



**LEND COUNCIL**


**MEETING**

2.23.24





# AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER- LEND CO-CHAIR
  - DIRECTORS REPORT
    - SESSION UPDATE
      - LEND INITIATIVES
      - GOVERNORS BUDGET
      - BILLS of INTEREST
  - LEND COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCY
  - MEMBER CONCERNS
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# Point of Personal Privilege

Ethekos Consulting New Team Member

***Karli Ryan- Business Director***

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# LEND INITIATIVES

HB4709 (Hirshauer)/SB3383 (Villivalam)

## ***Schools and Polling Places***

- *Amends the election code to use public school buildings as polling places if a school board approves the use of that school.*
- *If the board of elections uses all available public buildings and determines that a public school building is needed for a polling place, it will send a written request to the local school board.*
- *The school board shall approve or deny the request within 60 calendar days.*

SB2873 (Curran)

## ***MFSAB Bus***

- *LEND will be meeting with the Office of the Secretary of State next week.*
- *Work continues to address their concerns.*

# LEND INITIATIVES

## HB5020 (Blair-Sherlock)

### ***Dual Credit Quality Act***

- *Negotiations between the school district and community colleges (designate a liaison) to reach a partnership agreement must begin no later than 30 days from the initial request.*
- *If within 180 days of the school districts initial request for a partnership agreement the school district and the community college don't reach agreement they shall implement the provisions of the model partnership agreement (MPA).*
- *For courses taught by the high school instructor at the high school, the school may use their district policies to determine class enrollment caps, students technology access and usage, and student accommodations .*

# LEND INITIATIVES

## HB5020 (Blair-Sherlock)

### ***Dual Credit Quality Act***

- *In consultation with the higher learning partner, school districts may determine grading procedures, course length, and the number of sections.*
- *If you are in a MPA, the community college has 30 days from the initial course request to notify the school district of its disapproval of the course request or instruction. The high school may pursue an alternative provider within 14 calendar days of the disapproval.*
- *Dual Credit Instructor Qualification Framework shall be developed through a Dual Credit Committee by July 31, 2025.*
  - *LEND has an appointment on the committee*

# GOVERNORS K-12 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- *EBF \$350 million includes \$50 million in property tax relief grants*
- *\$30.7 million for transportation and special education*
- *Orphanage tuition reimbursement increases \$700K*
- *CTE Programs increase \$10.2 million*
- *\$3 million for Statewide Literacy Plan*
- *\$45 million for 2nd year of Teacher Vacancy Grant Pilot Program*
- *MAP (monetary award program) increase of \$10 million*
- *After school programs remain flat*
- *\$75 million increase in Early Childhood Block Grant*

# Bills of Interests

## **SB2568 (Villa)- Retirement Savings Plan**

- *A school district that offers to its employees a retirement savings plan 403(b) may enter into a contract with only one vendor to administer the plan.*

## **New Arrivals**

### ***Funding***

- *The General Assembly as one of its top priorities will be allocating state dollars for new arrivals.*
- *Conversations are ramping up about money in support of schools.*
- *Legislators are requesting data from DuPage.*



# Bills of Interest

## **HB2401 (Ford)- Diversity in Literature**

- *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.*
- *We offered Ford an amendment to remove our opposition, he has not yet filed it.*

## **HB3907 (Stuart)- Teacher Plan Time**

- *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, 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.*
- *We met with Rep Stuart and shared the results from the LEND plan time survey, this bill still remains in rules and we are hopeful she will do a subject matter only hearing.*

# Bills of Interest

## **HB4186 (Elik)- Foreign Language REQ**

- *Allows a student to take 1 year of foreign language (rather than 2 years) if the student, students parent or guardian, and the school counselor meet to discuss the students postsecondary education or career goals.*
- *If at the meeting it is determined:*
  - *The student takes 1 year CTE*
  - *A second year of foreign language limits the students access to CTE*
  - *The student does not need a second year of foreign lanugage to meet their goals*
- *Bill remains in House Rules.*

