
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION

Dear PTA Advocates:

Welcome to the initial report for the first session of the new 97th General Assembly. While this bill list may appear overwhelming, many of these bills we review initially may never move beyond committee, may be tabled by the sponsor, or be amended so completely as to make them unrecognizable. When that occurs we may remove them completely or take a different position on them. If the PTA position is listed as an "I" we are providing that bill for information only and have not taken a position to support or oppose. Remember, you can always find the most current bill list on the Illinois PTA website, www.illinoispta.org, and you can check on individual bills on the General Assembly website, www.ilga.gov. Our "shorthand" can be found in the Commonly Used Abbreviations and Terminology at the conclusion of this bill list. Any bill that is signed into law will be indicated in italics.

Please take special note of the number of shell bills that have been introduced in both the House and Senate. On the Senate side, the deadline for substantive bills to be introduced was February 10 while on the House side the deadline is February 24. These bills are often shown as "technical changes" or "short title only" which means they may be used in the future as a means of introducing additional activity through an amendment to an existing bill. We will attempt to keep track of these bills as they move through the General Assembly. However, it is important for you to know how many of these "shell bills" are out there! As of Friday, February 11, Senate President Cullerton has introduced Senate bills 170 through 1201, while 1482 through 1530 have been introduced by Senate Republican Leader Radogno. In the House, as of the same date, House Speaker Madigan has introduced House Bills 332 through 1047 while 1059 through 1069 were introduced by House Republican Leader Cross. We expect these numbers to grow in the House as the February 24 deadline approaches.

There have been numerous pension reform bills introduced in both chambers; however, as we have no position on that issue we are not listing those bills but will be carefully monitoring their progress. Bills that we will watch especially carefully relate to vouchers, mandatory consolidation of school districts and juvenile justice initiatives.

It is imperative that PTAs from all over the state let legislators know that vouchers are an unacceptable alternative to appropriate education funding. Bills in both the House and Senate are again rearing their ugly heads. A bill to create a Department of Education that would report to the Governor would basically eliminate the constitutional role of the State Board of Education, and a bill to eliminate all existing school boards, except Chicago, and replace them with county school boards should be raising alarm bells with advocates of local control.

Should you have questions regarding the legislative activity we are following, please do not hesitate to contact the Legislation Team. For information on action in the House of Representatives, contact Barb Quinn, Legislation Liaison, (847) 985-9078, bquinnpta@aol.com; for action in the Senate, contact Gretchen McDowell, State Legislation Consultant, (773) 238-0885, gretmcdowell@aol.com.

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Bill #	Sponsor	Synopsis	Status	PTA Position
		TAX ISSUES		
HB 175	Cross et al	Amends Illinois Income Tax Act, if and only if, SB 2505 of the 96th GA becomes law. Reduces the rate of tax imposed by SB 2505 of the 96th GA to 3% for individuals, trusts, and estates and 4.8% for corporations (the rates in effect immediately prior to the passage of SB 2505). Provides the amendatory Act supersedes SB2505 of 96th GA and that rates shall be deemed to be 3% of individuals, trusts and estates and 4.8% for corporations for the entire period beginning on the effective date of SB 2505 of the 96th GA through the effective date of the amendatory Act and thereafter. Makes corresponding changes concerning the distribution of tax proceeds. Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act to reverse certain changes made by SB2505 of the 96th GA. <i>See SB78, SB2159, SB2230</i>	Revenue and Finance	O
HB 258	Franks	Amends the Use Tax Act and Retailers Occupation Tax Act, provides that the sales tax holiday on school supplies created in PA96-1012 be applicable August 6 through August 15 annually beginning in 2010. Conforming amendments to State Finance Act.	Revenue & Finance	I
HB 1122	Mathias	Creates the Taxpayer Transparency Act. Provides that a bill making an appropriation may not be considered for final passage by either the House of Representatives or the Senate unless a copy of that bill, in its final form, has been made conveniently available on the GA's Internet website(ilga.gov) for at least 4 days before final legislative action by the General Assembly prior to presentation to the Governor. <i>See HB1664, SB2232</i>	Revenue & Finance	S
HB 1207	Berrios	Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act in the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the portion of taxes levied by a school district located in a redevelopment project area that is (i) established by the City of Chicago on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act or (ii) established by the City of Chicago prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act and extended by the GA on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall be allocated and paid to the school district as required by law in the absence of the adoption of tax increment allocation financing. <i>Chicago Only.</i>	Revenue & Finance	S
HB 1234	Mayfield	Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act in the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that 3 years after a redevelopment project area is established, the portion of taxes levied by a school district located in the redevelopment project area shall be allocated and paid to the school district in the manner required by law in the absence of the adoption of tax increment allocation financing.	Revenue & Finance	S
SB 3	Cullerton	Provides that the \$8,750,000,000 of Bonds authorized by this amendatory Act shall be used to pay vouchers that are at least 60 days past due, medical expenses incurred by the State under its health plans, corporate income tax refunds, and other operating expenses of	Exec C	I

