

**95th GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION - SECOND SESSION**

Dear PTA Advocates:

This is a list of bills introduced (of interest to PTA) at the second session of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (with a couple of holdovers from the first session) and it continues to grow. Hundreds of bills have been introduced, as the deadline for introduction of “substantive” bills was February 15<sup>th</sup> in both houses. Now the fun begins, so look for frequent revisions/additions to this list on the website, [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org). Again, all bills must go through the Rules Committee, and cannot be considered by the House or Senate unless the rules committees say so. Bills are now beginning to be assigned to a committee. This is the session when many bills will never leave the Rules Committees, effectively killing them. In reviewing the bills being introduced, many, many of them are shell bills – with no real contents yet, they are just “place keepers” for future contents. Makes knowing what will happen hard to figure. But, one thing clear from many sources is that money is VERY short this year. So, hang on – this will be quite a session, given it is an election year.

The General Assembly is now scheduled to be in session often. The new 2009 fiscal year begins July 1, 2008. Note that two bills to raise the income tax and rebate some property taxes are on second reading! The PTA supports these proposals, H 750 and S 2288.

Please note H 4232, a bill to greatly reorganize the Illinois State Board of Education!

**In the ongoing interplay between the Governor and the Speaker of the House, House bills often have an added amendment that has language that prevents the Governor from controlling the rule making that might be needed to implement the bill, the language usually says “does not authorize rule making and outlines the options available if the Governor believed rule making is necessary.” Or “the Governor may suggest rules by filing them with the General Assembly and requesting the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law ...” TO AVOID HAVING TO WRITE THAT AMENDMENT ON EVERY BILL TO WHICH IT IS ATTACHED, the reference in bill descriptions WILL SIMPLY SAY: “A. Governor’s rules limitation.”** You can find other abbreviations and information at the end of this report. This bill list is current as of the date above.

**Issues in bold are high priorities of the Illinois PTA.**

**S= SUPPORT O=OPPOSE I=INFORMATION ONLY**

<b><u>1. BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>THAT</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS BUDGET AND RELATED FUNDING BILLS</u></b>		
<b>H 750</b>	<b>Miller</b>	<b>Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the School District Property Tax Relief Fund. Requires annual appropriations from the education appropriation minimum to the School District Property Tax Relief Fund. Requires the Department of Revenue to annually certify the amounts of property tax relief grants that school districts will receive from the Fund. Sets forth procedures for appropriating these grants. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases the tax rate for individuals, trusts, and estates from 3% to 5% and increased the tax rate for corporations from 4.8% to 8%. Includes retirement income within the definition of "base income" for certain individuals. Eliminates certain corporate exemptions. Creates the Family Tax Credit, which is a refundable tax credit. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Eliminates exemptions concerning newsprint and ink and concerning manufacturing and assembling machinery. Includes certain arts, entertainment, and recreation services within the definition of "sale at retail" in the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires county clerks to abate the extensions for educational purposes by the amount of the property tax relief grants. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Deletes provisions concerning discounts for timely filing and paying the taxes. Amends the School Code. In the State aid formula provisions, increases the foundation level of support and grant amount for supplemental general State aid. Provides for an education appropriation minimum and supplement State aid for rapidly expanding school districts. Contains various continuing appropriation provisions. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>2R SD</b>