## **HB4219 (Yang Rohr)- Fentanyl**

- *Beginning in 2025-2026 fentanyl education will expand for grades 6-8*
- *We have talked with the sponsor and are waiting on an amendment to be filed.*
- *Bill remains in House Education Committee.*

# Bills of Interest

## **HB4622 (Didech)- Impact Note**

- *Every bill that imposes or could impose a mandate on local school districts, and at the request of a member prior to second reading of the bill in the house of introduction, shall have prepared a reliable estimate of the fiscal and operational impact of those mandates on local school districts.*
- *Bill is assigned to House Education Committee*

## **SB3619 (Villivalam)- Impact Note**

- *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.*
- *Bill remains in Senate Assignments*

# Bills of Interest

## HB4625 (Yang Rohr)- Digital Literacy Skills

- *As drafted this legislation imposes a number of curricular mandates on school districts.*
- *We met with the sponsor in Springfield this week and she is not calling the bill.*

## **HB5406 (Yang Rohr)- Athletic Practice Limit**

- *Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year all practices, games, or contest by a State high school athletic program may be allowed no more than 18 hours of practice time per week and no more than 4 hours of practice time in a single day.*
- *Bill remains in House Rules Committee.*

# Bills of Interest

## **SB3166 (Koehler)- SPED Permanent Records**

- *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.*
- *After a lengthy debate in committee the sponsor has agreed to work with ISBE and others to work on an amendment.*

## **SB3237 (Belt)- Construction Grants**

- *School districts since 2004, 2005, 2006, have been waiting on money from the State. This legislation allows those districts, should money become available to apply for grants after June 30, 2024.*
- *The sponsor is requesting as a funding source money from the States Rainy Day fund and additional money from the General Revenue over 3 years.*

# Bills of Interest

## **SB3295 (Holmes)/HB 5009 (Croke) - Employee Holiday Pay**

- *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).*
- *Bills remain in Senate Assignments and House Rules*

# Bills of Interest

## Tier 2 Pension Fix

- *House Pension and Personnel Committee met on Thursday*
- *Subject matter only*
  - *Tier 2 effect on recruitment/retention*
  - *Follow up to the hearings held in the fall*
  - *Topics*
    - *Safe Harbor/ Social Security*
    - *The unfunded liability*
      - *Cost to the State*
      - *Cost to school districts*
    - *Benefit package*
      - *Retention*
      - *Recruitment*

# Bills of Interest

## HB4265 (Yednock)- Accelerated Placement

- *Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year a school districts accelerated placement policy may (instead of shall) allow for automatic enrollment.*
- *Position: SUPPORT*

## HB4274 (Swanson)- Tick Removal

- *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.*
- *Testimony was provided in committee by the proponents and opponents but the bill did not move.*

## HB4577 (Mason)- Student Account Unpaid

- *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.*
- *Bill remains in House Rules.*



# Bills of Interest

## SB1400 (Lightford)- Discipline

- *LEND along with other advocates and the sponsor continue negotiations.*
- *An amendment is forthcoming.*

## SB2810 (Ellman)- Self Defense Petition

- *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.*
- *LEND has a meeting scheduled with the sponsor later today.*

## SB3151 (Stadelman)- Drivers Ed Worker Safety

- *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.*
- *LEND met with the sponsor in Springfield this week, work continues.*

# Bills of Interest

## SB3571 (Harriss)- AED After Hours

- *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.*
- *Bill has been assigned to Senate Education.*

## SB3644 (Ellman)/ HB4895 (Yang Rohr)- Climate Change Education

- *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.*

# Committee Reports

## **EL Dual Language Committee- Dr. Jean Barbanente**

- *Home Language survey*
  - *Upcoming recommendations to the IACBE*

## **Federal Relations Committee- Kristin Fitzgerald**

- *Update on Federal Relations survey*
- *Upcoming meetings with Federal Delegation*

# **Executive Committee Vacancy**

**Kristin Fitzgerald- LEND Co-Chair**





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