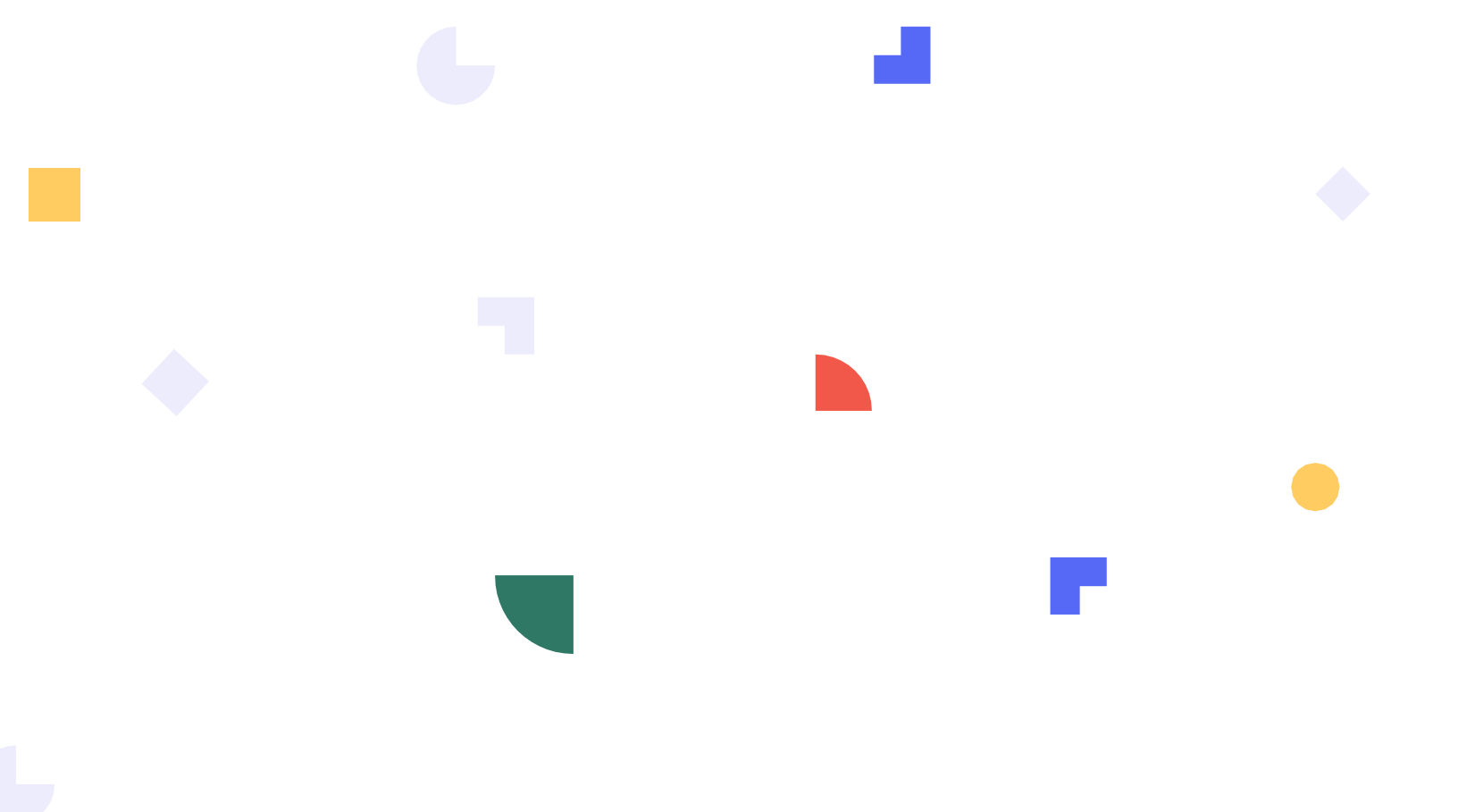




# Illinois Policy Legislative Summary

A comprehensive outline of legislative action taken during the 2024 legislative session that has impact for the state's youngest children, their families and those who serve them

**2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**



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## Start Early's Illinois Policy Agenda

Our vision is for Illinois' early childhood system to be designed, implemented and sustained to successfully achieve Illinois' goal of equitably providing a continuum of high-quality early childhood services to children before birth and through age 5. To best support all of our state's families, services must be culturally, linguistically and ability responsive. Our work is cemented in our commitment to advancing racial equity and heavily informed by research, practice and the lived experiences of the families and professionals we serve at Start Early.

