

LEND COUNCIL MEETING

January 24, 2025

8:00 am

Via Zoom

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
 - LEND Co-Chair
- **LEND Audit Results**
 - Curt Saindon, LEND Executive Committee Member
- **Directors Report**
 - LEND Initiatives
 - Bills of Interest
 - LEND's Role in the Spring Session
- **SAVE THE DATE**
- **Member Concerns**
- **Adjourn**

LEND AUDIT RESULTS

Curt Saindon

- We attest that the financial reports and related transactions are in order and that the budget to actual documentation reflects the operations of LEND for the period in question. We did not identify any material weaknesses, irregularities or internal control weaknesses in the financial reporting or procedures related to the accounting for financial transactions based on our review.
- The Financial Review Committee does recommend that we complete the financial review for the current fiscal year (FY24) in the fall of 2024 and each successive fall thereafter. This will reduce the lag time between the close of the fiscal year and the related financial review.

DIRECTORS REPORT

HOUSE LEADERSHIP

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

Speaker of the House - Emanuel “Chris” Welch

Majority Leader – Rep. Robyn Gabel

Speaker Pro-Tempore and Co-Budgeteer – Rep. Kam Buckner

Deputy Majority Leaders - Rep. Robert ‘Bob’ Rita and Rep. Elizabeth ‘Lisa’ Hernandez

Assistant Majority Leader and Co-Budgeteer - Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado, and Rep. Will Guzzardi

Assistant Majority Leaders – Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, Rep. Jay Hoffman, and Rep. Camille Lilly, Rep. Dagmara ‘Dee’ Avelar, Rep. Ann Williams, Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Rep. Curtis J. Tarver II, and Rep. Maurice West II

Majority Conference Chair – Rep. Theresa Mah

Majority Officer/Sergeant at Arms – Rep. Nicholas Smith

Assistant Majority Leader and Floor Whip - Rep. Katie Stuart, Rep. Bob Morgan, and Rep. Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.

HOUSE LEADERSHIP- CONT

HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

Minority Leader - Tony McCombie

Deputy Minority Leaders- Rep. Norine Hammond (R-Macomb) and Rep. Ryan Spain (R-Peoria)

Assistant Minority Leaders- Rep. CD Davidsmeyer (R-Murrayville), Rep. John Cabello (R-Machesney Park), Rep. Dan Ugaste (R-Geneva), Rep. Patrick Windhorst (R-Metropolis), Rep. Brad Stephens (R-Rosemont), Rep. Jackie Haas (R-Bourbonnais), and Rep. Amy Elik (R-Alton)

Conference Chair- Rep. Jeff Keicher (R-Sycamore)

HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Appropriations: Elementary & Secondary Education- Rep. William 'Will' Davis

Appropriations: Personnel & Pensions- *Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit*

Education Policy Committee- *Rep. Michelle Mussman*

Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing & Charter Schools- Rep. Sue Scherer

Ethics & Elections- Rep. Maurice A. West, II

Executive- Rep. Ann M. Williams

Higher Education- Rep. Katie Stuart

Human Services- *Rep. Terra Costa Howard*

Immigration & Human Rights- *Rep. Barbara Hernandez*

Personnel & Pensions- *Rep. Janet Yang Rohr*

Public Health- *Rep. Anne Stava-Murray*

Revenue & Finance- Rep. Curtis J. Tarver II

State Government Administration- *Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock*

SENATE LEADERSHIP

SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

President of the Senate- *Don Harmon*

Majority Leader -Kimberly A. Lightford

President Pro Tempore- Bill Cunningham

Assistant Majority Leaders- Mattie Hunter, David Koehler, ***Linda Holmes, Laura M. Murphy,*** Napoleon Harris III

Majority Caucus Chair- Omar Aquino

Majority Caucus Appropriations Leader- Elgie R. Sims Jr.

Majority Caucus Whips- Julie A. Morrison, Cristina Castro, Ram Villivalam, Robert Peters

SENATE LEADERSHIP

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

Republican Leader- *Sen. John Curran*

Deputy Republican Leader- Sen. Sue Rezin

Republican Caucus Chair- Sen. Neil Anderson

Assistant Republican Leaders- Sen. Dale Fowler. Sen. Steve McClure, Sen. Jason Plummer, Sen. Terri Bryant

Republican Caucus Whips- Sen. Sally Turner, Sen. Jil Tracy

SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Appropriations- Education- Senator Michael W. Halpin

Assignments- Senator Kimberly A. Lightford

Education- Senator Meg Loughran Cappel

Environment & Conservation- *Senator Laura Ellman*

Executive- Senator Cristina Castro

Executive Appointments- *Senator Laura M. Murphy*

Health & Human Services- *Senator Karina Villa*

Higher Education- Senator Mary Edly-Allen

Licensed Activities- *Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton*

Pensions- Senator Robert F. Martwick

Revenue- Senator Celina Villanueva

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEADLINES

**Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB)
Friday, January 24, 2025**

**Introduction of Bills- Both Chambers
Friday, February 7, 2025**



LEND INITIATIVES

LEND SPRING INITIATIVES

DUAL CREDIT

POLLING PLACES

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- **Credentialing**
 - Local committee
 - Appeal Process
- **Professional Development Plans**
 - In perpetuity
- **Class Size and Sections**
- **State Study**

POLLING PLACES AND SCHOOLS

- If a school district demonstrates to the election authority that use of the school as a polling place interferes with scheduled programming or poses a threat to safety of staff or students, the two entities shall work together to find an alternative location.
- If an alternative location can't be found an appeal can be filed with the Board of County Commissioners who will decide the location to be used for polling on Election Day.
- Legislation requires data to be collected by the Board of County Commissioners.