H 4194	Lang	Gaming expansion. Creates the Chicago Casino Development Authority Act. Provides it shall select casino operators to develop and operate a land-based casino in Chicago. Amends Illinois Horse Racing Act and Riverboat Gambling Act to provide for conduct of electronic gaming at tracks. Authorizes an additional gaming license for riverboat gambling. PROVIDES MANY NEW REQUIREMENTS for school districts regarding financial reporting and new responsibilities for the SBE for oversight of school districts in the financial area. See pages 122-145 of the bill.	I	Gaming
H 4130	Dugan	For FY 2008, re-appropriates \$150,000,000 for school construction grants	S	3 R
H 4701	Eddy	Amends General Obligation Bond Act. Increases the authorizations for school construction bonds by \$148,518,304.	S	Rules
H 4921	Dugan	For FY 2009 appropriates \$150,000,000 for school construction grants. IN Appropriations/ <i>Public Safety C.</i>	S	AP
H 5110	Froehlich	Creates Gambling Expansion Referendum Act. Requires a statewide advisory referendum at 08 election. "Should the General Assembly pass a massive expansion of legalized gambling in Illinois, an expansion that may include creating a new major casino in Chicago and one or more new riverboat casinos, allowing 24-hour gambling at racetracks and online gambling, thereby putting Illinois third in the nation , after Nevada & New Jersey in the overall size of legalized gambling?"	I	GA
H 5972	Eddy	Makes supplemental appropriation of \$150,000,000 for School Construction Fund for grants to school districts for projects authorized by the School Construction Law.	S	Rules
S 437	Maloney McCarthy	Provides that subject to appropriation, each State Scholar who enrolls in a higher education institution in Illinois shall receive a one-time grant of \$1,000. <b>On the Governor's desk for signing.</b>	I	Passed Both Houses
<b>S 2288</b>	<b>Meeks &amp; Lightford</b>	<b>Amends the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act, and the Property Tax Code. Increases the income tax rates for individuals, trusts, and estates from 3% to 5% of the taxpayer's net income and increases the rate of income tax for corporations from 4.8% to 8% of the taxpayer's net income. Creates an income tax credit for families with incomes below certain levels. Creates the School District Property Tax Relief Fund, and requires the General Assembly appropriate certain amounts into the Fund. Provides that grants must be made from the Fund to school districts. Requires that property taxes be abated in school districts by the amount of the grants from the Fund. Creates the Higher Education Operating Assistance Fund, and requires the General Assembly to appropriate certain amounts into the Fund. Requires certain distributions from that Fund. Creates the Invest in Illinois Fund for the purpose of funding the cost of issuance, interest, fees, principal payments, and other debt service on Invest in Illinois Bonds and requires appropriations into the Fund. Creates the Capital Strategy Board to make recommendations concerning the issuance of bonds. Contains several continuing appropriation requirements. Amends the School Code. Creates the Early Childhood Fund to support the Illinois Early Learning Standards and their use in early childhood programs and other programs. Makes changes concerning special education reimbursement for personnel. With respect to the State aid formula, makes changes concerning the foundation level of support, creation of the School Improvement Partnership Pool Fund, and supplemental general State aid. Provides that the General Assembly shall appropriate from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund an Education Appropriation Minimum. Effective immediately.</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>2 R</b>
<b>2. BILLS</b>	<b>THAT</b>	<b>ADDRESS PARTS OF THE SCHOOL CODE (SC)</b>		
H 4180	Fritchey	Amends Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act. Changes title by removing "and Student Prayer." <i>Allows</i> brief period of silence at opening of school day. See H 4146 and S 1876	S	Passed H in S

