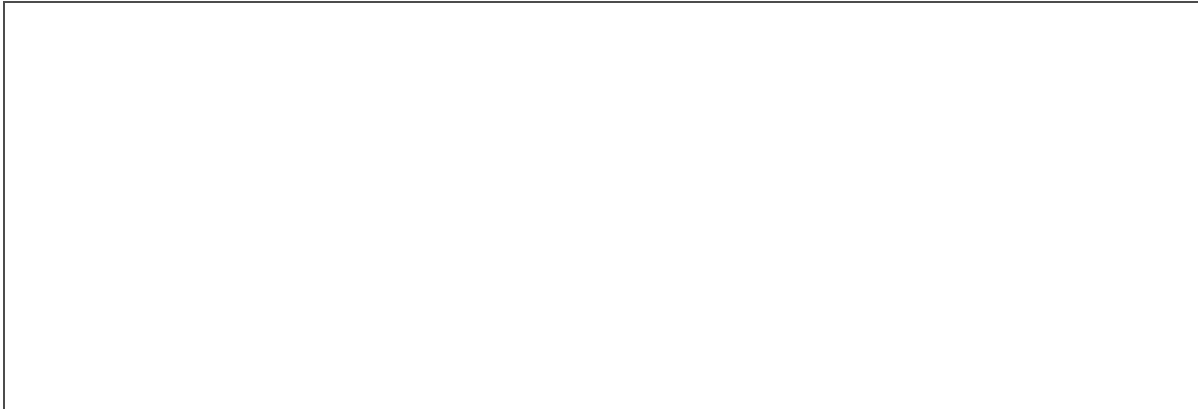


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February 19, 2024

## Committee Hearing Schedule

**Tuesday, February 20**

**1:30pm - Education (Senate)**

Location: 212 Capitol; Springfield, IL

Tracked Bills to be Heard:

**SB2861 - SCH CD-SPIRIT RULES BOOK** - Requires ISBE to adopt the Spirit Rules Book published by the **NFHS**, or a similar document, as uniform safety standards for student cheerleaders, spirit groups, and their coaches who participate in any school activity or extracurricular student activity

**SB2872 - SCH CD-RELAXATION ACTIVITIES** - Requires each school district to provide weekly relaxation activities, in addition to and not substituting recess (activities may include mindful-based movements, yoga, stretching, meditation, breathing exercises, guided relaxation techniques, quiet time, walking, in-person conversation, and other stress-relieving activities).

**SB2987 - SCH CD-BOARD MEMBER TRAINING** - Requires every voting member of a school board of a school district elected or appointed, to 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.

**SB3151 - SCH CD-DRIVER ED-WORKER SAFETY** - Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, driver's education instruction relating to highway construction and maintenance zones shall include at least one clock hour on worker safety in highway construction and maintenance zones. **(OPPOSED)**

**SB3166 - SCHOOL STUDENT RECORDS-MISC** - See below. **(OPPOSED)**

**4:00pm - Judiciary - Criminal (House)**

Location: Room D-1 Stratton Building; Springfield, IL

Tracked Bills to be Heard:

**HB4241 - SEX OFFENSE-ABUSE BY EDUCATOR** -Creates a new criminal offense of "abuse by an educator or authority figure." "Authority figure" defined as a person 18 years of age or older who is not a student at a school but who is employed by, volunteering at, an agent of, or under contract with the school, whether directly or through a firm holding a contract with the school. **(SUPPORT)**

## Wednesday, February 21

### 9:00am - Elem Sec Ed: School Curric Policies (House)

Location: Room 114 Capitol Building; Springfield, IL

Tracked Bills to be Heard:

**HB1246 - SCH CD-LEARNING MATERIAL REPORT** - By July 15 of each year, requires certain school boards (each school district with 300 or more students) to report, on their school district's website, a list of the learning materials and activities used for student instruction during the previous school year. **(OPPOSED)**

**HB2401 - SCH CD-DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE** - Requires a school district to use books that are written by diverse authors, including, but not limited to, authors who are African American, women, Native American, LatinX, and Asian. Reading material may not perpetuate bias against persons based on specified categories.

**HB4133 - SCH CD-BULLYING PREVENTION** - Applies all bullying prevention provisions in the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7) to non-public elementary or secondary schools, whether sectarian or nonsectarian.