Our latest [Illinois Policy Agenda for Fiscal Year 2024 – Fiscal Year 2027](#), lays out our vision for policy and systems change that will promote access to quality early care and learning programs and services and effectively meet the needs of the children and families who need them most. Below, we share the Illinois Policy Team's key goals for the next four years.

1. Strengthen the Infrastructure of Illinois' Early Care and Learning System
2. Increase Investments in and Strengthen the Design and Implementation of Illinois' Core Early Care and Learning Programs
3. Recruit and Retain a Representative, Well-Compensated and Qualified Early Care and Learning Workforce, With a Particular Focus on Those Who Work With Infants and Toddlers
4. Improve the Health, Mental Health, Economic Security and Well-Being of Young Children and Their Families

As outlined in our policy agenda, we will continue to work broadly across child- and family-serving systems to influence policy change and drive investments that help us reach our goals. We also commit to advancing policy change through systems building; thought partnership/leadership and consultation; coalition and partnership efforts; administrative advocacy, legislative advocacy and outreach and engagement.

Incorporated in our policy agenda are objectives that support the work of:

- [Start Early's Policy Agenda](#), which articulates our views on critical early childhood issues and the policy levers we aim to pull at the *community, state and federal levels* across three areas: next-generation program quality; building connected, comprehensive and equitable systems; and elevating family voice and the role of families
- [Raising Illinois](#), a collective effort to support infants and toddlers through high-quality health care, quality learning experiences and economic security
- Illinois Commission on Equitable Funding for Early Childhood Education and Care, which released a [comprehensive report](#) outlining recommendations for improving and transforming the states early education system

Legislative action aligned with the three above initiatives is notated – example below – throughout this document. This summary represents Start Early-led legislation (which is notated with \*) and other legislative changes led by legislators, advocacy partners, state agencies and others.

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## Executive Summary

During the end of May, 2024, the Illinois General Assembly approved Senate Bill 251 (Public Act 103-0589), the state's Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025) spending plan, which contains historic investments in the early care and education system, including some of the proposed measures outlined in Governor J.B. Pritzker's multi-year *Smart Start Illinois* plan.

Start Early thanks the Illinois General Assembly for approving a Fiscal Year 2025 state budget that includes significant increases in funding for early care and education programs, funding that aligns with Governor JB Pritzker's multi-year Smart Start Illinois initiative.

The final budget, approved by the legislature contains nearly \$250 million in new state funding for child care, preschool and home visiting services and the Early Intervention (EI) program. It also includes money to fund first-year operations for the newly-created Illinois Department of Early Childhood.

Despite these needed and appreciated spending increases, there was disappointment with the final appropriation levels of funding for the Early Intervention (EI) program and the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) scholarship program. In particular, Start Early had been fighting for a greater increase in EI funding, and we believe the approved budget is inadequate to address the ongoing workforce crisis and historic service delays.

*"Illinois' FY 2025 budget will benefit children and families by providing considerable funding to several key early learning programs, and we thank Governor JB Pritzker and the General Assembly for their ongoing commitment to children and families,"* Start Early Vice President of Illinois Policy Ireta Gasner said. *"We remain deeply concerned, however, that the legislature did not appropriate additional funds beyond the governor's proposal for Early Intervention and ECACE scholarships. Timely services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays and a well-prepared and compensated workforce are cornerstones of an equitable early childhood system. This budget is a big step forward, but much more work is needed."*

Here are the specifics:

