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3286	SCH CD-TRANSPORT-TRANSIT FEES	SEN. ROBERT PETERS	Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. With respect to the provision of free transportation for pupils, allows a school district to pay the public transit fees of pupils instead (rather than providing an exception for pupils for whom the school board certifies to the State Board of Education that adequate transportation for the public is available). In provisions allowing for free transportation if conditions are such that walking constitutes a serious hazard, removes the provision specifying that such transportation shall not be provided if adequate transportation for the public is available. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2025.	2/7/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3295	SCH CD-HOLIDAYS-EMPLOYEE	SEN. LINDA HOLMES	Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning holidays, provides that no deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a school employee, including an educational support personnel employee, on account of any legal or special holiday during which time the employee is contractually employed (instead of on account of any legal or special holiday in which that employee would have otherwise been scheduled to work but for the legal or special holiday).	2/7/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3348	SCH CD-DEBT LIMIT EXCEPTION	SEN. ROBERT MARTWICK	Amends the School Code. In a Section concerning the debt limitations of school districts, provides that, in addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Union Ridge School District 86 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 if specified conditions are met, including (i) that the voters of the school district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at an election held on or after March 19, 2024 and (ii) that, prior to the issuance of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that the projects set forth in the proposition for the bond issuance were and are required because of the age and condition of the district's existing school buildings. Provides that the debt incurred on the bonds shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation and must mature within not to exceed 25 years from their date, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. Effective immediately.	2/7/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3349	SCH CD-GLOBAL SCHOLAR CERT	SEN. LAURA ELLMAN	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning State Global Scholar Certification, provides that 6 units of credit shall be required to achieve State Global Scholar Certification (instead of not specifying how many units of credit are required). Provides for global collaboration or (instead of and) dialogue. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to provide students attending schools that do not currently offer State Global Scholar Certification the opportunity to earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Sets forth what those rules shall include and other requirements. Provides that a student enrolled in a school district or nonpublic school that awarded State Global Scholar Certification prior to the 2026-2027 school year and offered a course to complete the capstone project requirement prior to the 2026-2027 school year may not earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely.	2/7/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3379	SCH CD-GLOBAL SCHOLAR CERT	SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning State Global Scholar Certification, provides that 6 units of credit shall be required to achieve State Global Scholar Certification (instead of not specifying how many units of credit are required). Provides for global collaboration or (instead of and) dialogue. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to provide students attending schools that do not currently offer State Global Scholar Certification the opportunity to earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Sets forth what those rules shall include and other requirements. Provides that a student enrolled in a school district or nonpublic school that awarded State Global Scholar Certification prior to the 2026-2027 school year and offered a course to complete the capstone project requirement prior to the 2026-2027 school year may not earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely.	2/7/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3382	SCH CD-PERFORM EVAL COMMITTEE	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Amends the Evaluation of Certified Employees Article of the School Code. Provides that on July 1, 2024, the State Superintendent of Education shall convene a Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee for the purpose of maintaining and improving the State evaluator training and pre-qualification program in this State. Provides that the Committee shall be staffed by the State Board of Education. Sets forth the membership of the Committee. Provides that members of the Committee shall be nominated by program providers and appointed by the State Superintendent. Provides that the Committee shall meet initially at the call of the State Superintendent and shall select one member as chairperson at its initial meeting. Provides that the Committee shall meet at least quarterly and may also meet at the call of the chairperson of the Committee. Provides that the Committee shall advise the State Board of Education on the continued implementation of the evaluator training and pre-qualification program in this State, which may include the development and delivery of the program's existing and new administrators' academies, gathering feedback from program instructors and participants, sharing best practices, consulting with the State Board on any proposed rule changes regarding evaluator training, and other subjects as determined by the chairperson of the Committee. Effective June 15, 2024.