**HB4175 - SCH CD-NONPUBLIC DISCIPLINE** - Prohibits a nonpublic school from slapping or paddling a student, prolonged maintenance of a student in a physically painful position, or the intentional infliction of bodily harm on a student.

**HB4219 - SCH CD-FENTANYL EDUCATION** - Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires one unit of instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl in the State-required health courses for grades 6 through 8. (Public Act 103-365 requires identical instruction in grades 9-12.)

**HB4265 - SCH CD-ACCEL PLACE-AUTO ENROLL - REMOVES MANDATE** - A school district accelerated placement policy may (instead of shall) allow for the automatic enrollment 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. **(SUPPORT)**

**HB4273 - SCH CD-SCH TIME-CHANGE GRANT** - Requires ISBE to create a "school time-change grant program" to provide funds to school districts to offset costs incurred to change the school start time to on or after 8 a.m. in grades 6-12.

**HB4274 - SCH CD-TICK REMOVAL IN SCHOOLS** - Requires a school nurse or other designated person employed by a school district to remove a tick from a student, preserve the tick for 72hrs., and provide the tick to parents/guardians to send to a lab for testing. **(OPPOSED)**

**HB4474 - SCH CD-IEP-VOTER REGISTRATION** - Requires an IEP team to consider voter registration as an appropriate goal or competency to be included in the IEP for a student who is 17 years of age or older, or will be during that school year.

**HB4625 - SCH CD-DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS** - Requires all school districts, with guidance and standards provided by ISBE and educators convened by ISBE, ensure that students receive

*developmentally appropriate opportunities to gain digital literacy skills beginning in elementary school, including developmentally appropriate instruction in digital citizenship skills, media literacy, and AI literacy.*

**HB4626 - SCH CD-STUDENTS AND OFFICIALS** - *Allows a public school student to communicate and work with federally elected, State-elected, or locally elected officials or other stakeholders or officials as part of the student's education.*

**2:00pm - Elem Sec Ed: Adm., Lic. & Charter (House)**

Location: Room 115 Capitol Building; Springfield, IL

Tracked Bills to be Heard:

**HB4173 - EDUC-TRADE COURSES-METT** - *Creates a METT Educator District License for teaching a course in manufacturing, engineering, technology, or a trade (METT). 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 to offer a METT endorsement. (OPPOSED)*

**HB4277 - SCH-CD-EDUC LICENSE-ASL ENDORS** - *Requires ISBE to adopt rules to include American Sign Language as part of the world language endorsement on a Professional Educator License.*

**HB4622 - SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT NOTE** - *Requires that every bill that imposes or could impose a mandate on local school districts, upon the request of any legislator, to have a brief explanatory statement or note that must include a reliable estimate of the anticipated fiscal and operational impact of those mandates on local school districts. (SUPPORT)*

**4:00pm - Higher Education (House)**

Location: Room 122B Capitol Building; Springfield, IL

Tracked Bills to be Heard:

**HB4218 - COLLEGE/CAREER PATHWAY ENDORSE** - *Requires postsecondary institutions to require applicants for admission to report which College and Career Pathway Endorsements, if any, they have received.*

**HB4787 - PARAPROF TO TEACHER PROGRAM** - *As amended, waives student teaching as part of an approved educator preparation program, has a paraprofessional Educator License with Stipulations, and has worked for at least 1 year as a paraprofessional.*

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## NEW BILLS: CURRICULUM

**HB5400 SCH CD-ARAB AMERICAN HISTORY**  
Primary Sponsor: **Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid (D)**

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires every public elementary school and high school to include 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.**

Allows the State Superintendent of Education to 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.

**SB3461 SCH CD-STUDY OF RECENT HISTORY**  
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Craig Wilcox (R)**

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, every public elementary school and high school social studies course on 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.**

Allows the State Superintendent of Education to 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. Effective July 1, 2024.

### **SB3533 SCH CD-ENGLISH LEARNERS-CIVICS**

**Primary Sponsor: Senator Tom Bennett (R)**

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a transitional bilingual education program shall include a **unit of instruction that teaches English learners about American civics and culture.** Requires ISBE, in consultation with the Advisory Council on Bilingual Education, to establish and publish learning standards for a school district to utilize for this unit of instruction. Effective immediately.

