

# Introductions

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# Spring Legislative Session Update

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# HB 2778 Veto Update - Now HB 1167 (Yang Rohr/Harmon)

## Paid Administrative Leave/Restoration of Sick Leave

Paid administrative leave or restoration of used sick leave for every vaccinated employee of a public school district established under Article 10 or Article 34 of the School Code, public university, and public community college who:

- Has COVID-19; or
- Must be excluded from school as the result of being a “close contact” to a person with COVID-19; or
- Must be excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms; or
- Has to care for a child excluded from elementary or secondary school

**\*\*These benefits will also apply to employees who become fully vaccinated within 5 weeks of the effective date of the legislation (April 5th).**

# Paycheck Protection Provision (HB 1167)

- Requires districts to pay support staff regular wages and benefits for e-learning and remote learning days.
- Is retroactive to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, and makes the provision permanent for future school years.
- Is not intended to require districts to cover “consumable” costs (i.e., gas, mileage, etc) for e-learning and remote learning days.
- Amended to ensure this provision does not apply to emergency days, which would have allowed for “double pay.”

# School Construction (HB 3637)



- Provides grant applications will be made available **only** if funds are appropriated by the General Assembly.
- Districts on the 2004-2006 lists that completed/partially completed their approved project, may be eligible for their required local match to be covered by the state, if their project is selected in the first grant cycle after June 30, 2022.

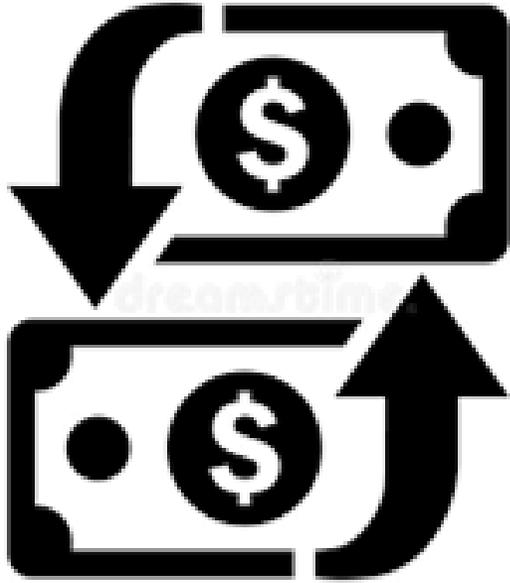


# Property Tax Omnibus Bill (SB 1975)

- Adjusts the General Homestead Exemptions:
  - Cook County: \$10,000 maximum
  - Counties Bordering Cook: \$8,000 maximum
  - All Other Counties: \$6,000 maximum
- Expands the Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities to the surviving spouse of a service member whose death was service-related.
- Requires a study on the impact of the Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities on the property tax base for specified counties to be completed by June 30, 2023.



# Property Tax Omnibus Bill (SB 1975)



- Requires school districts to disclose the cash reserve balance during the public hearing for the budget and levy.
  - Plus, obligations secured by those funds, if any.
- Authorizes interfund transfers through June 30, 2026 to the fund in most need.

# Property Tax Omnibus Bill (SB 1975)

- **Original bill language (HB 448)** : Provides that a district's aggregate extension limit shall include the maximum limiting rate permitted if a district did not maximize its limiting rate for the immediate 5 preceding levy years.
- **Final Language**: Allows for a recapture of unlevied amounts for districts with "recognition" or "review" designations on the most recent financial profile:
  - Districts are required to certify with the county clerk that it did not levy the maximum amount within 60 days of the levy ordinance adoption;
  - Allows for a 3-year look back period;
  - Maintains a maximum of a 5% extension increase in each year

# Better School Lunches Act (HB 4813)

- Removes the lowest bidder requirement for food service contracts, provided the certain factors are considered during the selection process:
  - Suppliers that source local food products;
  - Suppliers that utilize producers that adopt USDA-recommended hormone and pest management practices;
  - Suppliers that value animal welfare;
  - Increase opportunities for businesses owned by minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities



# Mental Health Days for Employees (SB 3914)

- Adds mental or behavioral health complications to the enumerated interpretations of sick leave for all full-time employees.
- Adds that the school board may require a certificate from a mental health professional licensed in Illinois providing ongoing care or treatment to the teacher or employee.
- Effective immediately.