		the State. <i>See Fact Sheet at www.illinoispta.org</i>		
SB 6	Cullerton	Amends the Cigarette Tax Act and the Cigarette Use Tax Act. Provides that an additional tax of 38 mills per cigarette is imposed beginning March 1, 2011. Provides that an additional tax of 12.5 mills per cigarette is imposed beginning March 1, 2012. Provides that proceeds from the additional taxes shall be deposited into the Long-Term Care Provider Fund and the Fund for the Advancement of Education.	Assignments	I
SB 78 SB 2159 SB 2239	Murphy Brady Murphy	Reduces the rate of tax imposed by SB2505 of the 96th GA to 3% for individuals, trusts, and estates and 4.8% for corporations (the rates in effect immediately prior to the passage of SB 2505). <i>See HB175</i>	Exec C SB 2159 and 2239 to Assignments	O
SB 130 SB99	Sandoval Forby	Appropriates funding from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for Funding for Children Requiring Special Education-Hold Harmless for Fiscal Year 2011.	Rev. C Approp II	I
		SCHOOL/EDUCATION		
HB 78	Jakobsson	Amends the SC and the CC of 1961. Provides that if a school board designates the area within 1,000 feet of a school to be a safe zone, then the principal of that school and the local law enforcement agency may prohibit persons, other than residents, from entering the safe school zone without a legitimate purpose (as jointly defined by the school board and local law enforcement agency.) Creates the offense of criminal trespass to school land, a Class A misdemeanor.	Judiciary II- Criminal Law	I
HB 137	Ford	Amends the SC. Requires SBE to adopt rules for the elimination of vegetable oils containing trans-fats in foods served in public school cafeterias beginning on July 1, 2016 and for the elimination of all foods containing trans fats from public schools beginning July 1, 2017. Provides SBE shall adopt rules to require school to provide healthy menu options. <i>See HB1239</i>	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 140	Ford	Amends the SC. Requires SBE to establish a standard student expulsion policy that applies to each school district. Requires district's pupil discipline policy to conform to the standard student expulsion policy. Requires school board furnish copy of district's district's pupil discipline policy to the parents or guardian of each pupil within 15 days after the beginning of school year, or within 15 days after starting classes for a pupil who transfers into the district during the school year; requires each school inform its pupils of policy contents.	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 147	Dugan	Amends the Illinois VC. Provides that, if an employer has reasonable suspicion to believe that a school bus driver permit holder is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicating compounds, the employer may require the driver to undergo testing as prescribed before driving any vehicle for which a school bus driver permit is required. Requires that employer's reasonable suspicion be based on specific, contemporaneous observations of the appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors of the driver. Provides that the employer shall report driver to Sec of State if driver refuses testing or submission the driver to the Secretary of State if the driver refuses testing or to testing that reveals the presence of alcohol, drugs or intoxicating compounds. Sets reporting requirements, suspension requirements.	Transporta- tion	S

HB 152	Davis	Creates the Department of Education Act and amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the School Code, the Board of Higher Education Act, and the Public Community College Act. Creates the Department of Education, with a Secretary of Education as its head. Provides that, in order to create continuity between all levels of education, the Department shall oversee the State Board of Education, the Board of Higher Education, and the Illinois Community College Board and coordinate and streamline the functions of these boards. Requires the Department to create an specific divisions. Requires the State Board of Education, the Board of Higher Education, and the Illinois Community College Board to report directly to the Department, to comply with all requests from the Department, and to exercise those powers and perform those duties assigned to whichever board by the Department, delineates division authority.	Government Administration	O
HB 170	Dugan	Amends the SC. Provides that, through January 1, 2014, the school board of any district with a population of less than 500,000 that participates in a joint agreement for an area vocational education center may levy an annual property tax not to exceed: 0.02% for districts maintaining only grades 9 through 12 and 0.04% for districts maintaining grades kindergarten through 12. Provides that those amounts may be increased by referendum to 0.40% and 0.80% respectively. Contains provisions concerning notice and public hearings. Amends the PTELL in the Property Tax Code to exempt those extensions from the definition of "aggregate extension."	Revenue and Finance	S
HB 189	Eddy	Amends the SC. Provides that, with respect to any State statute or administrative rule that defines a general education classroom to be composed of a certain percentage of students with individualized education programs (IEPs), students with individualized education programs shall exclude students receiving only speech services outside of the general education classroom, provided that the instruction the students receive in the general education classroom does not require modification. Provides that, in every instance, a school district must ensure that composition of the general education classroom does not interfere with the provision of a free and appropriate public education to any student.	3rd R Short Debate	I
HB 190	Eddy	Amends the Charter Schools Law of the SC. Allows 5 additional charter schools devoted exclusively to students from low-performing or overcrowded schools to operate at any one time in Chicago; defines "low-performing" and "overcrowded" schools. Chicago only.	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 200	Cross	Amends the SC. Requires a school board to work in concert with the IHSA to develop guidelines, other pertinent information and forms to inform and educate coaches, student athletes and their parents and guardians of the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries including continuing to play after a concussion or head injury. Numerous other provisions. See HB1197 and HB67 also regarding athletic injury	Elementary Secondary Ed	S
HB 288	Flowers	Amends the SC. Provides that a school board shall require that schools provide daily recess for all students in kindergarten through grade 8. Provides that recess must be at least 10 minutes in length. Provides that if the principal determines that the weather	3rd R Short Debate	S

