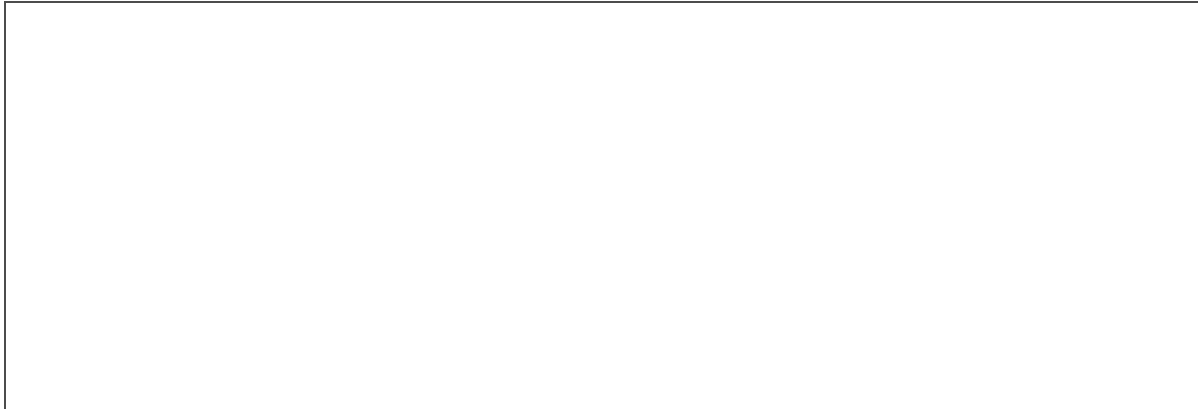


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Illinois General Assembly Takes on Education Bills in Action-Packed Week

Last week, the Illinois Capitol was placed on lockdown following a security threat, prompting a shelter-in-place notice and a temporary halt to legislative activities, just prior to the weekly Senate Education Committee hearing. Law enforcement agencies swiftly responded to the situation, and was quickly resolved to resume legislative business.

IPA and other school management organizations have been actively working with legislators to advance priority legislation and negotiate other legislation to maintain maximum flexibility for schools. Some of the legislation that advanced this week is listed below.

The House and Senate adjourned for the week last Thursday and will return to Springfield this Wednesday, following the Primary Election.

Bills that Passed Committees This Week

These bills have been approved by their respective committees and are now awaiting votes in the full House or Senate chamber.

SB2872 (Ventura) - SCH CD-RELAXATION ACTIVITIES

As amended, this permissive bill allows each school district to provide (in addition to and not substituting recess) at least 20 minutes per week of relaxation activities for students as part of the school day. 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.

HB4175 (Croke) - SCH CD-NONPUBLIC DISCIPLINE

As amended, prohibits personnel of any school district, charter school, or nonpublic elementary or secondary school from engaging in corporal punishment of a student, inflicting corporal punishment upon a student, or causing corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a student. A

school policy on discipline shall allow reasonable force as permitted under provisions concerning time out, isolated time out, and restraint.

HB5406 (Yang Rohr) - INTSCHOLAR ATHL-PRACTICE LIMIT

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, sets limits on practice time for interscholastic athletic activities. Athletic practice time shall not exceed 18 hours per week, and no more than 4 hours of practice time in a single day. Other specifics include:

- For golf only, a team is allowed a maximum of 2 days per week of 18-hole rounds. An 18-hole round shall count as 4 hours of practice time.
- A competition day shall count as 3 hours of practice time no matter the length of the competition. Additional practice time may continue for one hour following the competition.
- Student-led practices may occur but shall count toward the practice limitations above.
- Requires optional activities such as team dinners, to be approved by the principal or the principal's administrative designee.

IPA's Alison Maley testified in opposition to the infringement of local control in the bill. IPA is facilitating discussions with the IHSA and other relevant stakeholders while a possible amendment is considered.

SB3571 (Harriss) - SCH CD-AED-AFTER HOURS

Amended at the request of IPA, the bill requires all attendance centers within a school district to have at least one automated external defibrillator available during the school day and during a school-sponsored extracurricular activity.

HB4622 (Didech) - SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT NOTE

Supported by IPA, the bill requires a brief explanatory statement or note, including a reliable estimate of the anticipated fiscal and operational impact of those mandates on local school districts on every bill that imposes or could impose a mandate on local school districts.

Discussions will continue with ISBE to help provide accurate estimations from school districts to assist with this analysis.

SB2861 (Morrison) - SCH CD-SPIRIT RULES BOOK

As amended, requires IHSA and IESA to adopt the **Spirit Rules Book** published by the National Federation of State High School Associations or a similar document as the safety standards for student cheerleaders, spirit groups, and their coaches.

SB3151 (Stadelman) - SCH CD-DRIVER ED-WORKER SAFETY

Amended at the request of IPA, the bill adds "worker safety in highway construction and maintenance zones" to drivers' education course material to be covered.