H 4186 H 1	W. Davis	Renames Silent reflection and Student Prayer Act to “Student Silent Reflection Act. See H 4180 and S 1876. A. Removes provision required period of silence shall be opportunity for silent prayer.	S	EI/S Held
H 4232	Lang	<p>SC. Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget Act and the School Code. Provides that anything submitted by the State Board of Education to the Governor or the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget under the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget Act must also be submitted simultaneously to the General Assembly. Terminates the term of each member of the State Board of Education who is in office on the effective date of the amendatory Act and provides for new appointed members to take office. Provides for successors to be appointed for terms of 6 (instead of 4) years. Establishes a Nomination Panel to provide a list of nominees to the Governor for appointment to the State Board. Provides that members of the Nomination Panel must be appointed by majority vote of the following appointing authorities: the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State. Provides that candidates for nomination to the State Board may apply or be nominated. Requires the Nomination Panel to recommend 27 nominees for appointment to the State Board. Provides that the Governor may choose only from these nominations, and, after reviewing the nominations, the Governor may select 9 nominees, including the chairperson, for appointment to the State Board, to be confirmed by the Senate. Provides that if the Governor does not select all appointees within a certain timeframe, the Nomination Panel may appoint those members not yet selected for appointment by the Governor. Provides that appointments by the Governor and Nomination Panel must be confirmed by the Senate by two-thirds of its members by record vote. Provides that any appointment not acted upon within a certain timeframe shall be deemed to have received the advice and consent of the Senate. Makes changes concerning vacancies on the State Board. Provides that the State Board may remove for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office any member of the State Board by a two-thirds vote in favor of removal. Makes changes concerning the appointment of a State Superintendent of Education. Creates a State Board of Education Advisory Board. Adds provisions governing ex parte communications received by the State Board, the State Superintendent of Education, or other State Board employee from the Governor or his or her official representative, employee, or attorney. Makes other changes. Contains a severability clause. Effective immediately.</p> <p><b>House Amendment No. 2</b>  Requires the State Board of Education to provide the General Assembly with a separate budget that shows what is need to fully fund all State mandates and to meet the educational needs of this State (instead of an "ideal world" budget that shows what is needed to fully fund everything). In the Section of the School Code concerning the powers and duties of the State Board, provides that there is no rulemaking authority under the amendatory Act, but that the Governor may suggest rules by filing them with the General Assembly and requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact the suggested rules into law, or take other appropriate action in the General Assembly’s discretion. Provides that the State Board of Education Advisory Board shall be composed of members of the General Assembly. Makes changes concerning the selection of co-chairpersons and reimbursement for necessary expenses. Makes a technical correction.</p>		
H 4268	M Davis	SC Provides if a student has been expelled from an attendance center, school district must permit the student to transfer to another attendance center within the district for the remainder of the expulsion.	I	EI/S
H 4308	Kosel	Education for Homeless Children Act. Changes definition of “school of origin” from the school that the child attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled to the school <i>last legally attended</i> by the child. See S 1886	I	EI/S
H 4437 H 1	Flowers	<p>SC. Provides school board shall require students who participate in an interscholastic athletic program to undergo an electrocardiogram (EKG) test. SBE to determine rules.</p> <p>A. Governor’s rules limitation.</p>	I	EI/S Held
H 4441	Flowers	SC. Allows children who have attended preschool and will attain the age of 5 on or before December 31 beginning in 08-09 to attend school upon commencement of such term. (Now 9/1).	I	2 R SD

H 4442	Flowers	SC. Provides a student who must be transferred from one attendance center to another because of overcrowding must be only transferred to a school that is not on the academic watch list.	I	EI/S
H 4471 HA 1	Dugan	Amends Missing Children Records Act. Provides every child enrolled in public or private early childhood preschool, day care, shall provides a copy of a certified copy of a birth certificate (not just newly enrolled children. A. Birth C. only must be furnished once in the same school.	I	EI/S
H 4534	Gordon	SC. Requires SBE to develop a streamlined system in which school boards report to the SBE instances in which misconduct by a teacher that involves a child leads to the teacher's dismissal or resignation. Specifies criminal background checks for teachers seeking a certificate or renewing a certificate – including fingerprints.	I	EI/S
H 4537	Flider	SC. Requires SBE to promote and implement an annual campaign about disability history and awareness, two weeks in Sept. and Jan. Requires schools districts to provide in each grade instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the rights movement. Can be included in regular courses of study.	I	EI/S
H 4642	Jakobsson	Sc. Requires SBE to compile information on how to educate teachers and others about the unique needs of gifted and twice-exceptional children; and how to train teachers in researched based methods for identifying and teaching these children ; and research-based guidelines for unique programming for twice exceptional children. SBE must provide information to each school district.	I	EI/S
H 4727 H1	Reitz	SC. Provides a student who becomes a non-resident during a grading period, instead of a school term shall not be charged tuition for the remainder of the grading period, except if about to graduate from high school – can remain to the end of the year. A. Governor's rules limitation.	I	Passed H in S
H 4812 H 1	May	Provides that Central Management Services Department must require every state-owned building to establish a green cleaning policy purchasing and using only environmentally-sensitive cleaning products. Amends the Green Cleaning Schools Act. A. Governor's rules limitation.	I	2 R SD
H 4822 H 1	Coulson	SC. Makes changes concerning special education students, providing when a student turns 14 & ½, IEP must include goals regarding transitions to adulthood. More provisions. A Governor's rules limitation.	I	2 R SD
H 5041	Boland	SC. Requires school board with grades 10-12 to adopt a policy that conditions the receipt of a high school diploma by a student who is 18, upon that student's provision of proof that he/she has obtained a valid voter's registration, provided student meets other voter eligibility requirements.	I	Rules
H 5188	Pihos	Amends Illinois School Student Records Act. Provides that a confidential communication made by a student 12 or older or by a parent of a student 12 or older must not be disclosed without the voluntary written consent of the person who originally disclosed the information. Provides information of a student under 12 may be disclosed to the parent of the student. Other provisions for special circumstances.	I	Jud I