- **\$158.5 million (27.3%) increase for the child care system at Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for Smart Start Workforce Grants, Quality Contracts, apprenticeships and Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) caseload growth**
- **\$75 million (11.1%) increase for the Early Childhood Block Grant at Illinois State Board of Education for expansion of Prevention Initiative center-based and home visiting programs, Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion programs**
- **\$6 million (3.8%) increase for the Early Intervention (EI) program at IDHS to accommodate caseload growth, but no additional funding for provider rate increases**
- **\$5 million (21.8%) increase for evidence-based home visiting programs at IDHS to expand access to services and address compensation improvements**
- **\$5 million for the ECACE scholarship program, but no additional funding to ensure candidates currently receiving the scholarship can finish their programs**
- **\$14.2 million in operational funding for the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood**

Record levels of service delays continue to plague the EI system – delays linked to a shrinking workforce. Without annual rate increases, providers will continue to leave the program, meaning more infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays will wait for months to receive the life-changing services they are entitled to by law.

In addition, nearly 2,500 current ECACE scholarship recipients will need further scholarship support to complete their degrees. The lack of early childhood educators has resulted in programs and classrooms closing – limiting the opportunity for families to locate effective services for their children.

**The following is a comprehensive outline of legislative action taken during the 2023 legislative session that will have an impact on the state’s youngest children, their families and those who serve them.**

## Early Childhood & General Education

### **HB340 Education-Tech**

Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to send a notice to the parent or guardian of a student who needs special education services with copies of all written material that will be considered by the individualized education program (IEP) team at an IEP meeting and provide the date for when the written material will be delivered or made available to them.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Michelle Mussman (D)  
Senator Ram Villivalam (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0652

### **HB3446 SCH CD-EVID BASED FUND-SPEND**

Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to create an Evidence-Based Funding spending plan tool to make spending plan data available on the Board’s website and allow for the selection and review of an Organizational Unit’s (i.e., school districts, laboratory schools, Regional Offices of Education, and Intermediate Service Centers) planned usage of Evidence-Based Funding. It also requires Organizational Units to indicate in their submission of annual spending plans which stakeholder groups they engaged with to inform annual spending plans and requires the annual spending plans to be integrated in annual school district budgets.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative William “Will” Davis (D)  
Senator Tom Bennett (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0802

### **HB4175 SCH CD-NONPUBLIC DISCIPLINE**

Adds corporal punishment as a physical discipline that is prohibited in schools and defines it as “a method in which a person deliberately inflicts pain upon a student in response to a student’s unacceptable behavior or inappropriate language, with an aim to halt an offense, prevent its recurrence, or set an example for others”. It also prohibits school personnel to engage in, inflict, or cause corporal punishment.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Margaret Croke (D)  
Senator Adriane Johnson (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0806

## **HB4902 SCH CD-SCH IMPROVE PLAN-READING**

Stipulates that support from a vendor or learning partner for a school's continuous improvement plan in English language arts must align with the State's comprehensive literacy plan outlined by the Illinois State Board of Education.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Laura Faver Dias (D)  
Senator Kimberly A. Lightford (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0735

## **HB5057 SCH CD-PRIMARY SCH TEACH TEST**

Attempts to address school workforce issues by removing a provision that does not allow educators or student teachers to student teach or serve as the teacher of record until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Sue Scherer (D)  
Senator Meg Loughran Cappel (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0846

## **HB5407 EDU-HOMELESS CHILD-REPORT/GRNT**

Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to grant funds from the Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant Program to school districts who apply based on the percentage of students experiencing homelessness and removes barriers to accessing these funds. It also expands the ways in which funds could be used like for rental assistance, transportation, emergency shelter, housing case management services, or other housing supports (e.g., clothing and housing supplies).