HB4662 (Elik) - PEN CD-TRS-RETURN TO TEACHING

An IASA initiative and supported by IPA, the bill extends the ability of a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing their retirement status or retirement annuity from June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2029. Effective immediately.

Bills Amended

SB3553 (Lightford) & HB5250 (Ammons) - SCH CD-ACCELERATED PLACEMENT

As amended, the bill would require that beginning of the 2027-2028 school year, a school district's accelerated placement policy shall provide the option for a student to enroll in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework offered by the high school if the student meets State standards in English language arts, mathematics, or science on a State assessment as follows:

1. A student who meets State standards in English language arts shall be provided with the option to enroll in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in English, social studies, humanities, or related subjects.
2. A student who meets State standards in mathematics shall be provided with the option to enroll in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in mathematics.
3. A student who meets State standards in science shall be provided with the option to enroll in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in science.

Students that exceed State standards in the above subject areas must still be automatically enrolled into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework as applicable.

What's to come...

Wednesday, March 20

4:00pm - Judiciary - Criminal (House)

- HB4216 - SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS
- HB4241 - SEX OFFENSE-ABUSE BY EDUCATOR (*IPA supports*)
- HB5497 - SCH STUDENT RECORD-LAW ENFORCE

4:00pm - Education (Senate)

- SB1400 - SCH CD-STUDENT DISCIPLINE (*IPA supports Amendment 2*)
- SB3606 - SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-SEPERATE SCH (*IPA supports*)

Thursday, March 21

8:30am - Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee (House)

- HB1107 - SCH CD-STUDENT TRAUMA-PLAN
- HB1246 - SCHCD-LEARNING MATERIAL REPORT
- HB2401 - SCH CD-DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE
- HB3212 - SCH CD-REPEAL PLAYTIME MANDATE (*IPA supports*)
- HB4070 - SCH CD-STATE LITERACY PLAN
- HB4133 - SCH CD-BULLYING PREVENTION
- HB4219 - SCH CD-FENTANYL EDUCATION
- HB4265 - SCH CD-ACCEL PLACE-AUTO ENROLL
- HB4273 - SCH CD-SCH TIME-CHANGE GRANT
- HB4274 - SCH CD-TICK REMOVAL IN SCHOOLS
- HB4319 - SCH CODE-CLIMATE CHANGE
- HB4417 - SCH-CD WORKPLACE READINESS WK
- HB4474 - SCH CD-IEP-VOTER REGISTRATION
- HB4586 - SCH CD-MENTAL HEALTH-NOTIFY
- HB4616 - SCH CD-ANTI-LITTER EDUCATION
- HB4625 - SCH CD-DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS
- HB4626 - SCH CD-STUDENTS AND OFFICIALS
- HB4658 - SCH CD-PERSONAL FINANCE EDUC
- HB4895 - SCH CD-CLIMATE CHANGE EDUC
- HB4896 - SCH CD-SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
- HB5184 - SCH CD-BULLYING PREVENTION-AGE
- HB5250 - SCH CD-ACCELERATED PLACEMENT
- HB5394 - SCH SAFETY DRILL-CARDIAC PLAN

- HB5400 - SCH CD-ARAB AMERICAN HISTORY
- HB5407 - EDU-HOMELESS CHILD-REPORT/GRNT
- HB5416 - SCH CD-ATTENDANCE-MEDICAL NOTE
- HB5434 - SCH CD-ENROLLMENT-CONFIRMATION
- HB5478 - REPORT STUDENTS TO LAW ENFORCE
- HB5489 - SCH CD-LABOR HISTORY

9:00am - Behavioral and Mental Health (Senate)

- SB3316 - CHILDREN-MENTAL HEALTH

2:00pm - Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools (House)

- HB3287 - SCH CD-MANUFACT EMP-TEACH
- HB4173 - EDUC-TRADE COURSES-METT
- HB4254 - SCH CD-CENTRAL COMM BOND ISSUE
- HB4272 - SCH CD-LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCILS
- HB4277 - SCH-CD-EDUC LICENSE-ASL ENDORS
- HB4473 - SCH CD-ST BD ED-CTE TASK FORCE
- HB4572 - SCH CD-MONTESSORI EDUC LICENSE
- HB4577 - SCH CD-STUDENT ACCOUNT-UNPAID
- HB4647 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ORG
- HB4672 - SCH CD-SPEECH-LANG PATHOLOGIST
- HB4787 - PARAPROF TO TEACHER PROGRAM
- HB4840 - SCH CD-CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL
- HB4955 - SCH CD-STATE ASSESSMENTS
- HB5025 - SCH CD-SHORT TERM SUBSTITUTE
- HB5226 - SCH CD-RADON TESTING
- HB5275 - SCHOOL STUDENT RECORDS-MISC
- HB5318 - SCH CD-CPS TEACHER EVALUATION
- HB5364 - SCH CD-MILITARY DEPENDENTS
- HB5398 - SCH CD-STATE ASSESSMENTS
- HB5455 - SCH CD-LICENSE BD/RECOGNITION
- HB5609 - SCH CD-CHARTER SCH-FEE/RENEWAL
- HB5617 - SCH CD-PROHIBIT NATIVE AM NAME
- HB5619 - SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-COUNCIL

