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Fwd: Update on HB 2784; \$20 Minimum Wage Bill

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**Update on HB 2784; \$20 Minimum Wage Proposal**

As another deadline week passed in the Illinois General Assembly, over 100 pieces of legislation that would have some impact on education passed through committees and will continue on through the legislative process.

Among the most critical is [HB2784](#) (Hirschauer; D-Batavia). On Monday, IASA sent out a [call to action](#) asking for opposition witness slips for HB 2784, that would create a new minimum wage for all school district and joint agreement employees who provide educational support services. The employees impacted would include, but would not be limited to: custodial employees, transportation employees, food service providers, classroom assistants, administrative staff, and paraprofessional educators.

The minimum hourly wage for these employees would be \$20 for the 2024-2025 school year, \$21 for the 2025-2026 school year, and \$22 for the 2026-2027 school year. Each year thereafter, the minimum wage rate would be increased equivalent to the rate of CPI.

The legislation was heard in the House Labor & Commerce Committee on Wednesday evening, and in a mostly partisan vote, the bill was passed along to the House Floor. The proposal still has a ways to go to get through the legislative process and become law, but it is critical that we continue to make our voices heard regarding the impacts it would have

in communities across the state. If you are concerned about the impact of this bill on your district operations, we encourage you to call your local Representatives to explain the impact on your budgets, the programs that may need to be cut, and what a tax increase may look like for your community in order to fund the mandate.

You can also reach them by using the One-Click Politics campaign we have set up. Click the link at the bottom of the page to take you directly to the campaign that will send an email to your legislator. The message has been pre-written, but you are encouraged to individualize your message if you have time to articulate how this bill would specifically impact your school district.

Thank you to everyone who reached out to their legislator ahead of the vote in the Labor & Commerce Committee and to those who made their voices heard by filing opposition witness slips.

You can expect a lengthy Capitol Watch in your inbox early next week with an overview of many of the proposals that still have life in them for this session, following the first major deadline of this year's legislative process.

Sincerely,

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