H 5325	Smith	SC. Authorizes the SBE to administer a Continued Reading Improvement Grant program. Subject to appropriation, many specifics in additional provisions.	I	El/S
H 5338	Lindner	SC. Requires SBE along with DPH to develop and make available to each school board, guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies. Requires each school board to implement a plan based on the guidelines to manage those students.	S	Ex/S
H 5493 H 1	Watson	SC Encourages school boards to implement American Sign Language (ASL) in school foreign language curriculum. Amends acts relating to public universities to provide ASL constitutes a foreign language for meeting those requirements. A. Governor's rules limitation.	I	2 R SD
H 5619	Fritchey	SC. Provides a school district shall prohibit a high school student from participating in extracurricular athletics if he/she has a semester grade point average of less than a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for the 2 preceding semesters in any of grades 9 – 12.	I	El/S
S 1876	Rutherford	Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act. Amends to allow rather than require a brief period of silence at opening of school day. See H 4180 and 4186.	S	Rules
S 1886	Radogno	Education for Homeless Children Act. Changes definition of "school or origin" from school child attended when permanently housed or school in which child was last enrolled to the school last legally attended by the child. See H 4308	I	Rules
S 2091	Haine	SC. Provides it is duty of States Attorney to notify State Superintendent of Education upon any certified person convicted of certain offenses or felonies. Many other provisions specifying offenses for which a school board may not knowingly employ a person and revocation of certificates.	S	ED Held
S 2170	Murphy	SC. Provides that teachers may inspect and search places and areas owned or controlled by the school, as well as personal effects left in those places and areas by students without notice or consent of the student and without a search warrant, based of reasonable suspicion based o professional experience and judgment in performing inspections and searches. Establishes other provisions for reasons and procedures.	I	Rules
S 2328	Dillard	SC. Requires the Pledge of Allegiance be recited prior to the observance of the required brief period of silence at the opening of each school day by pupils in elementary/secondary public schools. (Now no time of day or order is specified).	I	Ed Held
S 2387	Collins	SC. Adds homeownership, mortgage information to consumer education course.	I	2 R
S 2481	Lightford	SC. Removes provision that person who holds a valid out-of-state certificate is not required to take the basic skills and subject matter tests; and the one that requires a provisional certificate holder to pass the exams within 9 months; and the one that provides that a failure to pass the tests shall result in cancellation of a provisional certificate.	I	Rules
S 2482	Lightford	SC. This is another clean up of the school code. Many, many provisions.	I	ED Post-poned