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3383	ELEC CD-SCHOOL POLLING PLACE	SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM	Amends the Election Code. Provides that the county board or board of election commissioners may use public school buildings as polling places only if a school board or a local school council approves the use of that school. Provides that, if the county board or board of election commissioners uses all convenient and available public buildings and determines that a public school building is needed as a polling place, it shall send a written request to use the public school building to the school board or local school council. Sets forth provisions concerning the contents of the request and the response to the request. Amends the School Code. Provides that each school board or local school council shall have the power to approve or deny, in accordance with the school board or local school council's rules and policies, any request of a county board or board of election commissioners to use a school building as a polling place. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3443	ELEC CD-FIREARMS POLLING PLACE	SEN. ANN GILLESPIE	Amends the Election Code. Provides that any person who carries or possess a firearm while present in a polling place, except a peace officer in the performance of his or her official duties, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3447	PELL-AGGREGATE EXTENSION	SEN. BILL CUNNINGHAM	Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Makes changes to the definition of 'limiting rate'. Provides for alternative referendum procedures for a taxing district to increase its aggregate extension. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3454	PROP TX-TAXING DIST NOTICE	SEN. ROBERT MARTWICK	Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a copy of the complaint shall also be served on each taxing district in which the property is located at least 90 days prior to the board of review hearing on the complaint. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3461	SCH CD-STUDY OF RECENT HISTORY	SEN. CRAIG WILCOX	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, every public elementary school and high school social studies course pertaining to American history shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of the previous 30 years and the causes that led up to those events. Provides for what the unit of instruction shall and may include. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials and professional development opportunities that may be used as guidelines for development of the unit of instruction. Provides that each school board shall itself determine the minimum amount of instructional time that qualifies as a unit of instruction. Provides that the regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a school district's compliance with the curricular requirements during the regional superintendent's annual compliance visit and make recommendations for improvement, including professional development. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3467	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATH ASSISTANT	SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM	Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning the educational requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant. Effective January 1, 2025.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3473	SCH CD-DIABETES INFORMATION	SEN. ELGIE SIMS	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education, in coordination with the Department of Public Health, shall develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for parents and guardians of students. Provides that the informational materials shall be made available to each school district and charter school on the State Board's website. Provides that the school board of a school district and the governing body of a charter school shall make the informational materials accessible to a parent or guardian when the student is first enrolled in elementary school or in a school's student handbook on and after July 1, 2024. Sets forth what the provided information may include. Effective immediately.	2/8/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3511	SCHOOL-INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	SEN. MIKE SIMMONS	Creates the Let America Read Act. Provides that an entity or an entity's staff with oversight over the books, instructional materials, or curriculum used in a public school may not refuse to approve or prohibit the use of books, instructional materials, or a curriculum, including, but not limited to, memoirs, autobiographies, and biographies, based upon the depiction of matters of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual and reproductive health, gender identity, religion, or human rights activism. Provides that these provisions do not restrict an entity with oversight over the books, instructional materials, or curriculum used in a public school from imposing limitations on the access to books, instructional materials, or a curriculum based upon the age and developmental level of the students who will have access. Amends the School Code to set forth a penalty for a school district that violates the Act.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3515	TIF EXTENSION RESTRICTIONS	SEN. ANN GILLESPIE	Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, before the estimated dates of completion of a redevelopment project and retirement of obligations issued to finance development project costs (including refunding bonds) are extended to the 35th or 47th years, the municipality must submit to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives written support for the extension of the life of the redevelopment project area from each school district, community college district, and park district that has authority to directly levy taxes on property within the redevelopment project area. Provides that a municipality may only submit written support to extend a redevelopment project area to the 35th year within the 5 years prior to the estimated date of completion of the redevelopment project and may only submit written support to extend a redevelopment project area to the 47th year within one year prior to the estimated date of completion of the redevelopment project area. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3533	SCH CD-ENGLISH LEARNERS-CIVICS	SEN. THOMAS BENNETT	Amends the Transitional Bilingual Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a program in transitional bilingual education shall include a unit of instruction that teaches English learners about American civics and culture. Provides that the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Advisory Council on Bilingual Education, shall establish and publish learning standards for a school district to utilize for this unit of instruction. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments