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Michelle Mussman (D)  
Senator Adriane Johnson (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0744

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## **SB15 EDUCATION-TECH**

Establishes the Chicago elected school board and includes provisions for a phased-in transition to an elected, representative school board paired with strong ethical safeguards. Creates the Black Student Achievement Committee within the Board and a map including electoral district boundaries as well as demographic data and shape files.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Don Harmon (D)  
Representative Ann M. Williams (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0584

## **SB463 EDUCATION-TECH**

Establishes that individuals with valid career and technical educator endorsements or a provisional career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations are also entitled to the same rights and privileges as an educator with a Professional Educator License.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Meg Loughran Cappel (D)  
Representative Maura Hirschauer (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0617

## **SB1400 SCH CD-STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to draft and publish guidance for the development of reciprocal reporting, school bus safety procedures, evidence-based intervention procedures and examples, and rearrangement of students who are suspended out-of-school, expelled, or returning from alternative schools. It also required school districts to make reasonable effort in providing professional development for school personnel on trauma-responsive learning environments.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Kimberly A. Lightford (D)  
Representative Maurice A. West, II (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0896

## **SB2872 SCH CD-RELAXATION ACTIVITIES**

Allows school districts to allot at least 20 minutes a week of student relaxation activities, in addition to and not substituting recess, to enhance their mental and physical health. Activities can include yoga, meditation, breathing exercises, and other stress-relieving practices, and may be conducted in various classes or in partnership with community organizations.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Rachel Ventura (D)  
Representative Laura Faver Dias (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0764

## **SB3164 SCH CD-ASSESSMENT RESTRICTION**

Allows for advanced academic program assessments on children in preschool to second grade.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Mary Edly-Allen (D)  
Representative Laura M. Murphy (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0946

## **SB3606 SCH CD-SPECIAL ED-SEPARATE SCH**

Adds separate public special education day schools to the types of special education facilities and services. It also provides that these facilities and services will receive reimbursement from the State for costs exceeding two times the district's per tuition charge for non-special education students.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Meg Loughran Cappel (D)  
Representative Michelle Mussman (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0644

## Child Welfare & Safety

### **HB4727 VITAL RECORDS-BIRTH RECORD**

Allows for the verification of an individual's status and is a person under guardianship of the Office of State Guardian, with a copy of the court order placing the individual under the guardianship of the Office of State Guardian. It also waives fees for a new certificate of birth if the requests are made by the Office of State Guardian for those under their guardianship..

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative William "Will" Davis (D)  
Senator Patrick J. Joyce (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0682

### **SB3136 FAMILY RECOVERY PLANS**

Creates the state-wide multidisciplinary Family Recovery Plans Implementation Task Force and charges them to review and recommend models of family recovery plans, which plan for medical treatment, recovery services, and referrals to services/resources. The task force will also review and develop recommendations to replace punitive policies with notification policies to child welfare systems. It also removes punitive policies that automatically referred cases to the state's attorney's offices.

#### Chief Sponsors

Senator Cristina Castro (D)  
Representative Mary Beth Canty (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0941

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### **SB3232 ABANDONED INFANTS-HOSPITALS**

Amends the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act by mandating that any presumed parent of an abandoned infant must be provided with the information of child protection agency caring for the child if the presumed parent returns within 30 days.

#### Chief Sponsors

Senator Sara Feigenholtz (D)  
Representative Ann M. Williams (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0958



## Health & Mental Health

### **HB2499 ELECTROLOGIST LICENSE-VARIOUS**

Prohibits the sale of short-term and limited-duration insurance, known as junk insurance, which may appear cheaper but do not have to meet minimum standards under the federal Affordable Care Act. Junk insurance plans often deny coverage to people with chronic conditions and result in higher premiums.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Bob Morgan (D)  
Senator Laura Fine (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0649

### **HB4219 SCH CD-FENTANYL EDUCATION**

Expands fentanyl education to students grade 6-12 and requires the inclusion of age and developmentally appropriate information about the dangers of fentanyl to be provided by a licensed educator, nurse, social worker, law enforcement officer, or school counselor. As developmentally appropriate, students in grades 5-12 may receive information from the Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Resource Guide.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Janey Yang Rohr (D)  
Senator Laura Ellman (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0810

### **HB4653 SCH CD-EMPLOYE TRAUMA TRAINING**

Eliminates redundant references to trauma training requirements for all school district employees and streamlines employee trainings for educators.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Michelle Mussman(D)  
Senator Ram Villivalam (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0603