S 2487	Forbe	SC. Makes changes in the Conversion and Formation of School Districts Article with respect to voting on a bond issuance, information in the petition filing notice, presentation of evidence at a hearing, and many, many related issues. Makes changes concerning transportation for pupils in certain districts that have been converted to a unit district.	I	2 R
S 2500	Demuzio	SC. Provides that, with certain exceptions, persons who begin serving as superintendents shall participate in a new superintendent mentoring programs established by the SBE. Additional related provisions.	S	2 R
<b>S 2512</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>SC. Provides beginning 09/10 school year, school districts must incorporate into the curriculum a component on internet safety to be taught a least once each year in students grade 3 or above. SBE to develop a model curriculum and materials for parents.</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>ED Held</b>
<b>3. BILLS</b>	<b>THAT</b>	<b>ADDRESS CHARTER SCHOOL ISSUES</b>		
H 4913	Golar	SC. Requires – rather than permits – a charter to be revoked or not renewed if the charter school did not do certain acts or otherwise failed to comply with the requirements of the Law.	S	EI/S
H 5085	Turner	DC. Establishes the Illinois Charter Public School Commission as an independent, State-level, charter school authorizing entity working in collaboration with the SBE. Includes provisions for the Commission’s powers and duties,	I	Rules
H 5364	Burke	SC. Makes many changes concerning local financing for charter schools, definition of employer, SBE direct payments to charter schools for categorical funds, SBE direct grants to “superior” charters of up to 25% of per capita grants, applications for school construction project and debt service grants. Many specific provisions.	I	Rules
S 2402	Martinez	SC. Raises the total number of charter schools operating at any one time to not exceed 200 (presently 60). Other provisions.	I	ED Held
<b>4. BILLS</b>	<b>THAT</b>	<b>ADDRESS SCHOOL FUNDING ISSUES</b>		
H 4093 H 1	Colvin Collins	Appropriate \$1.9 million to fund expansion of drug school programs modeled after Cook County drug school program. A. Makes effective date 7/1/08.	I	Passed H in S
H 4181	Poe	SC. Subject to appropriation, requires tax-equivalent grant to be paid to any school district where a State-owned institution is located. (Instead of if 45% + of land in district is state owned.	I	Rules
<b>H 4226</b> <b>H 1.2</b>	<b>Eddy</b>	<b>SC. Provides that State reimbursement for transportation include pupils enrolled in early education programs. A 1, includes summer school early childhood students, A 2 Governor’s rules limitation. See S 2352</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Passed H in S 1 R</b>
H 4266	Mathias	SC. Requires SBE to reimburse school districts for interest not earned on general State aid allocations beginning in August 2007 due to delay in implementing the FY 2008 State Budget.	I	EI/S
H 4309 H 1	Reis	SC. Amendment becomes the law – very complicated provisions for closing a school building for a condition beyond the control of the district – can claim a full day of attendance for a maximum of 2 school days based on certain statistics.	I	Passed H
H 4522	Pritchard	SC. Requires that all monies to be made every month to school districts be made in the fiscal year for which they have been appropriated in 1/22 payments, instead of 1/24 of the appropriated amounts. (Makes the payments due August through June instead of July). See S 1955	S	Passed House S 1 R

H 4705 H 1	Currie	SC. A. Becomes the bill, Allows for continuation of distribution of funds to achieve the goal of “Preschool for All Children” by removing certain provisions that limit this distribution to June 20, 2010.	S	2 R SD
H 4753	Mathias	Amends Income Tax Act. Allows an income taxes credit for each individual taxpayer who is a teacher in a school in Illinois. Credit may not exceed \$500. Provides rules to obtain credit.	I	Rev
H 4759	Wait	Creates the School District Income Tax Act. Allows school districts to tax income after referendum approval of district residents and record owners of property in the district. Many other related provisions regarding the tax, and limits on it.	I	Rev
H 4771	Winters	SC. Provides that a school district may verify, no more than every other month, a student’s verification of eligibility for the school breakfast/lunch program, free breakfast/lunch program or the summer food services program.	I	El/S
H 4772	Coulson	SC. Increases the special ed. Reimbursement to school districts for teachers, professional workers, directors, school psychologists, and non-certified employees by \$1,000 each school year from 2007-08 through 2010-2011.	I	Rules
H 4773	Coulson	SC. Increases special ed. Reimbursement amounts from \$9,000 to \$11,000 for teachers, professional workers, directors, and school psychologists, and from \$3,500 to \$4,900 for non-certified employees for the 2007-08 year and thereafter.	I	Rules
H 5098	Miller	Amends Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides a school board may, with referendum approval provide that the aggregate extension of the school districts does not include any extension made for fire prevention or safety purposes, or for the principle/interest on fire prevention and safety bonds. Ed. Would take fire & safety levy out of tax limitation of district.	S	Rev
H 5262	Coulson	appropriation of \$21 million to be used exclusively for school districts that will receive less funding in the 07-08 school years as a result of PA 93-1022 (changed way school districts receive funds for special education). See S 1874.	S	Rules
H 5611 H 1	Jefferson	SC. Subject to appropriation, requires SBE to provide a program for stipends to teachers who choose to teach at hard-to-staff public schools. Defines requirements and amounts of stipends. A. Governor’s rules limitations.	I	2 R. SD
H 5769	Ryg	SC. Makes changes concerning school districts certified to be in financial difficulty, a district’s account audit, removal of school board members, and many other provisions.	I	El/S
S 1874	Forbe	Makes a supplementary appropriation of \$21 million to be used exclusively for school districts that will receive less funding in the 07-08 school year as a result of PA 93-1022 (changed way school districts receive funds for special education) See H 5262.	S	Passed S in H Rules
S 1955	Lightford	SC. Requires that all monies to be made every month to school districts be made in the fiscal year for which they have been appropriated in 1/22 payments, instead of 1/24 of the appropriated amounts. (Makes the payments due August through June instead of July). See H 4522	S	3 R
S 2013	Garrett	SC. Increases reimbursement to school districts for special education staff by specified amounts until 2014, and thereafter by the Consumer Price Index.	I	Rules