### **SB3644 and HB4895 SCH CD-CLIMATE CHANGE EDUC**

**Primary Sponsors: Senator Laura Ellman (D) & Rep. Janet Yang Rohr (D)**

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires every public high school to include **instruction on climate change and the impacts and causes of climate change in grades 9 through 12 in science courses** including biology, geology, oceanography, environmental science, AP bio, AP environmental science, zoology, plant science, or botany; **agricultural courses** including agronomy, horticulture, agribusiness, plant science, soil science; social studies electives including civics, geography, anthropology, economics, history, sociology, and psychology; and **CTE courses** including engineering, business, law, economics, consumer economics.

Requires ISBE to convene a working group of students, educators, and experts in the area of climate change. to evaluate learning standards related to climate change, develop additional learning standards, and create climate change learning standards for the courses identified above.

Requires the State Superintendent of Education to 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.

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## **NEW BILLS: ATHLETICS**

### **HB5406 ATHLETIC PRACTICE LIMITS**

**Primary Sponsor: Representative Janet Yang Rohr (D)**

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, **limits high school interscholastic athletic practice time to no more than 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.

- Optional activities must be approved by the principal or the principal's administrative designee.

Allows IHSA to enforce a penalty for exceeding practice maximums, which may include, but are not limited to, a loss of a practice day or other sanctions determined by IHSA for each violation and shall be imposed as appropriate to the level, extent, and duration of the penalty. Effective immediately.

### **SB2771 NONPUBLIC STUDENT SPORT PARTICIPATION**

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Jil Tracy (R)**

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. Effective immediately.

### **SB3638 TRAP AND SKEET SHOOTING**

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Patrick J. Joyce (D)**

Beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, **requires IHSA to create regulations governing high school trap and skeet shooting teams, clubs, and activities.**

Requires the regulations to 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. Effective immediately.

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## **NEW BILL: STUDENT RECORDS**

### **SB3166 & HB5275 SCHOOL STUDENT RECORDS-MISC**

Primary Sponsors: **Senator David Koehler (D) & Representative Suzanne Ness (D)**

Allows information on intelligence and personality, academic information obtained through test administration, observation, or interviews, elementary and secondary achievement-level test results, special education records, psychological evaluations, and records associated with 504 plans into a student's "Permanent Record" (instead of a "temporary record").

Allows copies of a student's school student records to 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, if consent is provided by a student or the student's parent or guardian.

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## **NEW BILLS: EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

### **HB5393 SCH CD-TEACH LICENSE-CONTENT**

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Rita Mayfield (D)**

Creates a Provisional Educator License and allows for issuing a Provisional Educator License to persons who have met all other licensure requirements set by the State Board of Education, but have failed to pass a content area knowledge test under the Code.

A Provisional Educator License is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance and may not be renewed. 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.

### **SB3634 SCH CD-SUB TEACHING LICENSE**

**Primary Sponsor: Senator Sally J. Turner (R)**

Reduces the required credit hours for a Substitute Teaching license from 90 credit hours in an approved educator preparation program to 75 credit hours or 3 semesters in an educator preparation program.

Prohibits a school district from requiring 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.

### **SB3684 SCH CD-EDUCATOR TESTING-WAIVE**

**Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael W. Halpin (D)**

Waives the requirement to pass a content area test if ISBE declares a teacher shortage.

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## **OTHER MANDATES**

### **SB3773 SCH CD-BOARD OF SCH DIRECTORS**

**Primary Sponsor: Senator Adriane Johnson (D)**

Beginning July 1, 2025, requires a school district or unit school district with **at least one high school to 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 to serve a term of one year (July 1-June 30).

Allows a student board member to 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**. Effective immediately.

### **HB5394 SCH SAFETY DRILL-CARDIAC PLAN**

**Primary Sponsor: Representative Anna Moeller (D)**

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a school district is required to develop a cardiac emergency response plan, including specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest, which integrates evidence-based core elements as those recommended by the American Heart Association..

**Requires a principal or other person having administrative control over the school to 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.

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.**

Effective July 1, 2024.

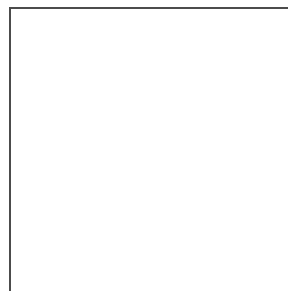
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