### **HB4867 HUMAN RIGHTS-HEALTH DISC**

Protects individuals from unlawful discrimination by including and defining reproductive health decisions under the Illinois Human Rights Act. It defines reproductive health decisions as a person's decision to use various reproductive health options, one of which is prenatal, intranatal, or postnatal care.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Anna Moeller (D)  
Senator Laura Fine (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0785

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**HB5087 PHYSICAL THERAPY-TELEHEALTH**

Allows for the use of telehealth for physical therapy if it addresses access issues, enhances care delivery, or increases the physical therapist’s ability to assess the patient in their own environment. It only allows for physical therapy via telehealth from a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant if there is documented hardship (e.g., geographical, physical, or weather-related), telehealth as the primary method is the exception and documentation supports the clinical justification, the patient is able to request in-person care at any point, and the physical therapist shows their capacity to provide in-person care in Illinois.

Chief Sponsors

Representative Lawrence “Larry” Walsh, Jr. (D)  
Senator Cristina Castro (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0849

**HB5142 PREGNANCY/POSTPARTUM CARE**

Governor Pritzker’s initiative on birth equity. It requires, among other provisions, private health insurers to cover all pregnancy, postpartum and newborn care services provided by perinatal doulas or licensed certified professional midwives, including home births, home visits and support during labor. Insurance companies are required to cover home visits by board-certified lactation consultants, including the cost of recommended breast pumps, breastfeeding supplies and feeding aids.

Chief Sponsors

Representative Robyn Gabel (D)  
Senator Lakesia Collins (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0720

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**HB5282 INS CD-MISCARRIAGE/STILLBIRTH**

Requires insurance coverage of medically necessary treatment of a mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorder or condition for all individuals who have experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth to the same extent and cost-sharing as for any other covered condition.

Chief Sponsors

Representative Anne Strava-Murray (D)  
Senator Linda Holmes (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0701

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## **HB5395 NETWORK ADEQUACY-STANDARDS**

A Governor Pritzker initiative called the Healthcare Protection Act, which reforms predatory health insurance practices and patient care. It bans prior authorization for in-patient hospital-setting mental health treatment for adults and children. It also requires insurance companies to conduct 90-day internal audits to ensure their provider directories reflect the reality of healthcare that's available to consumers in that network and obtain prior approval from the Illinois Department of Insurance before large group plans hike rates on consumers. Lastly, it requires health insurance premiums to align with the actual cost of providing healthcare insurance.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Anna Moeller (D)

Senator Robert Peters (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0650

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## **HB5431 PREGNANT PRISONERS-RESTRAINTS**

Requires the Department of Corrections to submit a written report to the Jail and Detention Standards Unit with the number of pregnant committed individuals and the number of miscarriages. Creates further protections for pregnant and postpartum committed individuals who are in custody by prohibiting the use of non-therapeutic restraints and electronic monitoring devices during labor and delivery. It requires access to supplemental nutrition for pregnant or lactating individuals, providing them information about their rights, and - within 14 days - the delivery of medical screenings and the offering of a pregnancy test for all individuals with a uterus.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Kelly M. Cassidy (D)

Senator Mary Edly-Allen (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0745

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## **HR5493 INSURANCE-VARIOUS**

Makes technical cleans up to the insurance code and aligns Illinois law with federal referral requirements for obstetrical and gynecological care.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Thaddeus Jones (D)

Senator Napoleon Harris, III (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0718

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**HB5643 INS CD-PREGNANCY TESTS**

Requires insurance providers to cover at-home, urine-based pregnancy tests. Coverage is limited to two pregnancy tests every 30 days.

Chief Sponsors

Representative Tracy Katz Muhl (D)

Senator Laura Fine (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0870

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**HR564 DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK**

Declares the week of September 23-29 as “Diaper Need Awareness Week.”

Chief Sponsors

Representative Joyce Mason (D)

Current Status: Resolution Adopted

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**SB647 HEALTH-TECH**

This is an Illinois Department of Human Services initiative which combines two existing acts that contain several definitions, intents, and requirements for addressing maternal mental health issues and corrects inappropriate language currently in law around substance use disorders and substance misuse. It then makes changes to the intent of the General Assembly to not only raise awareness, but also help provide information to women and families about maternal mental health conditions, develop procedure for assessing women for maternal mental health conditions, and promote early detection of such conditions. It also requires the Department of Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health, and Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to work in conjunction with the Department of Human Services when developing educational material and requires the consultation of maternal mental health experts and requires the distribution of the education material to occur on or before January 1, 2026, to health care providers who will then deliver the information patients.