S 2352	Wilheimi	SC. Provides that State reimbursement for transportation include pupils enrolled in early education programs. See H 4226	I	2 R
S 2414	Demuzio	SC. Concerning compilation of average daily attendance, and allowing a session of 3 or more clock hours but less than 5 to be counted as a day of attendance, makes changes to days that are used for parent-teacher conferences. Authorizes district to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes on certain school holidays if district holds a public hearing similar to the waiver process.	I	Rules
<b>5. BILLS</b>	<b>THAT</b>	<b>ADDRESS THE JUVENILE COURT ACT (JCA)</b>		
HR 900	Lindner	Resolution urges the Governor to fully implement PA94-696 that created the Department of Juvenile Justice, (by naming a permanent director, board members and other personnel required by the law) by December 1, 2008	S	Adopted 2/15/08
H 4204	Ford	DOC & JCA Provides that DOC will establish by contracts with public and private vendors, regional crisis residential centers with semi-secure facilities. Structured as group care facilities. Many specific provisions. Provides minor admitted to a facility shall remain for at least 24 hours but not for more than 5 consecutive days.	I	Jud 1
H 4384	Molaro	CC. Provides a person who has been sentenced to life without possibility of parole (LWOP) for a crime committed when under 18, may after serving 10 years, submit an Application for Review and Assessment. May provisions and details.	I	JJR
H 4894	LaVia	Creates Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy Act. Makes office responsible for coordinating and assisting with strategies to prevent violence and gang involvement. Provisions to create the office and provide staff.	I	Rules
H 4927 H 1	LaVia	JCA. Provides that if a parent/guardian/custodian of a minor has been convicted 2 or more times of the offense of participation in methamphetamine manufacturing, the court shall automatically terminate that person's rights to the minor's custody. A. Governor's rules limitation. See S 2401.	S	2 R SD
H 5084	Turner	JCA. Provides that immediately upon filing of a petition for a detention or shelter care hearing in the case of a minor retained in custody, the court shall cause counsel to be appointed to represent the minor. No hearing to be held until minor has consulted with counsel.	S	Rules
H 5229 H 1	Hernandez	JCA & CC. Provides added to prison terms imposed on gang members under 21, a requirement for community service; obtaining an GED if not a high school graduate; and complying with a curfew. A. Provides court may decide not to impose restriction on gang members under 21. Names curfew 10pm weekdays, 11 on weekends. Other provisions,	I	2 R SD
H 5317	Crespo	JCA. Provides if a minor is found to be delinquent because of a gang-related offense, the parent can be ordered to attend anti-gang violence parenting classes. Many provisions that DCFS shall establish curriculum as well as other provisions related to use of firearms.	I	Jud II
H 5343	Collins	<b>JCA. Provides that persons under 18 years of age (rather than 17) who commit offenses are subject to the proceedings under the JCA. Effective January 1, 2010. See S 2275</b>	S	JJR