		is inclement, the principal shall direct that a recess be held indoors. Requires the principal to ensure that students are given the opportunity to engage in physical exercise during each recess. Provides that the time required for recesses is included in the minimum number of hours necessary to constitute a full day of attendance under the State aid formula provisions.		
HB 1071	Pihos	Amends the SC. Increases from \$50 to \$250 the maximum fee that a school district may charge to a student who participates in a driver education course. <i>See SB1643</i>	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 1083	Tryon	Amends the SC Children with Disabilities Article. Provides that if a child or the child's parent requests a change or additional services under the child's IEP and school personnel deny that request, child's parent may appeal the denial to the school board; school board shall establish an IEP appeals board to meet with the child's parent, review the denial, and make a final decision regarding change or additional services. Provides that the board shall consist of 3 parents of children with disabilities and 3 school personnel members who have knowledge of special education law.	Elementary Secondary Ed	S
HB1196	Flowers	Amends the SC. In provisions requiring criminal history records checks and Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database, provides that, beginning on January 1,2012, provisions also apply to to all certified and noncertified employees of a school district who were employed by the school district prior to August 12, 2004.	Jud II Criminal Law	I
HB 1199	Lyons, Burke	Appropriates the amount of \$42,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Revenue Fund to the SBE for the loan of secular textbooks listed for use by the SBE free of charge to any student who is enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 at a public school or at a school other than a public school which is in compliance with the compulsory attendance laws of the State and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.	Approp Elem/Sec Ed	O
HB 1204	Howard	Amends SC. In provisions concerning violence prevention and conflict resolution education, changes language to provide school districts with a population grater than 150,000 shall provide and school districts with a population of less than 150,000 may provide, instruction for a period of not less than 3 weeks per calendar year, (now, all school districts shall provide) instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution education for grades kindergarten through 12 (rather than grades 4 through 12); allows districts to include the instruction in the social studies courses of study rather than courses of study regularly taught therein; numerous other provisions.	Elementary Secondary Ed	S
HB 1216	Chap LaVia	Amends SC. Establishes School District Realignment and Consolidation Commission to make recommendations to Gov and GA on the number of school districts in this State, the optimal enrollment of a district, and where consolidation and realignment would be beneficial. Provides that within 60 days after effective date, the Commission must vote on its recommendations and file a report with the Governor and GA. Provides that, if adopted by Commission by 1 3/5ths vote, then GA must act upon report within 14 days of Commission's filing, to accept the report by the adoption of a resolution by a record vote of a majority of the members elected in	Elementary Secondary Ed	I

