

**96th GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION**

Dear PTA Advocates:

The Second Session of the 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is underway, although legislators will not meet again until February, bills will be introduced in “Perfunctory Sessions.” The final day to submit "substantive bills" in both chambers is February 11.

This is our first bill list of the Session. We will keep you informed through the regularly updated Bill List, which can be located on the Illinois PTA website, [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org), under the **Take Action/Current Bill List** menu. If you want to read the full text of a bill, please refer to the Illinois General Assembly website at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).

Our “shorthand” used in this report can be found in the Commonly Used Abbreviations and Terminology at the conclusion of this bill list.

**Everyone knows that our state is in terrible financial trouble, with a budget deficit most commonly considered about \$13 Billion (with a B). As a result of our concern for the education and welfare of the children of Illinois, the Illinois PTA continues to strongly support HB174 as a means of addressing the needs of our state and its citizens, especially those who are unable to speak for themselves—our children. HB 174 is a version of HB 750, which the Illinois PTA has supported for years (and years). HB 174 includes an income tax increase, but provides protection for low income citizens and minimal property tax relief.**

Should you have questions regarding the legislative activity we are following, please do not hesitate to contact the Legislation Team. Barbara Quinn, Legislation Chairman, (847) 985-9078, [bquinnpta@aol.com](mailto:bquinnpta@aol.com); or you may contact Gretchen McDowell, State Legislation Consultant, (773) 238-0885, [gretmcdowell@aol.com](mailto:gretmcdowell@aol.com).

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Synopsis	Status	PTA Position
		<b>SCHOOLS/EDUCATION</b>		
<b>HB 80 A 1</b>	<b>Lang/ Eddy Silverstein</b>	<b>Amends Governor’s Office of Management &amp; Budget Act, SC establishing procedure for appointments, replacements on State Board of Education. A 1 Modifies certain of the proposals in the original bill.</b>	<b>Rereferred to C on Assignment</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>HB174 SA2 SA3 SA4 SA5</b>	<b>Miller Cullerton</b>	<b>Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. SA2 Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund; amends the Illinois Income Tax Act by increasing the income tax rate for individuals, trusts, and estates from 3% to 5%; for corporations from 4.8% to 7.2%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from 5% to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit from \$500 to \$1,000. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit from 5% of the federal tax credit to 15% in 2009 and thereafter. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are</b>	<b>Passed Senate, In House Rereferred to Rules</b>	<b>S</b>

		taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. <b>SA3</b> Adds a preamble stating that the Act may be referred to as Senate Bill 750 of the 96th General Assembly. Provides that in fiscal year 2010, no appropriation made from general funds to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy may be decreased from its fiscal year 2009 general appropriation level. Makes related changes and technical corrections. <b>SA4</b> In the State aid formula provisions of the School Code, provides that the foundation level of support of \$6,190 is for the 2009-2010 (instead of 2010-2011) school year. Provides that moneys that are transferred to the Common School Fund instead of the Local Government Distributive Fund shall be transferred until July 1, 2010 (instead of July 1, 2009). <b>SA5</b> Increases the corporate income tax rate from 4.8% to 5% (instead of 7.2%).		
HB4711	Eddy	Amends SC, provides that no district is obligated to comply with any statutory or regulatory mandate or requirement unless a separate appropriation has been enacted into law providing funding for the school year during which such mandate is required; additional provisions	Referred to Rules	I
HB4755	Soto	Amends Education for Homeless Children Act, requires SBE to award competitive grants to school districts to facilitate enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children and youth. Other provisions	Referred to Rules	S
HB4780	Chapa LaVia	Amends SC, extends time frame in which school districts, other than Chicago, may transfer moneys from specified funds for any purpose.	Referred to Rules	I
HB4806	Senger	Amends the Safe Schools Law of SC and the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, changes the definition of "disruptive student"; provides that a student whom the school district has deemed to pose a continued and substantial disruption to the school environment may be immediately transferred to an alternative program which shall take place only after a student is allowed to access the due process procedure established by the school district, including notice presented to the student's parents or guardian stating the intent to transfer and an opportunity for the parents or guardian to respond. Provides that pending an adjudication of delinquency for the commission of a forcible felony or for the commission of a sex offense, the State's Attorney shall ascertain whether the minor respondent is enrolled in	Referred to Rules	I