Chief Sponsors

Senator Adriane Johnson (D)

Representative Camille Y. Lilly (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0881

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## **SB726 HEALTH-TECH**

Requires the Illinois State Board of Education, in consultation with other partners and informed by previous efforts, to release a strategy for the use of student mental health screenings, include tools for measuring capacity and readiness to implement the screenings and provide a phased implementation report to policymakers on or before April 1, 2025. It requires for the Department of Health and Family Services to provide guidance to managed care organization and other care coordination entities on how to appropriately respond to interventions and requires for the use of additional data resources that will then inform the development of recommendations addressing the leading indicators for elevated behavioral health crisis risks in children. Lastly, it requires the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Team, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, to develop a program that will provide one-on-one in-home respite behavioral health aids for youth in need of intensive supervision.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Sara Feigenholtz (D)

Representative Lindsey LaPointe (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0885

## **SB2658 NEWBORN SCREENING-DUCHENNE MD**

Depending on funds available and federal approval, it requires the medical assistance program to cover all newborn screening tests, including metachromatic leukodystrophy test, at a rate not less than the fee charged by the Department of Public Health. Additionally, the Department of Health must test newborns for Duchenne muscular dystrophy screening tests once certain technical and logistical milestones are met by the Department. To cover these costs, the Department may charge an additional fee, but only after the tests have officially met the required technical and logistical milestones.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Julie A. Morrison (D)

Representative Anna Moeller (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0909

## **SB3130 INSURANCE-VARIOUS**

A state-based marketplace omnibus, which among other provisions, establishes pregnancy as a qualifying life event for special enrollment in a health insurance plan once the state-based exchange is operational.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Laura Fine (D)

Representative Robyn Gabel (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0777

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## **SB3182 BIRTH CERTIFICATE-STILLBIRTH**

It requires hospitals to notify gestational parents of their right to receive a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth following a spontaneous fetal death, occurring during any moment of pregnancy, and inform the gestational patient about options for fetal disposition (i.e., burial or cremation). It also sets requirements of notification for which the Department of Public Health and State Registrar of Vital Records must abide by when informing parents of their rights.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Lakesia Collins (D)

Representative Mary Flowers (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0948

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## **SB3414 INS-CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR**

Requires health insurance providers to cover glucose monitors to all individuals with any type of diabetes who meet the requirements. Coverage includes related supplies and training, effective January 1, 2024 and will be free from deductibles, copays or other cost-sharing requirements starting January 1, 2026. It also includes the stipulations for what administrative rules should include.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Julie A. Morrison (D)

Representative Jenn Ladisch Douglass (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0639

## **SB3529 REPEAL PERTUSSIS VACCINE ACT**

Repeals the distribution of an informational pertussis vaccine pamphlet because there is similar information already required to be provided to patients, parents, or guardians by federal law in the National Childhood Vaccines Injury Act.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Adriane Johnson (D)

Representative Anne Strava-Murray (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-1010

## Workforce & Professional Development/Higher Education

### **HB814 STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH (Veto Session)**

Strengthens the Illinois Department of Human Services' Salary and Staffing Survey by requiring the department, and the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood once child care programs move over in July of 2026, to collect data that will help the state understand child care workforce retention. It will also require for the survey process to incorporate feedback from child care experts who will inform strategies and costs for the purpose of promoting workforce recruitment and retention, and to be updated every four years.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Nabeela Syed (D)  
Senator Mike Simmons (D)

Current Status: Sent to the Governor

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### **HB2161 UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION-FAMILY**

Defines family responsibilities as "actual or perceived provision of personal care to a family member" as defined by the Employee Sick Leave Act. Prohibits hiring or workplace discrimination against an employee with family responsibilities but upholds employers' ability to enforce workplace policy.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Will Guzzardi (D)  
Senator Natalie Toro (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0797