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SB3539	PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE	SEN. PAUL FARACI	Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of 'employee' does not include an election judge or a short-term worker hired to oversee and facilitate elections.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3553	SCH CD-ACCELERATED PLACEMENT	SEN. KIMBERLY LIGHTFORD	Amends the Gifted and Talented Children and Children Eligible for Accelerated Placement Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district's accelerated placement policy may allow for the waiver of a course or unit of instruction completion requirement if (i) completion of the course or unit of instruction is required by the Code or rules adopted by the State Board of Education as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma and (ii) the school district has determined that the student has demonstrated mastery of or competency in the content of the course or unit of instruction. Provides that the school district shall maintain documentation of this determination of mastery or competency for each student, which must include identification of the learning standards or competencies reviewed, the methods of measurement used, student performance, the date of the determination, and identification of the district personnel involved in the determination process. Provides that a school district must provide notification to a student's parent or guardian that the student will receive a waiver. Makes a corresponding change in the Courses of Study Article of the Code. Effective	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3571	SCH CD-AED-AFTER HOURS	SEN. ERICA HARRISS	Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district shall require a school to have present at the school during the school day and during a school-sponsored extracurricular activity at least one automated external defibrillator and one or more trained AED users. Provides that an automated external defibrillator installed and maintained in accordance with the Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act may be used to satisfy this requirement.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3587	PROCUREMENT-BOARD OF EDUCATION	SEN. CHRISTOPHER BELT	Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the Code shall not apply to procurement expenditures by the State Board of Education related to media marketing campaigns, one-year sole sources, and emergency purchases.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3606	SCHOOL-SPECIAL EDUCATION-SEPERATE SCHOOL	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that the term 'special educational facilities and services' includes private special schools (instead of special schools) and separate public special education day schools. Provides that if a child has been placed in a separate public special education day school, a school district making tuition payments in excess of \$4,500 shall be responsible for an amount in excess of \$4,500 equal to 2 times the district's per capita tuition charge and shall be eligible for reimbursement from the State for the amount of such payments actually made in excess of 2 times the district's per capita tuition charge for students not receiving special education services. Requires a certification and finding to be made for reimbursement of a school district of the amount paid for tuition of a child attending a public special education facility.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3619	SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT NOTE	SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM	Creates the School District Impact Note Act. Requires the State Board of Education to prepare a School District Impact Note for every bill or amendment to a bill that direct appropriation, regulates, imposes a mandate upon, or otherwise affects the provision of public education. Specifies the contents of the note and the circumstances under which the note is to be prepared. Clarifies that the preparation of the note does not preclude any State officials or employees from participating in legislative hearings concerning the bill. Provides that the subject matter of bills submitted to the State Board of Education shall be kept in strict confidence, and no information relating to the bill or its anticipated impact on education in the State shall be divulged, before the bill's introduction in the General Assembly, by any State official or employee of the State Board, except to the bill's sponsor or his or her designee. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3627	PEN CD-TIER 2-VARIOUS	SEN. DORIS TURNER	Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement formula, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55 (instead of age 60). With regard to Tier 2 members and participants under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, State Employees, and State Universities Article: changes the retirement age to age 60 with 20 years of service or age 67 with 10 years of service; rescinds an election for certain benefits for persons under the Chicago Municipal Article; provides that any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on January 1 in the manner and with the same eligibility requirements provided for members or participants under the applicable Article who first became members or participants in that Article before January 1, 2011; and makes other changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 and are applicable without regard to whether a member or participant was in active service on or after the effective date. Authorizes SLEP status under IMRF for a person who is a county correctional officer or probation officer. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3628	PEN CD-TIER 2-VARIOUS	SEN. DORIS TURNER	Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement formula, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55 (instead of age 60). With regard to Tier 2 members and participants under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, State Employees, and State Universities Article: changes the retirement age to age 60 with 20 years of service or age 67 with 10 years of service; changes the final average salary calculation to the total salary during the 60 months (instead of 96 months) of service within the last 120 months of service in which the total salary was the highest; rescinds an election for certain benefits for persons under the Chicago Municipal Article; provides that the automatic annual increase in retirement annuity shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted increase in the consumer-price index-u, whichever is greater (instead of whichever is less) of the originally granted retirement annuity; and makes other changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 and are applicable without regard to whether a member or participant was in active service on or after the effective date. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3634	SCH CD-SUB TEACHING LICENSE	SEN. SALLY TURNER	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning Substitute Teaching Licenses, requires an applicant who is enrolled in an approved educator preparation program to have either earned at least 75 credit hours or completed 3 semesters in an educator preparation program (rather than requiring the applicant to have earned at least 90 credit hours). Provides that a school district may not require an individual who retired within the last 5 years while holding a valid Professional Educator License or Educator License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher if substitute teaching for no more than one year. Provides that a retired educator may not be charged an application fee for a Substitute Teaching License if certain conditions are met.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3635	SCH CD-E-LEARNING-ATTENDANCE	SEN. ANDREW CHESNEY	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning daily pupil attendance calculation, removes provisions specifying that days of attendance by pupils through verified participation in an e-learning program adopted by a school board and verified by the regional office of education or intermediate service center for the school district shall be considered as full days of attendance. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3638	INTERSCHOLAR ATH ORG-SHOOTING	SEN. PATRICK JOYCE	Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Provides that, by the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, an association or other entity that has, as one of its purposes, promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among high schools and high school students within the State shall create regulations governing high school trap and skeet shooting teams, clubs, and activities. Provides that the regulations shall include rules on the transportation of trap and skeet shooting firearms and equipment, the management and storage of trap and skeet shooting firearms and equipment, trap and skeet shooting practices, trap and skeet shooting competitions, trap and skeet shooting safety procedures, emergency procedures, and any other rules that the association or entity deems suitable. Provides that the regulations shall be publicly posted and available on the association's or entity's Internet website. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3642	SCH CD-BLACK ENGLISH LANGUAGE	SEN. WILLIE PRESTON	Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. In the provisions requiring State Board of Education develop and make available training opportunities for educators in teaching reading, provides that the materials may include the creation of an online portal to train educators in teaching Black English language learners and Black English as a second language. Provides that the portal shall aid educators in teaching students accustomed to using the African American English vernacular, teach about the history and development of African American English vernacular, and include evidence-based methods in teaching literacy to these students accustomed to African American English vernacular. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3644	SCH CD-CLIMATE CHANGE EDUC	SEN. LAURA ELLMAN	Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, every public high school shall include instruction on climate change and the impacts and causes of climate change in grades 9 through 12 in specified courses. Provides that the State Board of Education shall convene a working group of students, educators, and experts in the area of climate change. Sets forth tasks for the working group concerning State learning standards. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education shall prepare and make available to school boards instructional materials and professional development training for educators that may be used as guidelines for development of the instruction. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3645	SCH CD-RADON TESTING	SEN. LAURA ELLMAN	Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning radon testing, provides that every school building of a school district that is occupied or will be occupied shall be tested by January 1, 2028 and shall be tested every 5 years thereafter for radon (instead of recommending that every occupied school building of a school district be tested every 5 years for radon). Provides that all new schools of a school district shall be built using radon resistant new construction techniques in accordance with the American National Standards Institute/American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists CC-1000, Soil Gas Control Systems in New Construction of Multifamily, School, Commercial and Mixed-Use Buildings standard or a successor standard (instead of recommending that new schools of a school district be built using radon resistant new construction techniques, as shown in the United States Environmental Protection Agency document, Radon Prevention in the Design and Construction of Schools and Other Large Buildings). Removes a provision allowing a person to perform radon screening tests without a license. Makes changes concerning the exemption. Provides that if radon is found to exceed specified levels, then the school district shall (instead of may) hire a licensed radon professional to perform confirmatory measurements (instead of to perform measurements before any mitigation decisions are made). Sets forth provisions concerning mitigation. Provides that a school district may use life safety funds, if available, for radon testing and mitigation. Preempts home rule powers.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3683	PEN CD- PRE-TAX RETIREME NT PLAN	SEN. ROBERT MARTWICK	Amends the Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve District, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the employer shall provide a federal tax qualified pre-tax retirement plan otherwise allowed by State and federal law for each employee. Provides that the employer shall automatically enroll employees who become employees or after January 1, 2025 into a federal tax qualified pre-tax retirement plan. Provides for a default contribution amount; collective bargaining; a retirement savings committee; plan document; review of the plan document by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance; and fees charged by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance to the municipality. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3684	SCH CD- EDUCATO R TESTING- WAIVE	SEN. MICHAEL HALPIN	Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that if the State Board declares a teacher shortage, then an applicant shall be deemed to have passed a test of content area knowledge. Provides that the State Board shall adopt rules to define a teacher shortage, and shall post and publicly display this definition on the <u>State Board's Internet website</u> .	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3690	SCH CD- RECRUITM ENT & RETENTIO N	SEN. DORIS TURNER	Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a librarian recruitment and retention program, which shall encourage both new and experienced librarians to seek employment with qualifying public schools by providing for a refundable income tax credit to each participating librarian in the amount of \$3,000 per school year for no more than 5 consecutive school years. Contains requirements for participating school districts and participating librarians. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act establishing the \$3,000 tax credit for individuals designated by the State Board of Education as a participating librarian in the librarian recruitment and retention program. Effective July 1, 2024.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3761	SCHOOL CONSTRU CTION BOND ACT	SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL	Repeals the School Construction Bond Act. Amends the Statute on Statutes, the General Obligation Bond Act, and the Prevailing Wage Act to make conforming changes.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments

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SB3768	SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-DEAF-BLIND	SEN. SUZANNE HILTON	Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall maintain and operate, or contract for (instead of being empowered to establish, maintain, and operate or contract for) the operation of a permanent statewide residential education facility (instead of statewide service center), known as the Philip J. Rock Center and School. Provides that the State Board of Education shall include a line item in its budget to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the Philip J. Rock Center and School. Limits the specified services provided by the Philip J. Rock Center and School to eligible deaf-blind persons of all ages to being subject to appropriated funding for those specified services. Makes changes concerning provided services. Provides that for the purposes of employment, the Philip J. Rock Center and School shall be considered its own employer. Provides that the State Board of Education shall appoint a Chief Administrator of the Philip J. Rock Center and School who shall be employed by the Philip J. Rock Center and School. Specifies the duties of the Chief Administrator. Sets forth provisions concerning a student with an individualized education program at the Philip J. Rock Center and School. Makes changes concerning the Advisory Board for the Philip J. Rock Center and School. Makes other changes.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SB3773	SCH CD-BOARD OF SCH DIRECTORS	SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON	Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning the board of school directors, provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, a school district or unit school district with at least one high school shall have at least one student board member selected to be a member of the board of school directors from a high school within the district. Provides that a student board member shall serve a term of one year, beginning on July 1 or on the date of his or her selection, whichever is later, and expiring on the next succeeding June 30. Provides that a student board member shall have all of the privileges of membership, except that the student board member shall only shall have the right to cast an advisory vote, the right to make and second motions, and to attend executive sessions. Sets forth provisions concerning, conflict of interest, election, and requirements for a student board member. Effective immediately.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments



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SB3792	ALL-GENDER RESTROOMS	SEN. MIKE SIMMONS	Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that any multiple-occupancy restroom must be identified as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and designated for use by any person of any gender. Removes the requirement that any newly constructed multiple-occupancy restroom located adjacent or in proximity to a newly constructed all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom must also be designated as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom. Provides that any existing or future places of public accommodation or public buildings are subject to the requirements regarding all-gender multiple-occupancy restrooms. Effective January 1, 2027.	2/9/24	Referred to Senate Assignments
SR532	HIGH SCHOOLS-YOUTH VOTING	SEN. JULIE MORRISON	Recognizes that public high schools in the State are uniquely positioned to reach all young people, that public schools have a civic purpose to prepare youth, regardless of college or career aspirations, to participate in our democracy, and that public schools fulfill that civic purpose when the school provides education on the registration process and the infrastructure to register qualified students to vote. Urges election authorities in the State of Illinois to conduct outreach and trainings for high school principals to encourage principals to become deputy registrars. Urges election authorities in the State of Illinois to conduct outreach and trainings for qualified students to serve as deputy registrars so that students appointed as deputy registrars may register qualified peers to vote on their school campuses. Encourages every public high school in the State of Illinois to conduct voter registration drives on its campus for all qualified students.	2/8/24	Postponed - Executive