		school and, if so, request permission of the presiding judge of the juvenile court to disclose to the principal or chief administrative officer of the school the portion of the juvenile petition or supplemental petition that is sufficient to bring the minor under the jurisdiction the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.		
HB4879	Eddy	Amends SC, provides that SBE may not deduct number of early education pupils from number of eligible pupils from transportation reimbursement when early education pupils are transported at the same time.	Referred to Rules	I
HB4886	Black	Amends SC, allows school districts to operate on a 4-day school week plan approved by SBE, must ensure minimum 880 hours student contact, in addition to required institute days. Other provisions.	Referred to Rules	I
HB4967	Rose	Amends SC, provides SBE may not deduct early education program pupils from transportation reimbursement if those pupils transported at same time as other eligible pupils.	Referred to Rules	I
HB5034	Flowers	Amends SC, requires all students undergo an electrocardiogram (EKG) as part of comprehensive health examinations.	Filed with Clerk	I
HB5120	Rose	Amends Illinois Vehicle Code, provides school buses <b>must</b> have operational two-way radio or other communication device; provides school bus drivers, while performing official duties, exempted from prohibitions on using such devices while driving in school or construction zones.	Filed with Clerk	S
HB5126	Pihos	Amends SC, provides except in specified provisions, confidential information provided by student or parents to school counselor/intern may not be disclosed without written consent of student or parents; amends State Mandates Act requires implementation without reimbursement. Other provisions.	Filed with Clerk	S
HB5132	Eddy	Amends Children & Family Services Act and Abused & Neglected Child Reporting Act, requires DCFS investigate reports of abuse/neglect of student with disabilities; defines "student with disabilities."	Filed with Clerk	S
<b>SB 750 SA 4, 5</b>	<b>Meeks</b>	<b>Creates the Education Investment and Revenue Reform Act. This bill continues to be amended with an income increase from 3 to 5%, and many other provisions. (Ed. note. This is not all the PTA wants but it appears to be one of the best we can get at this time. So, we need to support this move forward.) HB 174 also addresses similar issues.</b>	<b>Referred to Assignments 8/15/09</b>	<b>S</b>
SB 2494	Meeks	Amends SC. Creates Illinois School Choice Program. Provides any State-certified, non-public school wishing to enroll eligible students and be reimbursed for vouchers available under specified provisions shall notify the SBE. Provisions concerning eligibility, calculation of vouchers and how they may be used by parents.	Referred to Assignments	O
SB 2495	Meeks	Amends Charter Schools Law in SC. Deletes language that specified the total number of charter schools that are permitted to operate at one time under the Law.	Referred to Assignments	I
SB 2496	Meeks	Amends SC. Provides a school district must allow non-resident pupils of the school district to attend the schools of the district without charging these students tuition as long as these students are residents of this state. School district does not have to provide transportation.	Referred to Assignments	O

SB 2519	Forby	Appropriates \$17,141,599 from General Revenue Fund to SBE for Funding for Children Requiring Special Education-Hold Harmless, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.	Referred to Assignments	I
SB 2537	Maloney	Amends SC. Creates changes with respect to administrative certificates. Many provisions to allow for obtaining an administrative endorsement.	Referred to Assignments	I
SB 2546	Demuzio	Appropriates \$5,742,500 from Education Assistance Fund to SBE for National Board Certified Teachers for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.	Referred to Assignments	I
SB 2594	Lightford	Amends the S.C.. Deletes language providing that before July 1, 2006 and after June 30, 2010, the State Board of Education shall provide the primary source of funding through appropriations for the grants for preschool educational program and the funds shall be distributed for the benefit of children who because of their home and community environment are subject to such language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages that they have been determined as a result of screening procedures to be at risk of academic failure. Deletes language that provides that screening procedures shall be based on criteria established by the State Board of Education. Removes the date restrictions of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010 on the requirement that the State Board of Education shall provide the primary source of funding through appropriations for the program. Effective immediately.	Referred to Assignments	I
SB 2600	Cullerton	Creates the Pension Reform Act of 2010. This is a shell bill being used by the President of the Senate for Pension Reform.	Referred to Assignments	I
SB 2796	Martinez	Appropriates \$3,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education for the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Initiative. Effective July 1, 2010.	Referred to Assignments	I
<b>CRIMINAL CODE</b>				
HB 4583	Senger	Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that it is unlawful for a minor under 17 years of age to knowingly disseminate any material that depicts nudity or other sexual conduct by electronic transfer or capture of images of the person's self image or image of another minor under 17 years of age. Provides that a violation is a Class B misdemeanor. Provides that it is unlawful for a minor under 17 years of age to knowingly request another minor under 17 years of age to violate this provision and distribute that image or images to another person or persons. Establishes criminal penalties including suspending the use of electronic devices. See HB 5164.	Juvenile Justice Committee	I
HB 5164	Matthias	Amends Criminal Code of 1961, provides it is unlawful for a minor, under 17, to knowingly disseminate materials of specific sexual nature, to knowingly request other minors to violate this provision, to knowingly obtain an image that violates this provision, and to distribute these images electronically with intent to cause emotional distress or damage reputation of the other person or with the intent to profit. Establishes criminal penalties and other penalties including classes and suspending the use of electronic devices. Other provisions. See HB 4583.	Filed with Clerk	I

