



ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT (95-7)

SENATE MEETS COMMITTEE DEADLINE

The Illinois State Senate met its first major deadline this week. Thursday was the last day that substantive (non-appropriations) Senate bills could be considered by a Senate committee. All bills must be approved by a committee before being considered by the full Senate. Senate work, now, will be focused on the consideration of Senate bills on the Senate floor. Committees will still be working sporadically over the next two weeks considering amendments to Senate bills, and possibly, House bills that have come over from that chamber.

The House deadline for committee consideration is next Friday, March 23.

Generally, bills that have not been approved by a committee by the deadline are considered “dead”. However, through the ever-present magic of parliamentary maneuvers and amendments, there are always bills and issues that are “resurrected” between now and final adjournment.

BILL APPROVED TO REQUIRE NEW VACCINE

The House Human Services Committee this week approved legislation that will require parents to have their sixth grade girls receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as part of the school health examination, or submit a signed statement by a physician that the parent received information about HPV and elected not to have the student receive the vaccine. **HB 115 (Jakobsson, D-Champaign)** now goes to the full House for consideration.

Current law requires students, before entering grades kindergarten, fifth, and ninth grades, to have a health examination. Students entering grades kindergarten, second, and sixth grades must have a dental examination.

Under HB 115, beginning in the 2008-09 school year, sixth grade girls must meet the above requirements regarding the HPV vaccine. The bill also requires the school district to report to the State Board of Education the number of female students entering the sixth grade (*“or other grade as the Department of Public Health designates by rule”*) who have received the HPV vaccination and the number of female students who have not received the vaccination.

Earlier this month a Senate committee passed a similar bill, **SB 10 (Halvorson, D-Crete)**, which can be reviewed in Alliance Legislative Report (95-4).

Another bill, **HB 193 (Flowers, D-Chicago)**, was approved earlier this week by the House Health Care Availability and Access Committee regarding HIV screenings being part of the school health exam. The bill states that “the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules specifying that testing for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) be included as a required part of the health examination” in schools. HB 193, also, has been sent to the full House for consideration.

And, as was reported in the last Alliance Legislative Report (95-6), the Senate has approved a bill that will require students entering kindergarten to have an eye examination. The Alliance has opposed all of these measures as more and more burden is being placed on local school districts to address personal health issues and other societal matters. There also is a concern about keeping students out of school for not complying with health examinations that address health matters that are not spread by casual contact.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION CANVASS

There may be considerable confusion concerning who should canvass the vote for the upcoming school board election. Because of recently enacted legislation (Public Act 94-0647), most observers believed that school boards no longer canvassed the vote because of the new law that abolished all local canvassing boards and made the county clerk or election commission the appropriate “election authority.” Though this change in the Election Code seems clear, a provision in the School Code still remains that states that school boards must canvass the election. Thus the confusion.

Please refer to the IASB website for updated information on this important issue. You can find it at: www.iasb.com/canvass07.htm.

OTHER BILL ACTION THIS WEEK

HB 18 (Lang, D-Chicago) requires school districts to create and maintain a policy on bullying. The bill requires that the policy be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and that it must be updated every 2 years and re-filed. The bill also provides that the ISBE will monitor the implementation of the policy. **The bill was approved** by the House of Representatives.

HB 232 (Davis, M., D-Chicago) prohibits the ISBE and school boards from establishing any virtual schools. **The bill was defeated** in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee.

HB 261 (Eddy, R-Hutsonville) increases the threshold required for school districts to competitively bid contracts from \$10,000 to \$25,000. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 412 (Poe, R-Springfield) requires a tax-equivalent grant to be paid to any school district where a State-owned institution is located. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 511 (Joyce, D-Chicago) amends the Freedom of Information Act to redefine a public record to include a settlement agreement entered into by or on behalf of a public body. **The bill was approved** by the House State Government Administration Committee and was sent to the House floor.

HB 671 (Chapa LaVia, D-Aurora) requires, as part of the Comprehensive Health Education curriculum in grades 8 through 12, instruction on teen dating violence. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor.

