

END OF SESSION STATUS REPORT 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FUNDING

HB 174 - Sen. Cullerton (D-Chicago)/Rep. Miller (D-Dolton) - Support

Background: This modified version of SB 750 created nearly \$5 billion in new revenue in the form of a 2 percent income tax increase. Also increases the corporate income tax from 4.8% to 5% and increases the standard exemption an individual taxpayer can claim against the state income tax from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Property tax relief is provided by doubling the state personal income tax credit individuals may claim for the local property taxes paid on their principal residence in Illinois, from 5% to 10%.

Status: HB 174, Senate Amendments 2,3,4,5 passed Senate 31-27-01. Sent to House on Order of Concurrence. House Education Committee concurred with Senate Amendments 2,3,4,5. No other action or vote in full House.

SB 2252 - Rep. Currie (D-Chicago) - Support

Background: This bill proposed Governor Quinn increased the income tax to 5 percent from 3 percent, increased the corporate income tax to 7.2 percent from 4.8 percent, and expanded the sales tax base to include additional services. Bill also phased in a doubling of the earned income tax credit to 10 percent from 5 percent of the Federal tax base.

Status: House Amendments 2 and 4 adopted on House floor. SB 2252, as amended, failed to pass with a vote of 42-74-2.

PENSIONS

SB 39 - Sen. Althoff (R-Crystal Lake)/Rep. Froehlich (D-Schaumburg) - Support

Background: Allows certified teachers that taught out of state and took a leave of absence due to pregnancy to purchase up to 3 years of that credit.

Status: Passed Senate 56-0. House amended language and the bill ultimately became a vehicle bill for another issue.

SB 1186 - Rep. Madigan (D-Chicago) - Support

Background: House floor amendment 1 became the bill requiring full funding of the state pension systems.

Status: House passed it on a vote of 102-0-14. No action in the Senate. Bill remains in Senate Rules Committee.

SB 1734 - Sen. Schoenberg (D-Evanston) - Oppose

Background: This proposal of Treasurer Giannoulas would have consolidated the investment authority of the five state retirement systems.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

K-12 CERTIFIED ISSUE

HB 176 - Rep. Bob Flider (D-Mt. Zion) - Support

Background: Allows a full time tenured teacher, when changing school districts, to have a two year probationary period rather than a four year probationary period provided they have already entered into contractual continued service (tenure) in their previous school district. This IEA supported bill did not receive a vote in the House.

Status: House Rules Committee

SB 123 - Sen. Demuzio (D-Carlinville)/Rep. Flider (D-Mt. Zion) - Support

Background: Allows a full time tenured teacher, when changing school districts, to have a two year probationary period rather than a four year probationary period provided they have already entered into contractual continued service (tenure) in their previous school district.

Status: Passed Senate 59-0. House Rules Committee

ESP ISSUES

HB 498 - Rep. Ramey (R-Carol Stream) - Support

Background: Increases the potential number of accumulated sick leave days for non-certified staff to 240. This IEA supported bill did not receive a vote in the House.

Status: House Rules Committee

HB 3672 - Rep. Jakobsson (D-Urbana)/Sen. Martinez (D-Chicago) - Support

Background: Provides that if an ESP transfers to a different school district, the previously-accrued sick leave is still retained by the ESP. It also provides that once a year of accredited sick leave has been reached at the new district, subsequently earned sick leave days will be removed from the liability of the former district.

Status: PA 96-0299

SB 261 - Sen. Noland (D-Elgin) - Support

Background: Provides that if an ESP does not use the full amount of annual leave allowed, the unused amount shall be allowed to accumulate to a minimum available leave of 240 (instead of 180) days at full pay, including the leave of the current year.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

SB 299 - Sen. Noland (D-Elgin) - Support

Background: Provides that if an ESP has a reduction in force and is then hired at a different school district, the previously-accrued sick leave transfers to the new school district. Provides that once a year of accredited sick leave has been reached at the new district, subsequently earned sick leave days will be removed from the liability of the former district.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

IMRF TRUSTEE LEAVE

HB 380 - Rep. Nekritz (D-Northbrook)/Sen. Garrett (D-Lake Forest) - Support

Background: Allows an elected trustee of IMRF up to 20 days of paid leave allowing them the time to perform their fiduciary duties.

Status: PA 96-0357

SB 153 - Sen. Garrett (D-Highland Park)/Rep. Eddy (R-Hutsonville) - Support

Background: Allows an elected trustee of IMRF up to 20 days of paid leave allowing them the time to perform their fiduciary duties.

Status: Passed Senate 56-0-1. House Rules Committee. Same language in HB 380, which is now law.

HIGHER ED ISSUES

HB 1079 - Rep. Eddy (R-Hutsonville)/Sen. Demuzio (D-Carlinville) - Support

Background: Establishes the Dual Credit Quality Act. This bill takes the recommendations of the Dual Credit Quality Task Force and puts them into law. The purpose of the IEA-initiated Task Force was to streamline the dual credit system in Illinois and guarantee high quality of dual credit classes. IEA was represented by 2 governance members on this Task Force and the underlying resolution was advanced by the IEA Higher Education Council.

Status: PA 96-0194

HB 3652 - Rep. Currie (D-Chicago) - Oppose

Background: Allows retirees of City Colleges of Chicago to become a part of the retiree health insurance program beginning January 1, 2010 and increases the contribution rate for full time community college employees from .5% to .75%. IEA opposed this bill because it increased contribution rates and accelerated the pending insolvency of the plan.

Status: Language was removed from this bill for further discussion. Bill is in House Rules Committee.

SB 1638 - Sen. Trotter (D-Chicago) - Oppose

Background: Allows retirees of City Colleges of Chicago to become a part of the retiree health insurance program beginning January 1, 2011 and increases the contribution rate for full time community college employees from .5% to .75%. IEA opposed this bill because it increased contribution rates and accelerated the pending insolvency of the plan.

Status: Language was removed to this bill for further discussion. Bill is in Senate Rules Committee.

SJR 29 - Sen. Maloney (D-Chicago) - Support

Background: Creates a task force to examine difficulties faced by part time and temporary faculty when they apply for unemployment insurance between jobs. The task force will study cost estimates to higher education institutions and examine the growth of employment of part time faculty.

Status: Adopted Both Houses

ADOPTION LEAVE

HB 548 - Rep. Pihos (R-Glen Ellyn)/Sen. Garrett (D-Lake Forest) - Support

Background: Allows school employees up to 30 days of sick leave that may be used for birth, adoption or placement for adoption. The leave is limited to 30 days unless a longer leave has been negotiated with the exclusive bargaining representative.

Status: Passed Both Houses. Governor vetoed. Same language in SB 35 is now law.

SB 35 - Sen. Garrett (D-Highland Park)/Rep. Pihos (R-Glen Ellyn) - Support

Background: Allows school employees up to 30 days of sick leave that may be used for birth, adoption or placement for adoption. The leave is limited to 30 days unless a longer leave has been negotiated with the exclusive bargaining representative.

Status: PA 96-0051