SB 2513 SA 1	Silverstein	Amends CC and JJA. Provisions on transfer of juveniles over 15 to the adult court for certain allegations of forcible felonies. ALSO has provisions regarding a minor electronically disseminating indecent visual depiction or him or herself to another person. Person over 18 would be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Younger youths could be adjudicated a delinquent minor under JCA, or subject to discretionary transfer to adult court.	Criminal Law	I
		<b>HEALTH</b>		
SB 1382	Collins	Appropriates \$8.2 Million for grants under Parents Too Soon Program and Healthy Families Program for community-based home-visiting programs for parents of youth high-risk children.	Referred to Assignment	I
SB 2929	Kotowski	Amends S C. Provides that when a student needs to receive any medication in school or during school activities, a medication management plan must be established if the parent or guardian of the student submits a signed request accompanied with sufficient proof of diagnosis of a condition or illness necessitating assistance with administering any medication to the student. Provides that the school principal and the parents or guardian must develop and agree on a plan. Provides that absent a full-time school nurse, the school principal must appoint, supervise, and coordinate the training of a designated health care aide to perform the tasks necessary to assist a student in accordance with the plan. Other related provisions.	Referred to Assignments	S
		<b>JUVENILE JUSTICE</b>		
HB4825	Flowers	Amends Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the permanency plan shall include a finding by the court where conditions that give rise to a finding of parental abuse or neglect or of the minor's dependency have been remedied prior to returning the child home. Changes conditions under which a motion to reinstate parental rights may be filed by the Dept of Children & Family Services.	Referred to Rules	S
HB4847	Turner	Amends Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provided exceptions to court appearance for expungement review, based on military service or attending college out of town.	Referred to Rules	S
HB5007	Turner	Creates the DJJ Review Team Act, amends Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. Provides that upon occurrence of death of any youth in DJJ's custody, the Director of Juvenile Justice shall appoint members and a chairperson to a mortality review team. Provides for membership of the teams. Other provisions	Referred to Rules	I
HB5012	Collins	Amends JCA. Provides that at the successful completion of probation by a first-time offender, a minor may move to vacate a finding of delinquency and the court may enter a judgment of dismissal. Other provisions.	Referred to Rules	S
SB 2589	Luechtefeld	Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that public indecency and sexual exploitation of a child are Class 4 felonies if committed by a person 18 years of age or older who is on or within 500 feet of elementary or secondary school grounds when children are present on the grounds.	Referred to Assignment	S