HB 791 (Collins, D-Chicago) sets forth criteria and procedures for expulsion of pupils of the age of 16 or older who are guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct. The bill is expected to be amended to apply to Chicago only. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1559 (Pritchard, R-Hinckley) requires school districts to have a policy before collecting biometric information (fingerprints, retinal scans, etc.) from students. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor.

HB 1648 (Mitchell, R-Sterling) requires the ISBE to establish a P-20 council to coordinate education efforts between elementary, secondary, and higher education institutions. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor.

HB 1651 (Eddy), with respect to deactivation and reactivation of a school facility, removes references to the regional superintendent of schools from the notice of referendum form. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor.

HB 1652 (Eddy) requires that State test results or scores be reported to a school district on or before August 1 of the same year the test is given. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1653 (Miller, D-Calumet City) allows school districts, by referendum, to remove property tax extensions for health/life safety purposes from limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. **The bill, an Alliance initiative, was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1680 (Yarbrough, D-Chicago) gives the regional superintendent authority to hire an inspector general to conduct audits on the use of school district funds, educate school board members on their roles, confirm the school district's need for referenda, and to investigate complaints of misconduct of school board members and district employees. **The bill was defeated** in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee but will be called for a vote again next week. The Alliance is working with proponents of the bill to find some common ground.

HB 1784 (Eddy) prohibits the ISBE from certifying a school district as being in financial difficulty as a result of the failure of the Comptroller to disburse reimbursements for receipt by the school district no later than June 30th of each year. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1825 (Winters, R-Shirland) would create a voucher program for autistic students. **The bill was held** in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee.

HB 1839 (Joyce, D-Chicago) limits waivers from the physical education mandate to two years and only allows them to be renewed two times. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1877 (Sommer, R-Mackinaw) allows teachers to take sick leave for birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1910 (Pritchard) provides that if, during a school day, a school district has provided at least one clock hour of instruction but must dismiss students from one or more recognized school buildings due to a condition beyond the control of the school district, then the partial day of attendance may be counted as a full day of attendance. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1925 (Eddy) provides that an individual who meets the requirements of a part-time provisional teaching certificate for vocational courses is eligible to receive a provisional vocational teacher aide certificate. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 1940 (Bassi, R-Palatine) provides that instruction in the curriculum of patriotism and principles of representative government shall have a primary focus on how government functions and the impact government has on the daily lives of U.S. citizens and residents. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2003 (Smith, D-Canton), an ISBE initiative, makes several changes regarding teacher certification. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2006 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, makes changes regarding average daily attendance under the State aid formula and authorizing a school board to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on certain school holidays. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor.

HB 2007 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, makes changes regarding alternative teacher certification and provisional certificates. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2008 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, makes changes regarding fund distribution for the Reading Improvement Block Grant Program. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2009 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, requires textbook publishers to furnish an accessible electronic file set of contracted print material to the National Instructional Materials Access Center which shall then be available to the ISBE. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2011 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, requires the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller to transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund State aid payments to school districts twice per month, August through June. This is intended to address possible "delayed State aid" payments that come in the following fiscal year without having the Governor "accelerate" payments each year. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2012 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, allows the ISBE to make its teacher supply and demand report every 2 years on or before February 1 (instead of annually on or before January 1). **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2013 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, makes a technical change in special education personnel reimbursements. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 2017 (Smith), an ISBE initiative, makes clarifications and technical changes to last year's school consolidation legislation. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 3377 (Eddy) allows school districts to receive travel reimbursement for transportation of pre-school students. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HB 3406 (Cross) requires the ISBE to rank school districts based on certain school construction priorities and notify each school district of its rank. **The bill was approved** by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

HJRCA 18 (Mitchell, B., R-Forsythe) proposes to change the Illinois State Constitution to prohibit State appropriations by increasing more than 4% from one year to the next unless there is a 3/5 vote by the legislature. **The resolution was approved** by the House State Government Administration Committee and was sent to the House floor for consideration.

SB 27 (Crotty, D-Oak Forest) provides that, upon the request of a school district whose revenues are affected by a property tax refund, the collector shall not within any single 12-month period, make refunds in excess of \$100,000 due from taxes that were collected for that school district for any particular parcel if the refunds are attributable to more than one taxable year. Instead, the collector must divide the refunds due to any final orders of the Property Tax Appeal Board or a court into at least as many 12-month periods as the number of taxable years for which the refunds were due. **The bill was approved** by the Senate Revenue Committee and was sent to the Senate floor.

