

# Legislative Report

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## Bill Information

### **HB2564** PEN CD-TRS-SALARY INCREASES *(REP. DAVE VELLA)*

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions requiring an additional employer contribution for certain salary increases greater than 6%, provides that the System shall exclude salary increases given on or after July 1, 2025 resulting from overload work, including summer school, when the school district has certified to the System, and the System has approved the certification, that (i) the overload work is for the sole purpose of classroom instruction in excess of the standard number of classes for a full-time teacher in a school district during a school year and (ii) the salary increases are equal to or less than the rate of pay for classroom instruction computed on the teacher's current salary and work schedule. Effective immediately.

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/8/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 076-029-000

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### **HB3860** SCH CD-DEACTIVATE SCH-CONTRACT *(REP. BRADLEY FRITTS)*

Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that the length of a contract between a deactivating school district that is seeking to send its students to more than one district and the receiving district shall be for 4 (rather than 2) school years, but the districts may renew the contract for a length of time that is mutually agreed upon by the districts (rather than for additional one-year or 2-year periods).

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/9/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 104-000-000

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### **HB4137** EDUC-HOMELESS CHILD-PREVENTION *(REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN)*

Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. Allows a school district to provide for an extended motel stay for a child who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Effective immediately.

#### CURRENT STATUS

4/8/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 099-005-000

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## HB4239 SCH CD-HIGH SCH COURSE CREDIT *(REP. JANET YANG ROHR)*

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that the school board of a school district that maintains any of grades 9 through 12 is authorized to adopt a policy under which a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 who is enrolled in the unit school district or would be enrolled in the high school district upon completion of elementary school may enroll in a required high school course, provided that the course is offered by the high school that the student would attend and the student participates in the course where the student attends school as long as the course is taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license and endorsed for the grade level and content area of the course (instead of just as long as the course is taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license and endorsed for the grade level and content area of the course).

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4/9/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 101-000-000

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## HB4247 SCH CD-ASTHMA MEDICATION *(REP. RITA MAYFIELD)*

House Floor Amendment No. 4 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the administration of asthma medication, epinephrine injectors, opioid antagonists, and oxygen, provides that "trained personnel" includes coaches and athletic trainers. Defines "coach" as a volunteer or employee of a school who is responsible for organizing and supervising students to teach or train them in the fundamental skills of an interscholastic athletic activity, and provides that "coach" refers to both a head coach and an assistant coach. Defines "athletic trainer" as a licensed athletic trainer hired by or contracted by a school district or the governing body of a charter school or nonpublic school to aid a school in the evaluation, prevention, or physical reconditioning of injuries and the management of asthma, the prevention of asthma symptoms, and emergency asthma response in a school setting. Provides that a school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school may maintain a supply of asthma medication in a practice field or gym. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are subject to appropriation or available grant funding.

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4/8/2026 - House Floor Amendment No. 2 Tabled

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## HB4339 SCH CD-HIGH SCH-REGISTER VOTER *(REP. KIMBERLY DU BUCLET)*

Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, requires a school district maintaining any of grades 9 through 12 to provide all eligible students graduating from high school with the opportunity to register to vote. Effective immediately.

### 🚩 CURRENT STATUS

4/8/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 077-024-000

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## HB4375 SCH CD-INTERFUND TRANSFERS *(REP. JAY HOFFMAN)*

Amends the School Code. Extends the time period during which a school district other than the Chicago school district may transfer moneys from specified funds for any purpose from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2029. Effective immediately.

**CURRENT STATUS**

4/8/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 109-000-000

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**HB4535 SCH CD-E-LEARNING DAY-ELECTION** (REP. MAURA HIRSCHAUER)

House Floor Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions regarding e-learning days, provides that an e-learning day used by a school district due to a school being selected as a polling place does not count toward the school district's minimum number of emergency days in the approved school calendar.

**CURRENT STATUS**

4/8/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 081-025-000

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**HB4536 SCH CD-REG SUP INSTITUT-TRAUMA** (REP. MICHELLE MUSSMAN)

Amends the Regional Superintendent of Schools Article of the School Code. With respect to the requirement that institutes provide instruction on trauma-informed practices and include the definitions of trauma, trauma-responsive learning environments, and whole child before the first student attendance day of each school year, makes changes to the definitions of "trauma" and "trauma-responsive learning environments". Defines "trauma-informed practices" to include awareness of populations for whom trauma may be ongoing, relational, and developmentally expressed over time. Effective immediately.

**CURRENT STATUS**

4/9/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 084-016-000

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**HB4577 SCH CD-K-PLAY-BASED LEARNING** (REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS)

Amends the School Code regarding the establishment of kindergartens. With respect to a provision stating that kindergarten should provide opportunities for play-based learning, defines: (1) "play-based learning" as either guided play or student-initiated play; (2) "guided play" as intentional teacher-directed play with activities set up and led by a teacher that are aligned to learning goals or standards; and (3) "student-initiated play" as child-selected opportunities to build, pretend, create, move, or explore in an environment intentionally curated by a teacher to align with learning goals or standards.

House Floor Amendment No. 2 - Rearranges the definitions of "guided play" and "student-initiated play", and corrects reference errors.

**CURRENT STATUS**

4/8/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 080-026-000

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## **HB4792** SCH CD-TEACH EXCELLENC PROGRAM *(REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS)*

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In a provision regarding the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program, changes the definition of "hard-to-staff school" to mean a public school that either (i) is identified as hard-to-staff based on data reported on its school report card or (ii) does not have a school report card but serves a student population in which 30% or more of the student enrollment is considered low-income as determined by the State Board of Education using available enrollment or funding data, and provides that the State Board may not deny a National Board certified teacher a retention bonus solely because the public school at which the teacher is employed does not have a school report card.

### **CURRENT STATUS**

4/9/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 078-019-000

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## **HB4859** SCH CD-UNUSED FOOD SHARING *(REP. JANET YANG ROHR)*

Amends the School Code. Allows a school district to comply with provisions concerning school unused food sharing plans by implementing a share table. Provides that the school district may develop and follow a policy on standard operating procedures for share tables. Effective August 1, 2027.

### **CURRENT STATUS**

4/9/2026 - Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 097-001-000

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## **HB5552** EDUCATION-VARIOUS *(REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS)*

Amends the School Code. Makes changes to provisions regarding departments and functions of the State Board of Education, the teacher supply and demand report, waivers and modifications of mandates and administrative rules, audits of a school district's accounts, statements of affairs, the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board, evidence-based funding, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, qualifications of educators, provisional educator endorsements on Educator Licenses with Stipulations, educator testing exemptions, the Teacher Performance Assessment Advisory Committee, teacher and principal model evaluation templates, children and students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence, the advisory committee under the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act, and charter school renewals. Changes the following terms: "Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund" to "Teacher Licensure Fee Revolving Fund"; "foreign countries" to "countries other than the United States"; "ethnic school" to "community-based heritage language school"; "foreign language" to "world language"; and "epinephrine injector" to "epinephrine delivery system". Repeals the Community Service Education Act, and makes changes in the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Makes other and conforming changes in the School Code, the State Finance Act, and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Makes conforming changes in the School Code with respect to changing the term "foreign language" to "world language" and the term "foreign citizen" to "citizen of a country other than the United States".

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