		each house. Provides that if the GA is not in session on the day that the report is filed, then the GA must vote on whether to accept the report within 14 days after the GA convenes for the 1st time after the report is filed. Dissolves the Commission on the day after the report is filed with both the Governor and the GA.		
HB 1239	Ford, Feigenholtz	Amends SC. Provides that each school board must not make available or use food containing industrially produced trans-fat in the preparation of a food item served to students from any source, including, but not limited to, school stores, school vending machines, school cafeterias, school food service establishments, and fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. Provides the prohibition applies to all food and beverages sold on school grounds during the regular and extended school day, but does not apply to food provided through a United States Department of Agriculture meal program. Requires the SBE to establish a procedure for monitoring compliance and allows SBE to establish appropriate penalties based on failure to comply. <i>See HB137</i>	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 1240	Franks	Amends SC. Provides that upon request of a school, school district, community college district, or private school, any information obtained by a school district pursuant to provisions concerning criminal history records checks and checks of Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database within the last 5 years must be made available to that school, school district, community college district, or private school.	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 1371	Ford	Creates the School Choice Act and amends Illinois Lottery Law and the Illinois Income Tax Act. Establishes the School Choice Program. Provides that under the program the custodian of a qualifying pupil is entitled to a School Choice Scholarship to pay for qualified education expenses at participating nonpublic schools. Requires the principal of each public school to notify custodians of qualifying pupils of the availability of scholarships. Requires custodians to apply to SBE for a scholarship and provide documentation as to eligibility. Requires SBE to issue a scholarship to custodians who have made proper application and to honor the scholarship when presented for payment by a nonpublic school. Provides amounts, renewability requirements, funding provisions. Requires SBE to submit a report to the GA on or before December 31, 2016. Provides criminal penalties for certain violations. Requires SBE adopt rules of implementation. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2017.	Elementary Secondary Ed	O
HB 1406	Mitchell	Amends SC. Provides that, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, students in grade 6 must successfully complete at least one semester of a civics education course that includes the roles and responsibilities of federal, State, and local governments; structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and the meaning and significance of historic documents such as the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States. Requires SBE develop statewide, standardized assessment. Numerous other provisions.	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 1466	McAsey	Amends SC with respect to the Internet safety education curriculum,	Elementary	S

		beginning with 2011-12 school year, a school district must include age-appropriate curriculum topics regarding the appropriate use of electronic communication devices, including, but not limited to, the risks and consequences of dissemination and transmission of sexually explicit images and video. Provides that SBE resource materials may include the dissemination and transmission of images and video.	Secondary Ed	
HB 1507	Eddy	Amends SC. Provides that a referendum shall not be required if the purchase, construction, or building of a school is paid from funds received from the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law or from the proceeds of bonds secured by revenues obtained from that Law. Numerous other provisions amending County Code, Local Government Debt Reform Act.	Elementary Secondary Ed	I
HB 1509	Eddy	Amends SC provisions on compilation of average daily attendance, provides any 12th grade student graduating early must be included in district attendance figures for entire year.	Elementary Secondary Ed	S
HB 1568	Mayfield	Amends SC, prohibits waiver requests on mandated physical education.	Rules	I
HB 1570	Mayfield	Amends SC, requires creation of alternative basic math and reading courses by school boards for students performing one or more grade level below current grade level as defined in current learning standards and district. Requires SBE adopt standards for alternative basic education track.	Rules	I
HB 1571	Mayfield	Amends SC, provides school boards require 60 minutes of reading instruction for any student performing at least one grade level below current grade level as defined in current learning standards and district.	Rules	I
HB 1572	Mayfield	Amends the SC, provides students must engage at least 20 minutes in courses of physical education of daily school day , instead of for such periods as are compatible with optimum growth and developmental needs of individuals at various age levels. Provides that a physical education course of study shall provide students with an opportunity for at least 20 minutes of daily physical activity (instead of an appropriate amount).	Rules	I
HB 1583	Osmond Cross	Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that goal of GA and Governor is appropriation amount of next State fiscal year to SBE for school districts be enacted and become law before March 1, so that school districts are able to make informed budget decisions and not forced to give layoff notices to teachers and noncertified personnel when the school districts prepare their annual budget for their next fiscal year.	Rules	S
HB 1587	Pritchard	Amends the Driver Education Act of SC. Provides that instead of a school district providing the practice driving of driver ed course, district may enter into agreement with private provider stating the provider's ability and willingness to offer the practice driving part of the driver education course at a cost to the student equal to or less than the cost the district would incur in offering the instruction. Requires the district to submit to SBE and SBE approve such agreement before the district is relieved of its duty to provide behind-the-wheel instruction.	Rules	S
HB 1588	Pritchard	Amends SC, removes maximum fee school district may charge for driver education. <i>See HB1071, SB1643</i>	Rules	I
HB 1664	Gabel	Amends SC, requires SBE align state assessment tests in grades 3	Rules	S