2:00pm CDT IL - Labor & Commerce (House)

- **HB5009 - SCH CD-HOLIDAYS-EMPLOYEE** *(IEA initiative to pay ESPs for school holidays, in addition to normally scheduled work.)*

4:00pm - Higher Education (House)

- HB4218 - COLLEGE/CAREER PATHWAY ENDORSE
- HB4652 - HIGHR ED-STUDENT TEACH STIPEND
- HB5020 - EDUC-DUAL CREDIT QUALITY ACT
- HB5414 - HIGHR ED-STUDENT TEACH STIPEND
- HB5437 - GROW YOUR OWN 2.0

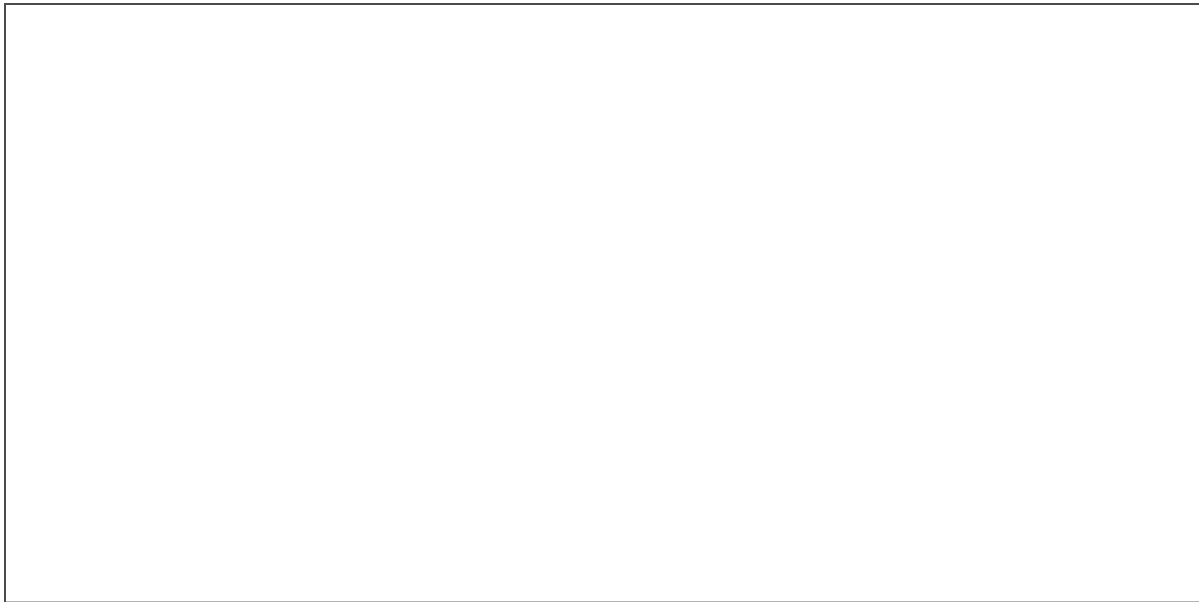
Friday, March 22

11:30am - Mental Health & Addiction (House)

- HB4922 - CHILDREN-MENTAL HEALTH
- HB5129 - MENTAL HEALTH-DANGER NOTICE

Bills Assigned to Senate Education Committee
Bills Assigned to House Education - Curriculum & Policies Committee
Bills Assigned to House Education - Administration & Licensing Committee

See more bills here

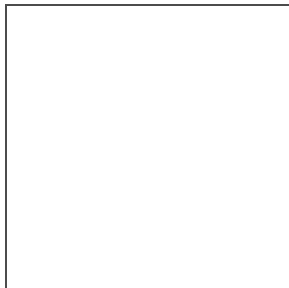


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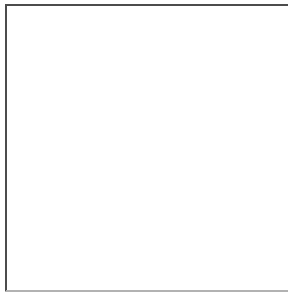
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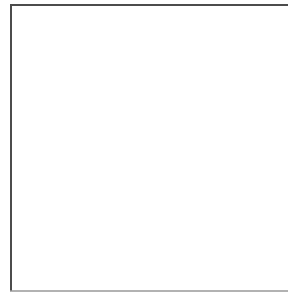
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