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House and Senate Pass Budget; Vertical Construction Postponed

Illinois lawmakers sent the governor a \$40 billion budget early Saturday morning that includes \$375 million in Evidence-Based Funding, \$50 million for early childhood funding, \$450 million for MAP grant funding and an increase of \$26 million in transportation funding above last year's funding levels.

The budget, found in [House Amendment 1 to SB 262](#), was approved with bipartisan support in the House by a vote of 83-35 and a vote of 40-19 in the Senate.

We are pleased to see the legislature go along with the \$375 million amount Gov. JB Pritzker recommended in his budget address in February. Now in its third year of implementation, EBF will distribute over \$1 billion more in state funding to

districts across the state. That is truly remarkable when you think about where we were five years ago.

However, the General Assembly's work in Springfield isn't done yet.

The session, for the House at least, was extended into the weekend and possibly longer. After midnight, the Illinois Senate passed [HB 816](#), the Budget Implementation Bill (BIMP), and a \$44 billion capital infrastructure plan, albeit the latter without a revenue plan yet for vertical construction because discussions on gaming hit a snag and need further discussion.

The capital bill, [HB 62](#), includes \$3.5 billion for preK-12 schools. Of that amount, \$400 million would be dedicated for school maintenance and \$111 million for early childhood education.

The House adjourned before taking up the capital bill and BIMP bill, which contains language to restore the 6 percent end-of-career cap.

At this time, we expect the House to approve the BIMP bill. We will have to wait and see though if a deal can be reached on gaming to provide funding for vertical construction in a capital bill. To complicate matters, the Senate adjourned until October 28 or to the call of the Senate President, making it difficult to know when they will take up the issue of gaming or the revenue sources for vertical construction.

To close, Friday was a chaotic day, but definitely a positive one. We will be monitoring the action closely tomorrow and update you on what happens.

Sincerely,

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