		through 8 with Prairie State Achievement Test to better prepare students in taking PSAT.		
HB 1706	Gabel	Amends School Code, Children with Disabilities Article, regarding personnel reimbursement for students qualifying for in hospital or in home instruction, if student is unable to attend school for 2 consecutive weeks or on-going intermittent basis. Changes designation from "must" to "will"; addresses IEP, 504 plans; numerous other provisions.	Rules	I
HB 1886	Rita	Amends SC. Provides that within 60 days of effective date of amendatory Act, on a date set by the SBE a special election must be held in each county to elect members to a county school board. Provides that on July 1, 2012: (i) all school districts in this State in existence on June 30, 2012 (other than the Chicago school district) are dissolved; (ii) their school boards are abolished; (iii) the terms of all board members end; and (iv) all of the powers, duties, assets, liabilities, employees, contracts, property, records, pending business, and unexpended funds of each school board are transferred to the appropriate county school board or boards. Provides that on July 1, 2012, each county shall constitute one school district to be governed by a county school board, unless the county school board has divided the county into 2 or more school districts, in which case each of those school districts shall be governed by a school board elected as provided under the Code, and the county school board shall be dissolved upon those school board members taking office.	Rules	O
SB 79	Steans	Amends Charter Schools Law of S.C. Establishes a State Charter School Commission as an independent State agency with statewide chartering jurisdiction and authority, consisting of 9 members appointed by the State Board of Education on the recommendation of a slate of candidates proposed by the Governor. Provides that the Commission is responsible for authorizing high-quality charter schools throughout this State.	Education C.	O
SB 136	Maloney	Amends SC. Requires the parents or legal guardians of children attending non-public schools, a defined term, or private or parochial schools to annually register their children with the State Board of Education.	Ed. C	I
SB 1226	Maloney	Amends the Chicago School District Article of SC. Limits enrollment in the agricultural science school to 720 (instead of 600) students. Chicago only Bill.	PoC Short Debate	I
SB 1317	Radogno	Amends SC. Provides that after June 1, 2011 persons may not be nominated for General Assembly scholarships and that General Assembly scholarships may not be awarded after that date unless the nomination is made prior to that date. See SB 2233	Assignments	O
SB 1324	Schoenberg	Amends SC. Requires SBE to conduct a study on the feasibility and cost saving benefits of consolidating specific school districts in the same geographic area. Provides that the study shall include specific recommendations on which districts should be consolidated. Requires the State Board to compile the results of the study and list the districts recommended for consolidation in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1, 2013 and conduct public hearings in each district the report recommends be consolidated within 90 days after the submission of the report to the	Assignments	S

		General Assembly. Additional provisions.		
SB 1619	Steans	Creates Personal Responsibility Education Program Act. Provides that if an elementary or secondary public school offers sex education or sexual health education, the education must be medically accurate and developmentally and age appropriate and must include instruction regarding the benefits of delaying or abstaining from sexual activity. Requires school districts to make curriculum and course materials available for viewing upon request. Provides that a pupil must be excused for any part of the instruction at the written request of his or her parent or guardian. Additional provisions.	Assignments	S
SB 1643	Sullivan	Amends SC. Provides that a school district may increase its driver ed fee to an amount not to exceed \$250 (from \$50) by school board resolution following a public hearing on the increase. Provides that the increased fee must be waived for students who participate in the course and are unable to pay for the course. <i>See HB1071</i>	Assignments	I
SB 1744	Luechtefeld	Amends the State aid formula of the SC. With respect to the compilation of average daily attendance, removes a provisions allowing days of attendance to be less than 5 clock hours on the opening and closing of the school term, and upon the first day of pupil attendance, if preceded by a day or days utilized as an institute or teachers' workshop.	Assignments	I
SB 1795	Lightford	Amends SC. Makes changes concerning budgets and accounting practices, the new principal mentoring program, a task force concerning the inspection and review of school facilities, an interagency working group and a task force concerning school wellness policies, the identification, evaluation, and placement of children with disabilities, and transitional bilingual education teacher certification. Many other provisions. (Ed. Note: This looks like the school code cleanup bill for this session)	Assignments	I
SB 1932	Murphy	Amends SC. Creates the Illinois School Choice Program , which shall be administered by the SBE. Provides that any State-certified, non-public school wishing to enroll eligible students and be reimbursed for vouchers available under specified provisions shall notify the State Board of Education in writing of its intent. Specifies the eligibility for reimbursement of vouchers. Specifies reporting requirements for non-public schools that are participating in the Program. Contains provisions concerning the calculation of vouchers and how they may be used by parents. Contains provisions concerning the verification of the household income of participating parents. Provides that the total cost of the vouchers shall come from the portion of general State aid City of Chicago School District 299 receives under the State aid formula for that fiscal year. Provides that SBE may adopt rules for administration of the Program. Provides that, for purposes of the Act, students receiving a voucher are considered nonpublic school students who have been voluntarily placed in a private setting by the parent or guardian. Makes other changes. Amends the State Finance Act to create the School Choice Fund as a special fund in the State treasury and provides that permitted fees collected by the SBE shall be deposited into the Fund and shall be used by the State Board of Education to cover the administrative costs of the Program. Effective June 30, 2011. SBE shall offer opinion on expansion beyond Chicago.	Assignments	O