S 2117	Raoul	JCA. Provides a minor under 17 (now 13) accused of homicide or certain other serious offenses must be represented by counsel during the entire custodial interrogation of the minor.	S	Jud/CR Post-poned
S 2118	Raoul	JCA. Provides that immediately upon filing of a petition for a detention or shelter care hearing of a minor, the court shall cause counsel to be appointed to represent the minor.	S	3 R
<b>S 2275</b>	<b>Cullerton</b>	<b>JCA. Provides that persons under 18 years of age (rather than 17) who commit offenses are subject to the proceedings under the JCA. Effective January 1, 2010. See H 5343</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Jud/CR Post-poned</b>
S 2354	Raoul	JCA. Provides for court ordering a child into foster care, shelter care or detention if it is in the best interests, health or safety of the minor, because the minor's home cannot provide the quality of care and level of support and supervision the minor needs, even through no fault or lack of concern by a parent. Other provisions.	I	Jud/CR Post-poned
S 2401	Holmes	JCA. Provides that if a parent/guardian/custodian of a minor has been convicted of the offense of participation in methamphetamine use and manufacturing, and the minor has been found to have been abused, the court shall expedite the termination of that person's rights to the minor's custody. Other related provisions. See H 4927	S	2 R
S 2821	Raoul	Creates the Interstate Compact for Juveniles Act of 2008. Provides for adoption by Illinois of the updated Compact. Establishes purposes, and implementation in cooperation with the DHS with regard to non-offender juveniles subject to the Compact. (Ed. note: the Compact is an interstate agreement within the juvenile justice system to address the needs of juveniles who move between states, including supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents and status offenders who have escaped or run away. Many other provisions. This act would update the agreement, and be adopted by each state to better address public safety, enforcement, accountability, and communications among states.)	S	2 R
<b>6. BILLS</b>	<b>THAT</b>	<b>ADDRESS CHILDREN &amp; FAMILY SERVICES ISSUES</b>		
H 4212 H 1	Currie	CFSA. Requires DCFS to develop and administer a program of information and services for caregivers, particularly older caregivers of children previously in DCFS custody, with respect to future care and custody of those children. A. Governor's rules limitation.	S	Passed H in S 1 R
H 4455	Harris	Appropriates \$7 million to DHS to provide shelter and transitional housing & employment assistance for homeless youth.	S	Passed H
H 4590	Flynn Currie	DCFS Act. Provides that by July 1, 2012 the per child payment rate for various categories of foster care expenditures allowable under federal law shall rise to 100% of foster care minimum adequate rates for children established in October 2007.	S	Passed H in S
H 5095	Lang	In addition to other amounts, appropriates \$24 million from the General Revenue Fund to DCFS to increase cost of care reimbursement rate for foster parents of wards of the State.	I	2 R SD
H 5866	Flowers	DCFS Act. Many provisions concerning Family preservation services to children subject to certain juvenile court actions.	I	HS
<b>7. BILLS</b>	<b>THAT</b>	<b>ADDRESS THE VEHICLE CODE (VC)</b>		
<b>H 4413</b>	<b>Coulson</b>	<b>VC. Provides beginning 7/1/09 new school busses shall be equipped with seat safety belts for each passenger. Requires SBE to adopt rules on wearing belts. Other provisions to protect bus driver from liability.</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Rules</b>

H 4739	Black	VC. Provides that a person may not use a wireless telephone while driving except if it is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free operation, and is used in that manor. Fine of \$250 if violates the provision.	S	DE/S Tabled
H 5255	Sacia	VC. Lowers the minimum age for issuance of an instruction permit to 14 if the child is enrolled in an approved driver education course, or is enrolled in school meets the educational requirements of the Driver Education Act, and has passed examinations prescribed by the Secretary of State. Makes other conforming changes.	I	DE/S
S 2084	Silverstein	VC. Requires each school bus purchased new to be equipped with seat safety belts for each passenger. Provides SBE To adopt rules for used, and liability.	S	Rules
S 2801	Harmon	VC. Provides a person may not transport a child under 16 as a passenger on a motorcycle or motor driven cycle or pedalcycle unless child is wearing a protective headgear and chin strap. Provides a process for a parent to seek a waiver regarding the headgear.	S	Rules
<b>8. BILLS</b>	<b>THAT</b>	<b><u>ADDRESS THE CRIMINAL CODE (CC)</u></b>		
H 4402	Meyer	CC. Provides is a Class 4 felony for a child sex offender to knowingly offer or provide any programs or services to persons under 18in his/her residence . Other provisions.	I	Jud II
H 4519	Ford	State Police Act. Provides for developing guidelines and training for law enforcement officers to address child safety issues when a caretaker parent is arrested.	S	Jud II
H 4564	Brady	CC. Provides a person commits disorderly conduct when knowingly possesses while on or brings to school property, a “facsimile firearm.” Defines facsimile firearms.	S	Jud II
H 4578	Durkin	Amends Abused & Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that a technology equipment worker who discovers any depiction of child pornography while installing, repairing or servicing an item of electronic information shall report the discovery to local law enforcement.	I	Jud II
H 4780	Reboletti	CC. Creates the offense of traveling to meet a minor, for the purpose of engaging in any illegal sexual act or certain other illegal conduct or to otherwise engage in other unlawful sexual conduct with a child under 18 or with another person believed by the person to be a child after using a computer on-line service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission.. Many qualifying provisions.	s	Jud II
H 4877	Biggins	CC. Provides that committing the offense of filming or creating child pornography is a felony one class higher than possessing these same items.	S	2 R SD
H 4878	Reboletti	CC. Provides that person committing offense of indecent solicitation of a child by knowing use of a computer on-line service (of any kind) increases felony one class higher if not using a computer service etc.	S	Jud II
H 4879	Munson	CC. Provides person is guilty of a Class X felony (term of not less than 9 or more than 40) if knowingly films videotapes etc. pornography of child under 18, or one who is retarded.	S	Jud II