		<b>SAFETY</b>		
HB4878	Eddy	Amends Vehicle Code. Provides Secretary of State may conduct random drug testing of applicants for instruction permits who are under the age of 18. Provides Secretary of State may not issue a permit to an applicant who tested positive for the presence of any controlled substance or cannabis.	Referred to Rules	I
HB5040	Jakobsson Fortner	Creates Child Safe Chemicals Act. Regulates the sale and distribution of children's products or product components containing cadmium and priority chemicals of high concern. Designates cadmium as a priority chemical.	Referred to Rules	S
SB 2515	Silverstein	Amends VC. Provides beginning July 1, 2011 each school bus that is purchased new shall be equipped with seat safety belts for each passenger. SBE shall adopt rules to ensure that school districts require all passengers to wear seat safety belts. Other provisions.	Referred to Assignments	S
SB 2535	Trotter	Amends VC. Requires every operator and passenger under the age of 18 on a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized pedal cycle to wear a helmet that meets federal safety standards and is properly fastened under the person's chin with a chin strap.	Referred to Assignments	S
SB 2627	Silverstein	Amends V.C. Provides that it is unlawful for any person under the age of 16 to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle on a highway, multipurpose public path, or other public right-of-way unless at all times when the person is so-engaged he or she wears a protective bicycle helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the straps of the helmet. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to be a passenger on a bicycle on a highway, multipurpose public path, or other public right-of-way unless, with respect to any person who weighs fewer than 40 pounds or is less than 40 inches in height, the person can be and is properly seated in and adequately secured to a bicycle safety seat. Provides that it is a civil offense for any parent or legal guardian of a person below the age of 12 to permit the person to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle in an unlawful manner. Provides that it is unlawful to rent or lease any bicycle to or for the use of any person under the age of 16 on a highway, multipurpose public path, or other public right-of-way unless certain conditions are met. Other related provisions	Referred to Assignments	I
		<b>GENERAL INTEREST</b>		
HB 4771	Pritchard	Amends General Assembly Operations Act, provides a bill with fiscal impact be printed on the GA website in its final form for at least five (5) business days before final passage in either chamber of the GA; defines "bill with fiscal impact."	Referred to Rules	I
HB4883	Black	Creates the Appropriations Sunshine Act, provides an appropriate bill must be displayed on the GA website in final form for at least 48 hours before being considered for final passage by either chamber. Other provisions.	Referred to Rules	I
HB 4992	Ford	Amends Lottery Law. Creates the Lottery Supports Schools Fund provides certain lottery revenue be deposited in Fund, and distributed to school districts based on the district's percentage of lottery sales. Other technical provisions.	Referred to Rules	I
SB 1654	Harmon	Amends Lottery Law. Provides State may enter into a Management	Referred to	I

	Agreement with a third party in which party is authorized to manager or operate the Lottery. Many other provisions.	Assignment	
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## COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

We encourage you to use the information below to help you navigate through the Bill Lists. Use the General Assembly website to assist you in finding out more about the Bills we are watching, the members of the committees in both the Senate and the House, and the General Assembly schedule.

These are some of the most common abbreviations you will find: **CC**—Criminal Code; **DCFS**—Dept. of Children & Family Services; **DOC**—Dept. of Corrections; **DPH**—Dept. of Public Health; **IEP**—Individualized Education Plan; **ISBE**—Illinois State Board of Education; **JCA**—Juvenile Court Act; **NCLB**—No Child Left Behind; **SC**—School Code; **VC**—Vehicle Code.

Committee assignments have been completed. Please note some of the common committee abbreviations: **A/C**—Agriculture/Conservation; **AP**—Appropriations; **CPRO**—Consumer Protection; **DD/MI**—Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness; **DHS**—Department of Human Services; **HSELC/R**—Elections & Campaign Reform; **EI/S**—Elementary/Secondary; **EN/E**—Environment & Energy; **W/H**—Environmental Health; **EXEC**—Executive; **HCA&A**—Health Care Availability & Access; **H/HS**—Health & Human Services; **HS**—Human Services; **Jud I**—Civil Law; **Jud II**—Criminal Law, **JUD/CI**—Senate Judiciary, Civil; **JUD/CR**—Senate Judiciary, Criminal; **JCA**—Juvenile Court Act; **JJR**—Juvenile Justice Reform; **L.GOV**—Local Government; **PH**—Public Health; **REV**—Revenue; **R**—Rules; **SGA**—State Government Administration; **SGO**—State Government Operations; **T**—Transportation; **VC**—Vehicle Code.

\* Any committee not found on this selected PTA list may be found on the Illinois General Assembly website.

Procedures commonly referenced: **AV** Amendatory Veto; **CP**—Consideration Postponed; **OCR**—Calendar Order of Resolutions; **On Concur**—passed both Houses, On Concurrence (with amendments); **HA**—House amendment; **SA**—Senate amendment; **2R**—2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; **3R**—3<sup>rd</sup> Reading; **ReRules/Assignments**—re-referred to Rules (House)/Assignments(Senate) (for most bills this means they are dead); **SD**—Short Debate.