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HB1072: SCH-MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEM- (REP. JANET YANG ROHR)

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each public school to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies. Requires, for the 2026 fiscal year, the State Board of Education to issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a mobile panic alert system that may be used by each school district. Effective January 1, 2026.

HB1097: SCH CD-CHILD PLACEMENT- (REP. JED DAVIS)

Allows parents or guardians to use audio recording devices during meetings with their child's individualized education program team regarding the child's placement or progress in an individualized education program. Effective immediately.

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HB1269: SCHL CD-SELF REPORT SURVEYS- (REP. JOHN CABELLO)

Requires a school district that administers a self-report survey to its students that may reveal personal, protected information to obtain parental or guardian consent in writing if the student is under the age of 18 before the student may participate in the self-report survey. Requires a school district to afford a parent or guardian the opportunity to review, either electronically or in person, the scope of the questions to be asked. Provides that refusal to grant consent for a student to participate in the self-report survey shall not be a reason for disciplinary action, academic penalty, suspension, or expulsion or any other sanction of the student. Effective immediately.

HB1316: SCH CD-GUN INCIDENT REPORTING- (REP. CHRISTOPHER DAVIDSMEYER)

All school officials to immediately notify the office of the principal in the event that they: observe any person in possession of a firearm on school grounds; become aware of any person in possession of a firearm on school grounds; or become aware of any threat of gun violence on school grounds. If there is a report filed notifying a local law enforcement agency of any of such event, requires the principal to immediately notify the student's parent or guardian and, in coordination with the local law enforcement agency, to attempt to meet with the student's parent or guardian to ensure the student does not have access to a firearm. Effective immediately.

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HB1497: PTELL-FREEZE- (REP. BRAD HALBROOK)

Provides that, for levy years 2026 through 2030, the term "taxing district" includes each home rule taxing district. Provides that, for levy years 2026 through 2030, the extension limitation is 0% or the rate of increase approved by the voters. Contains provisions setting forth the aggregate extension for taxing districts that became subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law as a result of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

HB1553: SCH CD-2026 ELECTION DAY- (REP. TONY MCCOMBIE)

Provides that a school board or other entity eligible to apply for waivers and modifications under the Code is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on November 3, 2026 (2026 General Election Day) if certain conditions are met. Effective July 1, 2025.

BILLS OF INTEREST

SB2: PEN CD-TIER 2 BENEFITS- (SEN. ROBERT MARTWICK)

This could be the vehicle to move the Tier 2 Pension fix pending action from the General Assembly. We will continue to monitor this bill.

SB28: SCH CD-EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS- (SEN. KIMBERLY LIGHTFORD)

Beginning July 1, 2025, each school district may incorporate the use of data and indicators on student growth as a factor in rating teaching performance into its evaluation plan for all teachers in contractual continued service and teachers not in contractual continued service (now, a school district is required to incorporate student growth data and indicators as a significant factor). Effective July 1, 2025.

BILLS OF INTEREST

SB70: INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLET-SPEC ED-(SEN. LAURA MURPHY)

A student for whom it is determined that special education services are needed under the School Code to participate in interscholastic athletics and other forms of athletic competition for as long as the student is eligible for such special education services, which, for purposes of the School Code, means through the day before the student's 22nd birthday.

SB71: IEMA-SCHOOL SAFETY- (SEN. LAURA MURPHY)

Local Emergency Planning Committees and the State Emergency Response Commission shall partner with schools and school districts regarding safety threats posed by storage and transport of hazardous substances near schools. Provides requirements for a comprehensive emergency response plan to go into effect. Details duties of the State Emergency Response Commission, working in consultation with Local Emergency Planning Committees and schools, with respect to planning and preparedness. Provides for rulemaking by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security. Directs the Illinois Emergency Response Commission and Local Emergency Response Committees to create a timeline for compliance with the requirements of the amendatory Act not to exceed 2 years. Defines terms.

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SB96: SCH CD-NONPUBLIC STUDENT-SPORT- (SEN. JIL TRACY)

Beginning with the 2025-2026 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 within the district if certain conditions are met. Effective immediately.

YOUR ROLE IN THE SPRING SESSION

Supporting Our Legislators

LEND Subcommittee Engagement

SPRING SESSION

What To Expect:

- **104th General Assembly Begins Next Week**
 - “New” General Assembly Members
 - Huge Deficit in the State’s Budget
 - Staff changes in the House
 - [New General Assembly Website](#)

What Can You Do:

- Reach out to your [LEND legislators](#):
 - DuPage has a New House Member
 - Martha Deuter
 - Be sure your legislators know you
- LEND Subcommittees
 - Join:
 - Policy and Mandates Committee - Finance Committee - EL - Dual Language - Literacy - Dual Credit - Federal
 - Your LEND Team relies on these committees during the legislative session.

SAVE THE DATE

Council Meeting, February 28, 2025

Special Guest Speaker, Noelle Ellerson, Associate Executive Director, Advocacy & Governance, AASA, The School Superintendents Association

- *What to Expect Under the New Administration*

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