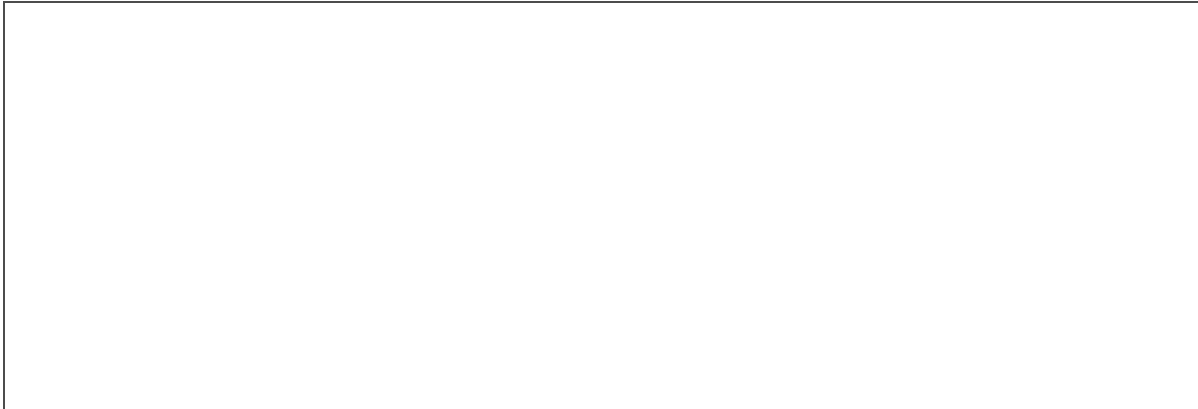


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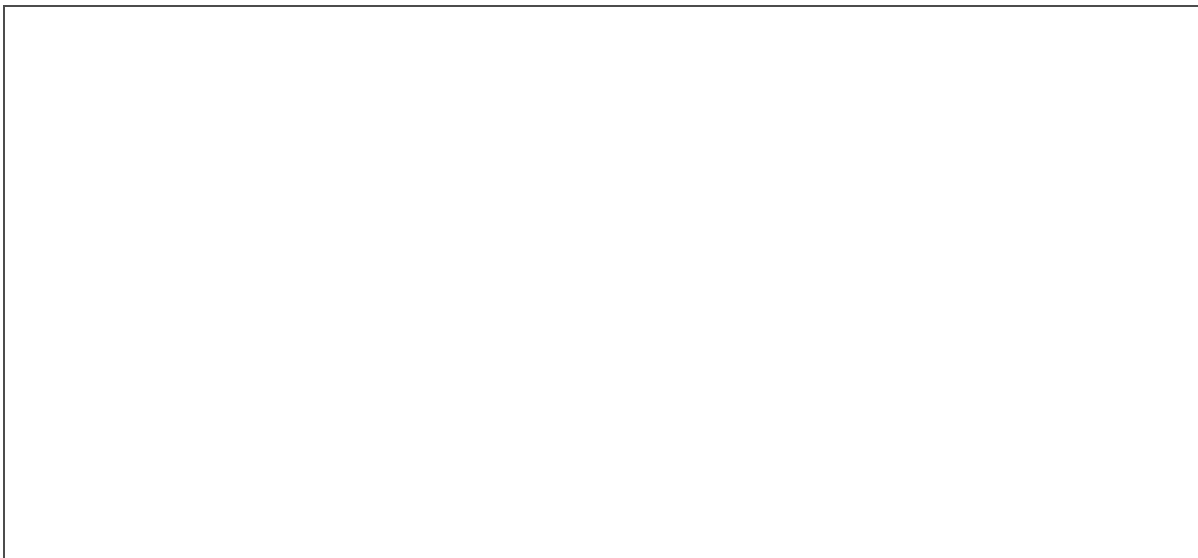
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IPA Talk: Latest from the Capitol



A Week of Legislative Action: ILGA Updates

The Illinois education landscape had some significant changes this week.

Senate Bill 15, which proposes a hybrid, and eventually fully-elected Chicago school board, passed both chambers this week. The bill aims to replace the current mayor-appointed school board with an elected one, granting Chicago residents the power to choose board members. Proponents argue that this change would increase accountability and representation, giving local communities a voice in education governance. However, critics raise concerns about potential political influence and the ability of an elected board to effectively manage the complexities of the Chicago Public Schools system.

The **House Higher Education Committee** also held subject matter testimony this week on two

competing bills that would provide stipends to student teachers. It remains to be seen what will happen with these bills.

