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Lame Duck Ends; No Bill Action Taken on HB 5188

Both chambers of the 102nd General Assembly officially adjourned for the final time Tuesday evening, marking the end of the Lame Duck session. The adjournment came without [HB 5188](#) being called for a full vote on the Senate floor. The measure would have required all Illinois school districts to provide comprehensive personal health and safety education and comprehensive sexual health education starting July 1, 2023 without an option to opt out of implementation. The amendment was filed one hour before the Senate Executive Committee began on Thursday, January 5 at 10 pm.

The bill, carried by Senator Ram Villivalam (D - Chicago), was a trailer to the sex education bill negotiated at length by school management groups in spring 2021. The final bill that was passed back in 2021 allowed management groups to remove their opposition due to the inclusion of a provision that allowed school districts to opt out of the implementation of these standards. The bill proposed on Thursday evening went back on that agreement and removed the provision allowing districts to opt out — and also put in place an unreasonable timeline of July 1, 2023 for full implementation.

During the committee hearing, many Senators expressed concerns with the timeline, which they viewed to be unworkable for districts. Other concerns that were voiced included the amount of instructional mandates already in place for schools, as well as the

lack of ability for local control and community input on this topic. Although it passed through committee on an 11-6 party-line vote, many committee members indicated they had concerns that would prevent them from voting for it on the floor without additional changes.

While the bill was not called for a full vote, we would not be surprised to see a new bill filed when the 103rd General Assembly convenes. New members will be inaugurated today and prefiled bills will be posted once the 103rd GA is in full swing. As always, we will keep you informed about this potential mandate when the new session begins.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to contact their Senator about this bill through the OneClick Politics campaign we sent out last Friday. We had almost 800 emails sent to members of the Senate in a matter of two days, demonstrating that this issue is of great importance to our members. Thank you for your engagement. We know you played a significant role in helping us prevent this bill from a floor vote!

Sincerely,

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