



## ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT (95-16)

### SENATE PASSES HB 1347

The bill that will restrict the practice of school districts contracting out for non-instructional services was approved by the Senate on Tuesday. **HB 1347 (Hannig, D-Litchfield)** passed on a vote of 35-16-1; it will now be sent to the Governor for consideration. The Alliance lobbyists would like to thank all of those who made calls to legislators asking for a “no” vote.

The bill will significantly curtail the school district practice of contracting for services such as transportation, food service, and janitorial services by adding burdensome new restrictions for a school board entering into a contract with a third party to perform such non-instructional services. The bill states that no contract could be entered into with a third party during the term of a collective bargaining agreement – this could mean years between opportunities to contract out for services. It also contains a provision that requires the third party to provide “comparable” insurance and benefits. The term “comparable” is not defined which leads to confusion of what is acceptable – and could require third party contractors to increase their overhead costs making it cost prohibitive for a school district to use their services.

### BILL APPROVED FOR AEDS AT ATHLETIC FIELDS

The Senate also approved **HB 1279 (Burke, D-Chicago)** Tuesday. The bill will require school districts to have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at all outdoor athletic fields. An AED would be required to be housed in a building that is within 300 feet of the outdoor athletic facility where “an event or activity” is being conducted. If there is no such building, the person responsible for supervising the activity shall ensure that an AED is available during the time of the event or activity. Generally, all coaches that conduct practices or have games outside (at every baseball field, softball field, running track, football field, soccer field, etc.) will have to be a trained AED user and will have to have an AED on hand at every practice and game. The bill passed on a vote of 39-12-2 and was sent back to the House of Representatives for concurrence in a Senate amendment. It will then be sent to the Governor for consideration.

### P.E. MANDATE WAIVERS LIMITED TO TWO YEARS

The Senate approved a bill that will limit a school district’s use of the mandate waiver process. **HB 1839 (Joyce, D-Chicago)** limits waivers from the physical education mandate to a two year time period and only allows the waiver to be renewed two times. All other mandate waiver requests are granted for five years with no limit on renewals. The bill, approved on a vote of 45-13, will be sent to the Governor for consideration.

### OTHER BILLS BEING SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

The following bills were also approved and will be sent to the Governor for consideration:

**HB 438 (Pritchard, R-Hinckley)** provides that, in addition to providing for instruction in bullying prevention, each school district may make suitable provisions for instruction in gang resistance education and training in all grades and include such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein.

**HB 620 (Rose, R-Mahomet)** provides that a county may establish standards for wind farms and electric-generating wind devices. A county may regulate the siting of wind farms and electric-generating wind devices in unincorporated areas of the county outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality and the 1.5 mile radius surrounding the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality; and the municipality may regulate wind farms and electric-generating wind devices within its zoning jurisdiction and within the 1.5 mile radius surrounding its zoning jurisdiction. The bill provides that there shall be at least one public hearing not more than 30 days prior to a siting decision by a county or municipality.

**HB 1559 (Pritchard)** requires school districts to have a policy before collecting biometric information (fingerprints, retinal scans, etc.) from students.

**HB 2787 (Davis, W., D-Hazel Crest)**, subject to appropriation, provides that funding for civic education professional development for high school teachers must be provided by line item appropriation made to the State Board of Education for that purpose.

**SB 79 (Garrett, D-Lake Forest)** provides that, in the development of the individualized education program for a student who has a disability on the autism spectrum, the IEP team shall consider and shall specifically address certain factors.

**SB 306 (Link, D-Vernon Hills)** makes changes to alternative teacher certification provisions.

**SB 308 (Sullivan, D-Quincy)** requires the Department of Transportation to evaluate, fund, and repair within the right-of-way, the entrances to public educational facilities that border State highways.

### **MEMBER OF ALLIANCE TEAM TAKES NEW POSITION**

Belinda Alvarez, Governmental Relations Assistant and 22 year veteran of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), left the IASA last week to take a new position. She had been working with the team of Alliance lobbyists since the inception of the Alliance in 1993. Belinda has joined the administrative team at the Illinois Auditor General's Office where she will utilize her skills as a paralegal. The Auditor General's gain is the Alliance's loss. We thank her for her service to the Alliance, offer her our congratulations on her new position, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

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