H 4880	Reboletti	CC. Creates offense of indecent solicitation of a parent/guardian of a minor, via computer service/etc. to consent to the participation of minor in any act of sexual penetration or conduct with a person over 17.	S	JJR
H 5021	Boland	CC. Provides prosecution for criminal sexual assault and such related crimes when victim was under 18 at time of offense may be commenced at any time. (Removes statute of limitations.)	S	Jud II Held
S 2382	Millner	CC. Provides a person commits offense who knowingly sues a computer on-line serviced or any kind to attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, etc. a minor or his/her parent to commit any sex act. Many other provisions. Violation a Class 3 felony	S	Jud/CR Post-poned
<b><u>9.BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>THAT</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS GUN ISSUES</u></b>		
H 4357	Acevedo	Makes it illegal to manufacture, deliver, sell purchase or possess assault weapons or ammunition. Defines assault weapons. Grandfathers in owners of weapons before the act is adopted. Many detailed provisions	S	2 R SD Held
H 4393 H 1	Arrovo	CC. Prohibits multiple sales of handguns within a 30 day period. Creates offense of unlawful acquisition of handgun. Provides exceptions. A. Governor's rules limitation.	S	2 R SD
H 4544	Schock	Creates the Family and Personal Protection Act. Establishes statewide uniform standards for the issuance of permits to carry concealed firearms in this state.	O	A/C
H 5227	Hernandez	CC. Provides that the prohibition on the sale or transfer of a handgun without a safety device, applies to sales by private persons as well as by federally licenses firearm dealers.	S	Exec
H 5228	Hernandez	CC. Amends Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides a person may not possess a handgun in the State unless the person has successfully completed a handgun safety course, and been issued a possession permit. Provisions include what course offering will require.	S	Exec
<b><u>10.BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>THAT</u></b>	<b><u>ARE MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>		
H 4140	Molaro	Amends Wrong to Children Act. Provides is unlawful for any coach, parent, teacher or other person to knowingly allow the use of an aluminum bat during a recreational baseball or softball game in which person under 13 is a participant. Penalty is punishable for a fine of \$350 - first offense, \$500 second offense.	I	Jud II
H 4456 H 1, 2	Harris	Creates the Commission on Children and Youth Act. Provides for appointments, goals, recommendations and reports. Forty member commission. Sunsets Jan.1, 2012 A 1. Changes membership of Commission. Delineates responsibilities. A 2. Governor's rules limitations.	I	2 R SD
H 4716	Mendoza	Amends the General Assembly Operations Act. Prohibits a General Assembly member from sponsoring legislation affecting an industry or State agency for which the member's relative lobbies.	I	2 R SD
H 5705	Nekritz	Creates Child-Safe Chemicals Act. Regulates the sale and distribution of children's products or components containing lead or other specified chemicals. Additional related provisions.	S	En/H
H 5928	Mulligan	Amends Children's Health Insurance Program Act. Provides eligibility and benefits may be expanded only as authorized by laws and may not be expanded by any other means, including agency rules or policy changes.	I	Exec

H 6297	Miller	Amends by expanding the Children's Health Insurance Program Act. Expand eligibility many, many provisions	I	Rules
S 1865	Noland	Amends parental Responsibility Law. Increases limitation on damages recoverable under that law from \$20,000 to \$200,000.	I	Jud I HELD

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