- **House Bill 4652**, an IEA initiative, would require the Board of Higher Education to create a student teaching stipend program (subject to appropriation) to provide eligible students up to \$10,000 per semester, for up to 2 consecutive semesters. If appropriations are not enough to provide \$10,000 per student, the funds would be equally distributed among eligible students.
- **House Bill 5414**, an initiative of Advance Illinois, also requires the Board of Higher Education to create \$10,000 stipends for eligible students (subject to appropriation). However, if there are insufficient funds appropriated, the funding would be distributed as follows:
 - Fully fund stipends for students based on Pell Grant eligibility, MAP eligibility, or FAFSA eligibility.
 - Fully fund stipends for eligible students pursuing high-need subject or certification areas.
 - Fully fund stipends for all other eligible students.

Here's a closer look other developments in education legislation in the Illinois General Assembly.

Bills Out of Committees:

- **SB2824 (McClure) SCH CD-NONRESIDENT PUPIL-WAIVE** - As amended, prohibits charging tuition for a child who has been placed in the temporary custody of the child's other custodial parent by DCFS if the foster parent, or child care facility, or other custodial parent is located in a school district other than the child's former school district, and it is determined it is in the child's best interest to maintain attendance at the child's former school district.
- **SB3473 (Sims) - SCH CD-DIABETES INFORMATION** - Requires information about type 1 diabetes to be 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.
- **HB4520 (McLaughlin) - SCH CD-JUNIOR COLOR GUARD** - Subject to the availability of local resources, 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.
- **HB4653 (Mussman) - SCH CD-EMPLOYEE TRAUMA TRAINING - IPA Initiative** - Further streamlines mandated trainings for educators. Removes training requirement for chronic health conditions and incorporates life-threatening bleeding "trauma" training on a 2-year and subsequent 5-year renewal cycle.
- **HB5632 (Mayfield) - SCH CD-STATE MANDATES** - 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. Allows ISBE to determine if a State mandate is non-academic.

- **SB 3316 (Feigenholtz) - CHILDREN-MENTAL HEALTH** - Requires ISBE to release a strategy to measure capacity and readiness, and a plan for a phased approach to implement universal mental health screening of students in schools.
- **HB 5008 (Gill) - SCH CD-POLICE AT CPS SCHOOLS** In Chicago Public Schools, allows a local school council to have the ability to contract with the Chicago Police Department to have police officers or school resource officers on school grounds. Effective immediately

Bills Amended:

- **HB4175 SCH CD-NONPUBLIC DISCIPLINE** - As amended, prohibits school personnel of any school district, charter school, or nonpublic elementary or secondary school from engaging in corporal punishment of a student, inflict corporal punishment upon a student, or cause corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a student. "Corporal punishment" does not include the use of physical restraint as provided in School Code.
- **SB1400 SCH CD-STUDENT DISCIPLINE** - As amended, requires ISBE to develop guidance for school bus safety procedures, behavioral interventions, and development of reciprocal reporting systems.
 - Allows suspensions of 3 days or less if a student's conduct poses a threat to the operation of the school, to the health or safety of students or school personnel, or causes a disruption to other students' learning opportunities. ***(Previously "a student's continuing presence in school would pose a threat to school safety or a disruption to other students' learning opportunities.")***
 - Allows suspensions for longer than 3 days, expulsions, and disciplinary removals to alternative schools after appropriate and available behavioral interventions have been attempted, and for conduct that poses a threat to the operation of the school, a threat to the health or safety of students or school personnel, or causes a disruption to other students' learning opportunities. ***(Previously "a student's continuing presence in school would pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school." Long-term suspensions and expulsions also required exhausting all interventions.)***

Committee Schedule

Tuesday, March 12

2:00pm - Education (Senate)

- SB2689 - SCH CD-MONTESSORI EDUC LICENSE
- SB2861 - SCH CD-SPIRIT RULES BOOK
- SB2872 - SCH CD-RELAXATION ACTIVITIES
- SB3151 - SCH CD-DRIVER ED-WORKER SAFETY
- SB3261 - SCH CD-TRAFFICKING TRAINING
- SB3571 - SCH CD-AED-AFTER HOURS
- SB3606 - SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-SEPERATE SCH
- SB3638 - INTERSCHOLAR ATH ORG-SHOOTING
- SB3645 - SCH CD-RADON TESTING

- SB3768 - SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-DEAF-BLIND

2:00pm - Adoption and Child Welfare (House)

- HB4220 - DCFS-PARENTS' RIGHTS-NOTICE
- HB4291 - CHILD ABUSE-MANDATED RPTS
- HB4350 - CHILD ABUSE NOTICE ACT
- HB4407 - CHILD ABUSE REPORTS TO SCHOOL

2:00pm - Ethics & Elections (House)