SB 1964	Maloney	Appropriates the amount of \$42,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Revenue Fund to the SBE for the loan of secular textbooks listed for use by the SBE free of charge to any student in the State who is enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 at a public school or at a school other than a public school in compliance with the compulsory attendance laws of the State and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Effective July 1, 2011.	Assignments	O
SB 2097	Dillard	Creates the Early Graduation Tuition Waiver Act. Provides that if a student graduates from grades 9 through 12 at a secondary school in this State that is recognized by the SBE in less than 4 school years, then he or she is entitled to receive a tuition waiver to a public university in this State, with the length of the tuition waiver being equal to the difference between 8 semesters and the actual number of semesters the student was enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Provides that each year, the SBE shall receive and consider applications for these tuition waivers and award these to eligible applicants.	Assignments	O
SB 2099	Dillard	Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases the education expense credit to 50% (instead of 25%) of qualified education expenses and increases the family limit to \$1,000 (instead of \$500). Effective immediately.	Assignments	O
SB 2149	Sullivan	Creates the Financial Oversight Panel Law of the SC. Allows a school district (other than the Chicago school district) to petition the SBE for the establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel for the district. Allows the State Board to establish a Financial Oversight Panel without a petition from a district. Other provisions.	Assignments	I
SB 2233	Frerichs	Amends SC. Provides that after June 1, 2011 persons may not be nominated for General Assembly scholarships and that General Assembly scholarships may not be awarded after that date unless the nomination is made prior to that date <i>See SB 1317</i>	Assignments	S
		HEALTH		
HB 18	Tracy	Amends ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, concerning eligibility, adds the requirement that a person must be a child who has a household income equal to or less than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines, further provides that a child who is eligible shall remain eligible for 12 months, provided that the child has not gained access to affordable employer-sponsored dependent health insurance; provides notification requirements of change in status as well as accuracy in reporting requirements.	Exec	I
HB 249	Ford	Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the DCFS to establish and maintain statewide central parent helpline to provide advice and referral services to parents in conflict with an out-of-control child; provides helpline operators be specially trained in parent education and counseling , receive adequate instruction on the availability and locations of family counseling services offered by the Department and approved private agencies. Provides that the helpline shall be known as the "Parent Helpline" and its number shall be publicized on the Department's website.	Exec	S
HB 1269	Nekritz	Creates the BPA-Free Kids Act. Beginning June 1, 2012, prohibits the sale or distribution of reusable children's food or beverage containers that contain bisphenol-A. Beginning June 1, 2016,	Rules	S

		prohibits the sale or distribution of infant formula or baby food that is stored in a can, jar, or plastic container that contains bisphenol-A. Authorizes the Illinois EPA and DPH to participate in an interstate chemical safety clearinghouse. Requires notifications, imposes penalties. Provides for enforcement by the Attorney General. Defines "Agency", "baby food", "Department", "infant formula", "manufacturer", "person", and "reusable food or beverage container".		
HB 1338	Gabel	Creates the Immunization Data Registry Act. Provides that the DPH may develop and maintain an immunization data registry to collect, store, analyze, release, and report immunization data. Sets forth purposes for registry use; the provision of immunization data to the registry, confidentiality, and the release of information. Numerous other provisions.	Rules	S
HB 1707	Gabel	Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that the benefits of immunization against influenza for children 6 months and older and information on pertussis shall be published on the Department's website. Provides that information on the Department's website for influenza and pertussis shall include the incidence and severity of the diseases, the availability of vaccines, and the importance of immunizing persons against pertussis who frequently have close contact with children. Makes other changes.	Rules	S
SB 150	Raoul	Creates the Protecting Our Student Athletes Act. Provides Act applies to all schools and park districts within this State that operate or sponsor athletic programs or extracurricular activities. Requires the SBE and park districts to develop and disseminate guidelines on policies to inform and educate coaches and athletes and their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussions, criteria for removal from and return to play, and the risks of not reporting the injury and continuing to play. Requires each school and park district to develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the guidelines. <i>See HB200</i>	Public Health	S
		JUVENILE JUSTICE		
HB 82	Collins	Amends the JCA. Provides that the court may not commit to the Dept JJ a delinquent who has been adjudged a ward of the court for an act that if committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor. Provides that if a minor has been adjudged a ward of the court for an act that if committed by an adult would be a Class 4 or Class 3 felony, the court shall, in addition to the factors and review in the Act, evaluate whether the best interests of the minor and the public will be served by placing the minor in a community based alternative program instead of commitment to the Dept JJ.	Judiciary II Criminal Law	S
HB 87	Collins	Amends JCA. Increases the minimum age at which an alleged delinquent minor may be placed in a detention facility from 10 to 13 years of age.	Judiciary II Criminal Law	S
SB 1235	Hutchinson	Amends CFSA. Eliminates a provision allowing the DHS to make grants-in-aid to units of local government, voluntary agencies, and not-for-profit associations which provide day care services. Eliminates a provision authorizing the Department to establish the Child Care Expansion Program.	Assignments	O
SB 1292	Lightford	Amends JCA giving the court the ability to require the Dept. of	Assignments	S

