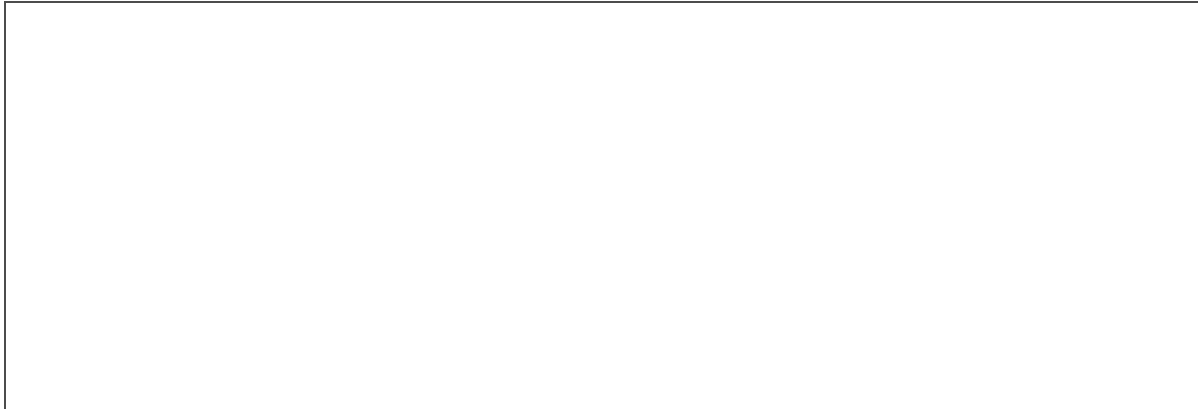


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Governor Pritzker Lays Out Budget Priorities

The Illinois budget process typically begins with the governor's budget proposal, which outlines spending priorities and revenue projections. The General Assembly then reviews this proposal, holding hearings and receiving input from various stakeholders. Legislators may propose amendments and adjustments to the budget, and ultimately, both chambers of the General Assembly must pass the budget bill by a majority vote.

Governor Pritzker outlined his budget priorities last Wednesday in an address to a joint session of the Illinois General Assembly. Education highlights include:

- **\$350 million** to Evidence-Based Funding, bringing the total EBF program to \$8.6 billion. This includes \$202 million in EBF Property Tax Relief Grants to eligible school districts.
- **\$10.2 million** increase for Career and Technical Education Programs to expand access to underserved students, utilizing an updated, equity-based formula.
- Funds the second year of two programs: Teacher Vacancy Grant Pilot Program at **\$45 million** and Computer Science Equity Grant Program at **\$3 million**.
- **\$3 million** for State Literacy Plan Implementation to provide tools, support, and resources to align educator training and student instruction with the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan.

Several programs that had been funded with federal COVID-relief funds were NOT included in the Governor's recommended budget, including **Principal Mentoring**.

- **Affinity Groups**
- **Resilience Education to Advance Community Healing (REACH) Statewide Initiative** - *Trains educators, school mental health professionals, and community members to recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma and address students' social-emotional and mental health needs.*
- **SEL hubs** - *Providing professional development, training, and support to districts in their region to establish and expand SEL programs in Illinois schools.*

Although Principal Recruitment funding is recommended to continue

at \$1.8 million, funding for Principal Mentoring is not included in the Governor's recommendation.

We need your help to advocate for these important programs!

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Budget Coverage

- **Gov. J.B. Pritzker's 2025 budget plan continues to boost early childhood education in Illinois (Chalkbeat)**
- **Pritzker's \$52.7B Budget Proposal Funds Migrant Care and Early Childhood Education, Angers Business Community (WTTW)**
- **What Gov. Pritzker's proposed budget includes on Illinois education (WBEZ)**
- **Illinois Black Caucus calls for real investments following governor's proposal**

Bills on the Move

Education committees are off to a slow start in the General Assembly. While many bills have been assigned to both the House Education and Senate Education Committees (see below for full lists), little action was taken to move bills out of committee last week. The following bills were passed out of committees, or had subject matter hearings (no vote taken).

The General Assembly will return to Springfield on March 5.

SB3164 - SCH CD-ASSESSMENT RESTRICTION - ***Passed*** the Senate Education Committee.

SB3166 - SCHOOL STUDENT RECORDS-MISC - ***Passed*** the Senate Education Committee; sponsor holding on 2nd reading for an amendment. (***OPPOSED***)

HB3286 - SCH-STIPEND FOR TEACH EXTERN - ***Passed*** the House Education - Administration & Licensing Committee; sponsor holding on 2nd reading for an amendment.

HB4274 - SCH CD-TICK REMOVAL IN SCHOOLS - House Elementary & Secondary Education - Curriculum & Policies Committee held subject matter testimony. (***OPPOSED***)

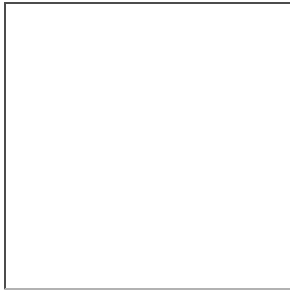
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Bills Assigned to Senate Education Committee

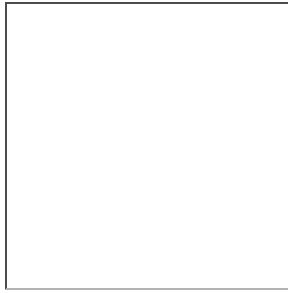
Bills Assigned to House Education - Curriculum & Policies Committee

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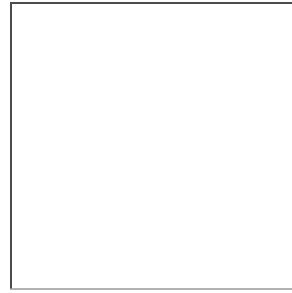
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