

Legislative Update – Amanda Elliott, Legislative Affairs, ISBE

Last week left of Spring Session.

- **HB 2719, Senate Amendment 001 – FAFSA Graduation Requirement**
(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100HB2719sam001&GA=101&SessionId=108&DocTypeId=HB&LegID=118953&DocNum=2719&GAID=15&Session=>)
 - Requires a parent/guardian or student who is at least 18 years old to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application as a graduation requirement
 - Allows for opt out by student or parent using a form created by ISBE
 - Begins with 2020-21 school year
 - Governor & ISBE supportive of bill
 - Bill is on 3rd reading in the Senate

- **HB 3053 – School District Efficiency Committee (Consolidation)**
(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3053&GAID=15&GA=101&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=119401&SessionID=108>)
 - Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading May 20, 2019
 - Addresses forced school consolidation; requires before May 1, 2020, identification of no less than 25% of Illinois school districts that will be required to hold a referendum to consolidate in the next general election
 - Amendment added to bill
 - Requires committee to meet within 60 days of enactment
 - Commission cannot make recommendations that will result in school closings
 - Teacher unions are not supportive of bill

- **SB 449 – Gender-Based Violence**
(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=449&GAID=15&GA=101&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=116386&SessionID=108>)
 - Contains language with regard to policies, procedures and complaint resolution for students who are parents, expectant parents or victim of gender-based violence
 - Bill will not move this session; there will be meetings over the summer to rewrite bill for override session

*Also, Budget to 6% per net.

- **HB 2084 – Safe Schools / Healthy Learning (Discipline Bill)**
(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2084&GAID=15&GA=101&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=117678&SessionID=108>)
 - Amends the School Code with respect to school discipline improvement plans – makes changes to how the State Board of Education determines the top 20% of school districts, when notification is given that a plan must be submitted, which school districts are required to submit a plan, the timeframe for school board approval of a plan and submission of that plan to the State Board, and when additional annual progress reports are required
 - Substantial changes to how the 20% list will be calculated and there are concerns about student privacy
 - Amendment that provides ISBE will use the same disclosure avoidance standards used by United States Department of Education in its public reporting of data submitted by each school districts as part of the Civil Rights Data Collection and must also ensure that cross-tabulation by the various categories of disaggregation is possible

- **SB 28 – School Code-Daily Pupil Attendance**
(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=28&GAID=15&GA=101&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=114205&SessionID=108>)
 - Passed both Houses on 05.21.19
 - Sent to Governor on 05.24.19
 - Amanda will reach out again and ask Governor to sign as soon as possible
 - Will require rulemaking – probably not out until fall
 - ISBE will work with ROEs/ISCs on stop gap measure for e-learning days this summer
 - IARSS will put together a committee of three to four to work with ISBE on guidelines for e-learning days
 - Waivers
 - there is currently no statute to waive so
 - districts can code calendar as if waiver exists
 - once bill is signed, advise districts to file a petition to State Board and General Assembly for waiver in August and ask that the waiver to be retroactive

We asked why ROEs/ISCs cannot approve waivers. According to Amanda and Jeff, it is the law. General Assembly sets the laws and so they can waive the laws; ISBE sets the rules and thus ISBE waives the rules.

FY 2020 Budget Rumors: \$375 million for EBF - \$50 million for property tax rebate; additional dollars for property tax relief; \$50 million for early childhood; 10% more for transportation