		Juvenile Justice to report about efforts to secure post-release placement.		
SB 1307	Sandoval	Amends JCA. Provides that the court may require the biological parents of a delinquent minor to undergo counseling.	Assignments	S
SB 1949	Delgado	Amends JCA relating to abused, neglected, and dependent minors. Provides that initial permanency hearing shall be held within 12 months from the date temporary custody of the minor was taken, regardless of whether an adjudication or dispositional hearing has been completed within that timeframe. Effective immediately.	Assignments	I
SB 2151	Millner	Amends the Criminal Code. Prohibits adjudicated juvenile delinquent child sex offenders from being present in certain places or loitering near such places when persons under 18 are present. Provides exemptions.	Assignments	S
		SAFETY		
HB 106	Jakobsson	Amends the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. Expands the definition of the term "police station" to include a campus police department located on any college or university owned or controlled by the State or any private college or private university that is not owned or controlled by the State. <i>See HB244</i>	Human Svcs	S
HB 244	Hayes	Amends the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. Expands the definition of "police station" to include a State university's or a State college's police department and the various district headquarters of the Illinois State Police. <i>See HB106</i>	Human Svcs	S
HB 275	Reboletti	Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that no person may be employed by the DCFS who has been declared a sexually dangerous person under the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act or convicted of committing or attempting to commit specified offenses.	Human Svcs	S
HB 285	Flowers	Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that every operator and passenger on a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized pedalcycle who is age 26 or younger must wear a helmet that meets federal safety standards.	Trans-Vehicle & Safety	S
HB 1075	Pihos	Amends the Criminal Code of 1961 in relation to child pornography. Provides that the commission of the offense by filming, videotaping or creating a moving image or possession of such films, videotapes, or moving images is a felony one class higher than photographing or possessing photographs of child pornography. Provides that telecommunications carriers, commercial mobile service providers and providers of information services, including, but not limited to, Internet service providers and hosting service providers, are not liable under the child pornography statute, except for willful and wanton misconduct, by virtue of the transmission, storage or or caching of electronic communications or messages of others or by virtue of the provision of other related telecommunications, commercial mobile services or information services used by others in violation of the child pornography statute.	Judiciary II Criminal Law	S
HB 1080	Bradley	Amends the Animal Control Act. Removes the ban on classifying vicious dogs based on breed.	Agriculture Conservation	S
SB 55	Silverstein	Makes it unlawful: for a person under the age of 16 to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle unless he or she wears a protective bicycle helmet.	Public Health	I

SB 70	Silverstein	Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2012, each school bus that is purchased new shall be equipped with seat safety belts for each passenger. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that school districts require all passengers on those buses to wear seat safety belts. Provides that, except for willful or wanton misconduct, a school bus driver may not be held personally liable for the failure of passengers to wear seat safety belts.	Transp. C.	S
SB 82	Foraby	Creates the Family and Personal Protection Act. Permits the county sheriff to issue permits to carry concealed firearms to persons at least 21 years of age who meet certain requirements. Requires an applicant for a permit to have completed specified training requirements developed by the Illinois Law	Public Health	O
SB 1588	Munoz	Amends Criminal Code. Provides that 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act, it is unlawful for any person within this State to knowingly manufacture, deliver, sell, purchase, or possess or cause to be manufactured, delivered, sold, purchased, or possessed a semi-automatic assault weapon, an assault weapon attachment, any .50 caliber rifle, or .50 caliber cartridge. Additional provisions.	Assignments	S
SB 1963	Risinger	Creates the Concealed Carry Permit Pilot Program Act. Establishes a 2 year pilot program based in the City of Peoria that allows the City to issue a permit to a resident of Peoria, who meets the qualifications provided in this Act, authorizing the resident to carry a concealed handgun within the boundaries of the City of Peoria.	Assignments	O
SB 2104	Sandoval	Amends Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no instruction permit may be issued to a child who is less than 16 (instead of 15) years of age and makes corresponding changes throughout the Code. Provides that instruction permits and licenses issued to drivers under 18 years of age shall be invalid from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (instead of between 11:00 p.m. Friday and 6:00 a.m. Saturday; between 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday; and between 10:00 p.m. on Sunday to Thursday, inclusive, and 6:00 a.m. on the following day).	Assignments	I
SB 2150	McCann	Creates the Illinois License to Carry Firearms for Self-Defense Act. Authorizes the county sheriff to issue licenses to carry concealed firearms to persons at least 21 years of age who meet certain requirements. Requires an applicant for a license to have completed specified training requirements	Assignments	O
		GENERAL INTEREST		
HB 1354	May	Amends the State Prompt Payment Act. Provides that, for any bill not paid by the State within 60 days of receipt, an provides interest penalty rate, amount calculation, defines "prime commercial rate."	Rules	I
HB 1601	Ford	Amends Illinois Lottery Law . Creates the Lottery Supports Schools Fund, provides that certain lottery revenues shall be deposited into Fund; provides that fund moneys be distributed to school districts based on the district's percentage of lottery sales.	Rules	I
HB 1644	Hatcher	Creates the 72-Hour Budget Review Act, provides time requirements for which certain appropriation or revenue legislation <i>must</i> be made publicly available before passage. Provides that the time requirements may be waived by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the full committee or chamber considering the legislation.	Rules	S