SB 118 (Silverstein, D-Chicago) would require all new school buses to have seat belts. **The bill was defeated** in the Senate Transportation Committee.

SB 268 (Collins, D-Chicago) creates the Illinois Diesel Emissions Reduction Act and the Illinois Diesel Emissions Reduction Funding Program. To fund the program, a 10% surcharge on the regular vehicle registration fees would be imposed for all heavy duty diesel vehicles (including school buses). **The bill was approved** by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and was sent to the Senate floor for consideration.

SB 397 (Demuzio, D-Carlinville), in the definition of "children with disabilities", provides that an eligible student who requires continued public school educational experience to facilitate his or her successful transition and integration into adult life is eligible for special education services through age 21, including until the day before the student's 22nd birthday. **The bill was approved** by the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

SB 423 (Sandoval, D-Chicago) allows the respective school boards of Berwyn North School District 98, Berwyn South School District 100, Cicero School District 99, and J.S. Morton High School District 201 to withdraw from the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools of Cicero Township and the township treasurer. **The bill was approved** by the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

SB 424 (Delgado, D-Chicago) provides that if a pupil successfully completes one or more of the courses required as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma before entering high school, then the pupil shall be given high school credit for that course. **The bill was approved** by the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate floor for consideration.

SB 446 (Martinez, D-Chicago) makes changes to the "Grow Your Own Teacher" education act. **The bill was approved** by the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

SB 641 (Demuzio) requires students entering school for the first time (either kindergarten or first grade) to have an eye examination in addition to the currently required health examination. **The bill was approved** by the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

SB 671 (Maloney, D-Chicago) sets forth criteria for proving responsibility regarding legal custody as it pertains to district residency. **The bill was approved** by the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate floor for consideration.

SB 746 (Demuzio) extends the technology immersion pilot project (the program supplying laptop computers for 7th graders) for another three years. **The bill was approved** by the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

SB 1165 (Demuzio) is an ISBE initiative to repeal several obsolete provisions in the School Code. **The bill was approved** by the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

SB 1252 (Clayborne, D-E. St. Louis) exempts from the definition of "aggregate extension" in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), all contributions to a pension fund. **The bill was approved** by the Senate Revenue Committee and was sent to the Senate floor for consideration.

SB 1472 (Kotowski, D-Mt. Prospect) creates the Internet Safety Education Act to inform and protect students from inappropriate or illegal communications and solicitation and to require school districts to provide education about Internet threats and risks. An amendment to the bill removes school district mandates and makes the proposal permissive. **The bill was approved** by the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate floor for consideration.

SB 1557 (Frerichs, D-Champaign) requires a driver education course to include classroom instruction on distracted driving as a major traffic safety issue. **The bill was approved** by the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate floor for consideration.

SB 1702 (Lightford, D-Maywood) requires that a school district must have written permission from a student before it collects any biometric information (fingerprints, retina scans, etc.). **The bill was approved** by the Senate Education Committee and was sent to the Senate floor for consideration.

BILLS SCHEDULED FOR COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS – ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 20, 1:00 p.m., Room 114, State Capitol

HB 750 (Miller, D-Dolton) contains a comprehensive tax reform initiative with several school funding reform provisions. It would increase the State income tax on both individuals and corporations; provide for substantial property tax relief on the education portion of local property tax bills; include retirement income within the definition of "base income" for income tax purposes; eliminate certain corporate income tax exemptions; create a Family Tax Credit; expand the current State sales tax to cover services; and increase the per pupil foundation level in the General State Aid formula. ***Note:** *A new version of the bill, not currently available on the Illinois General Assembly website, is to be discussed at the hearing.*

HOUSE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m., Room 114, State Capitol

***Note:** All bills that have been previously scheduled for hearing in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committees, but have not yet been considered, are posted for a hearing this week. Those bills have been reported in earlier Alliance Legislative Reports.

Alliance Legislative Reports:
Bill Text/Status: Illinois General Assembly

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