- HB2536 - ELEC CD-MOCK ELECTION-CHILDREN
- HB4618 - SCH CD-DIST BOUNDARY CHANGE
- HB4709 - ELEC CD-SCHOOL POLLING PLACE
- HB4853 - SCHOOLS DECIDE ACT

2:00pm - Approp-Elementary & Secondary Education (House)

- IELRB, Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, Southwest Organizing Project

4:00pm - Energy & Environment (House)

- HB4196 - VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES
- HB4932 - PESTICIDE-NOTICE-SCHOOLS

4:00pm - Judiciary - Criminal (House)

- HB4216 - SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS
- HB4241 - SEX OFFENSE-ABUSE BY EDUCATOR
- HB5497 - SCH STUDENT RECORD-LAW ENFORCE

Wednesday, March 13

8:00am - Elem Sec Ed: School Curric Policies (House)

- HB1107 - SCH CD-STUDENT TRAUMA-PLAN
- HB1246 - SCHCD-LEARNING MATERIAL REPORT
- HB2401 - SCH CD-DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE
- HB3212 - SCH CD-REPEAL PLAYTIME MANDATE
- HB4070 - SCH CD-STATE LITERACY PLAN
- HB4133 - SCH CD-BULLYING PREVENTION
- HB4175 - SCH CD-NONPUBLIC DISCIPLINE
- 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
- 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

- HB5276 - SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-TRANSITION
- HB5394 - SCH SAFETY DRILL-CARDIAC PLAN
- HB5406 - INTSCHOLAR ATHL-PRACTICE LIMIT
- 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

10:00am - Transportation: Vehicles & Safety (House)

- HB4711 - VEH CD-DRIVERS EXAM-SCOTTS LAW
- HB4920 - VEH CD-BUS DRIVERS

2:00pm - Elem Sec Ed: Adm., Lic. & Charter (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
- HB4581 - SCH CD-SPEC ED-RESIDENT DIST
- HB4622 - SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT NOTE
- HB4647 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ORG
- HB4672 - SCH CD-SPEECH-LANG PATHOLOGIST
- HB4787 - PARAPROF TO TEACHER PROGRAM
- HB4840 - SCH CD-CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL
- HB4903 - SCH CD-AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE
- 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
- HB5609 - SCH CD-CHARTER SCH-FEE/RENEWAL
- HB5617 - SCH CD-PROHIBIT NATIVE AM NAME
- HB5619 - SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-COUNCIL

2:00pm - Executive (Senate)

- SB1 - CHILDHOOD EDUCATION-TECH
- SB3630 - CHILDREN-ABUSE REPORTING

2:00pm - Labor & Commerce (House)

- HB5009 - SCH CD-HOLIDAYS-EMPLOYEE

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

Thursday, March 14

8:00am - Appropriations - Higher Education (House)

- NEIU and Early Childhood Education advocates

8:30am - Public Health (House)

- HB4294 - PHARMACY-STANDING ORDER-SCHOOL

9:30am - Human Rights (Senate)

- SB2968 - DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION

10:00am - Personnel & Pensions (House)

- HB1247 - PEN CD-TEACHERS-FORFEITURE
- HB2623 - PENCD-TRS-DEFINED CONTRIBUTION
- HB3138 - PENCD-TRS-DEFINED CONTRIBUTION
- HB3520 - PEN CD-TIER 2-VARIOUS
- HB4098 - PENSIONS-VARIOUS
- HB4662 - PEN CD-TRS-RETURN TO TEACHING
- HB5211 - PEN CD-TIER 2 BENEFITS
- HB5498 - PEN CD-DEFERRED RETIRE OPTION

10:00am - Child Care Access & Early Childhood (House)

- HB1240 - CHILD CARE ACT-QUALIFICATIONS
- HB4491 - CHILD CARE FACILITY-STANDARDS
- HB4521 - CHILD CARE-VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
- HB5312 - CHILD CARE-QUALIFICATIONS
- HB5451 - DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

What's to come...

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

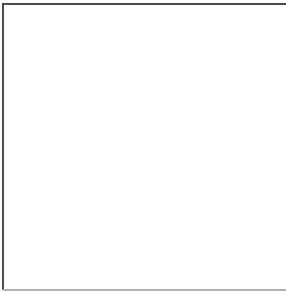


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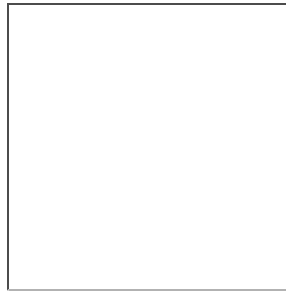
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