# Family Bereavement Leave (SB 3120)

- Changes the Child Bereavement Leave Act to the Family Bereavement Leave Act.
- Expands the definition for covered family members for which an employee may utilize this leave.
- Allows 10 days of unpaid bereavement leave following a miscarriage, failed assistive reproductive procedure, failed adoption match, diagnosis that impacts pregnancy/fertility, or stillbirth.

# Student Fees

- **SB 3867 (Johnson/Didech)** - All fees assessed by a district are to be waived for any students whose parents are veterans or active duty military personnel with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line.
- **HB 5265 (Guzzardi/Gillespie)** - Provides that homeless children and youth shall not be charged textbook fees, and shall have any fine for the loss of school property waived.
- **HB 4243 (Mason/Johnson)** - No public high school may withhold a student's grades, transcripts, or diploma due to an unpaid student account balance. Requires school districts to report the amount that remains unpaid at the end of each school year. Sunsets 3 years from the effective date of the Act.



# EBF Change to Reflect EAV Loss (HB 4728)

- Provides that a school district's "Adjusted EAV" shall be the average of its EAV over the immediately previous 3 years or the lesser of its EAV in the immediately previous 3 years if the EAV in the immediately previous year has declined by 10% or more when comparing the 2 most recent years.



# Reimbursement for Residential Placements (HB 4365)

- Provides that a student's resident district may receive reimbursement from ISBE for a nonpublic residential placement in a facility that is not approved by the State Board of Education in emergency circumstances.
- Requires certain criteria to be met for reimbursement to be allowable, including:
  - ISBE provides an emergency and student-specific approval for the placement; and
  - The non-approved facility provides certain program data to ISBE
- Facilities will receive automatic approval if the placement has been ordered by a due process hearing officer.

# Government Efficiency Committees (SB 3789)

- Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act.
- Requires units of government to form a committee to consider possible “efficiencies” (i.e., consolidation) every 10 years.
- School districts are exempt, but must have the Board of Education approve the annual Shared Service Report at an open meeting.
- Effective immediately.

# Accelerated Pension Benefit Extension (HB 4292)



- Authorizes an additional \$1,000,000,000 of State Pension Obligation Bonds.
- Currently, members can request an accelerated pension payment in lieu of a traditional annuity.
- This provision was set to expire June 2024, but this legislation extends that opportunity to members through June 2026.

# Bills We May See Return in the Future

- **HB 4268 (Mason)** - Would increase oversight on performance contracts used by K-12 institutions and provide limitations for the uses of these contracts.
- **SB 2298 (Gillespie)** - Would adjust the definition of “blighted areas” when considering a TIF enactment, as well as place additional requirements on the Joint Review Board.
- **SB 3463 (Martwick)** - Would provide certain protections for school districts following the implementation of the TRS SSP, and would expand the autoenrollment to all TRS-member employees by Jan. 2025.

# EBF Enrollment Error Repayments

- \$87.5 million in additional EBF payments were included in the budget “for adjustments owed from past Evidence-Based Funding cycles” to school districts as the result of an error with CPS’ enrollment calculation.
- CPS received an overpayment of EBF dollars over several fiscal years, resulting in other districts being underpaid.
- In an effort to correct this error, the General Assembly has allocated an additional \$87.5 million to be distributed to the underpaid districts in the form of a supplemental appropriation.
- Districts receiving funds received notification from ISBE in April, and a full list of repayment amounts can be found on the ISBE website.

# FY23 Education Budget Increases

- \$7.9 billion for EBF; this is an increase of \$350.2 million over FY 22.
- Strengthens Early Childhood Education to provide services to over 7,100 additional children - \$54.4 million increase.
- Provides additional resources for transportation and special education grants - \$96 million increase.
- Adds \$12 million for Regional Offices of Education to address truancy and chronic absenteeism.
- Increases Agricultural Education programs by \$2 million.
- Language in the BIMP creates a sales tax holiday for school supplies from August 5, 2022 to August 14, 2022.

# Questions and Answers

*We thank you for your time!*



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