SB 1347	Murphy	Amends General Assembly Operations Act. Provides that if a bill or other legislative measure is sponsored or co-sponsored by a majority of the members elected to the chamber in which the bill or other legislative measure then resides, then that bill or other legislative measure must be referred by the appropriate committee of that chamber to a standing committee and a vote on that bill or other legislative measure must be taken by that standing committee within 6 session days or before any committee action or floor action deadline that has been imposed in that chamber, whichever is sooner.	Assignments	I
SB 2203	Koehler	Amends the Freedom of Information Act. In the Act's intent provisions, removes references to the lower priority of a public body's financial obligations when considering requests. Changes the deadline by which a public body must act on a records request and provides that that period is to be calculated in accordance with the Statute on Statutes and, with respect to School Code entities, certain provisions of the School Code relating to non-pupil attendance days. Many other provisions changing the FIA.	Assignments	I
SB 2232	Frerichs	Creates the Taxpayer Transparency Act. Provides that a bill making an appropriation may not be considered for final passage by either the House of Representatives or the Senate unless a copy of that bill, in its final form, has been made conveniently available on the General Assembly's Internet website for at least 4 days before final legislative action by the General Assembly prior to presentation to the Governor. Effective immediately.	Assignments	I

COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

We encourage you to use the information below to help you navigate through the Bill Lists. Use the General Assembly website to assist you in finding out more about the Bills we are watching, the members of the committees in both the Senate and the House, and the General Assembly schedule.

These are some of the most common abbreviations you will find: **CC**—Criminal Code; **DCFS**—Dept. of Children & Family Services; **DOC**—Dept. of Corrections; **DPH**—Dept. of Public Health; **IEP**—Individualized Education Plan; **ISBE**—Illinois State Board of Education; **JCA**—Juvenile Court Act; **NCLB**—No Child Left Behind; **SC**—School Code; **VC**—Vehicle Code.

Committee assignments have been completed. Please note some of the common committee abbreviations: : **A/C**—Agriculture/Conservation; **AP**—Appropriations; **CPRO**—Consumer Protection; **DD/MI**—Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness; **DHS**- Department of Human Services; **HSELC/R**—Elections & Campaign Reform; **EI/S**—Elementary/Secondary; **EN/E**—Environment & Energy; **W/H**— Environmental Health; **EXEC**—Executive; **HCA&A**—Health Care Availability & Access; **H/HS**—Health & Human Services; **HS**—Human Services; **Jud I**—Civil Law; **Jud II**—Criminal Law, **JUD/CI** —Senate Judiciary, Civil; **JUD/CR** —Senate Judiciary, Criminal; **JCA**—Juvenile Court Act; **JJR**—Juvenile Justice Reform; **L.GOV**—Local Government; **PH**—Public Health; **REV**—Revenue; **R**— Rules; **SGA**— State Government Administration; **SGO**—State Government Operations; **T**—Transportation; **VC** -Vehicle Code.

* Any committee not found on this selected PTA list may be found on the Illinois General Assembly website.

Procedures commonly referenced: **AV** Amendatory Veto; **CP**—Consideration Postponed; **OCR**—Calendar Order of Resolutions; **On Concur**—passed both Houses, On Concurrence (with amendments); **HA**—House amendment; **SA**—Senate amendment; **2R**—2nd Reading; **3R**—3rd Reading;

ReRules/Assignments—re-referred to Rules (House)/Assignments (Senate) (for most bills this means they are dead); **SD**—Short Debate.