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### **HB4059 CHILD CARE-LICENSING PROGRAM**

Requires the Department of Children and Family Services, to host virtual and in-person licensing orientation programs to help educate potential child care providers about the child care licensing process. The orientations will occur at least twice annually in each Representative District in the state and if requested by individuals, will be offered in a language other than English. Once the child care licensing programs moves over to the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood in 2026, the licensing orientation programs will also move over.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Jackie Haas (R)  
Senator Sue Rezin (R)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0805

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## **HB4491 CHILD CARE FACILITY-STANDARDS**

Allows a child care director or qualified early childhood educator with 2,880 hours worked at the current facility to be present during the opening or closing of the child care program. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt rules to implement this new law.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Laura Faver Dias (D)  
Senator Adriane Johnson (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0821

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## **HB4959 CREATIVE ECONOMY TASK FORCE**

The fiscal year 2025 budget implementation bill, which, among other provisions, codifies into law the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity scholarship program.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Robyn Gabel (D)  
Senator Elgie R. Sims, Jr. (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0588

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## **HR704 PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

Declares May 20, 2024 as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of Illinois. Encourages all residents of Illinois to recognize child care providers, the importance of their work, and the immeasurable value they bring to communities.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Dan Swanson (R)

Current Status: Resolution Adopted

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## **SB461 EDUCATION-TECH**

Extends in-state tuition rates for non-citizen students at Illinois public universities if they meet specific educational and residency requirements, effective July 1, 2026. The University of Illinois Board of Trustees will be allowed to adopt a policy to administer residency classification, for tuition purposes, in line with federal law.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Ram Villivalam (D)  
Representative Aaron Ortiz (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0876



## **SB508 EMPLOYMENT-TECH**

Makes it so Illinois employers are not required to voluntarily enroll in the Electronic Employment Verification System, such as E-Verify. It also restricts employers from enforcing work authorization verification or re-verification standards beyond federal requirements. Requires Employers to provide timely and detailed notice to employees regarding work authorization discrepancies and Employment Eligibility Verification form (i.e., I-9) inspections, in English and any language commonly used in the workplace. Employers may be punished as contempt if they fail to comply with an order of the court and will be required to pay civil penalties to the employee.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Javier Cervantes (D)  
Representative Eva-Dina Delgado (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0879

## **SB2930 NOT FOR PROFIT-DEMOGRAPHICS**

Mandates not for profit organizations who report charitable grants of \$1,000,000 or more, to publicly post aggregated demographic information of their directors and officers on their website within 30 days of filing annual reports. Data must include race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, veteran status, sexual orientation, and gender identity, and must remain accessible on the corporation's website for at least 3 years. Department of Human Rights will oversee the standardization and periodic updating of demographic classifications used for reporting.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Adriane Johnson (D)  
Representative Edgar Gonzalez Jr. (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0635

## **SR896 PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

Declares May 20, 2024 as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of Illinois. Encourages all residents of Illinois to recognize child care providers, the importance of their work, and the immeasurable value they bring to communities.

### Chief Sponsors

Representative Dan Swanson (R)

Current Status: Resolution Adopted

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## Economic Security

### **HB4141 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**

Expands the benefits of the Energy Assistance Act to any member of the household contributing to 30% or more of the household income even if they are not the customer of record.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Nabeela Syed (D)  
Senator Ram Villivalam (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0663

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### **HB4206 LANDLORD/TENANT-ADDITIONAL FEE**

Creates protections for renters by requiring landlords to also accept cash or checks delivered the landlord's business office if the use of a third-party payment portal will impose transaction fees or other charges.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Hoan Huynh (D)  
Senator Rachel Ventura (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0809

### **HB4951 NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT TAX**

The state's revenue omnibus bill, which among other revenue enhancement provisions, establishes a permanent state Child Tax Credit for families eligible for the Early Income Tax Credit and have children under the age of 12. The tax credit will equal \$300-\$600 per family and is estimated to total \$50 million for the 2024 tax year and will total \$100 million in tax refunds after.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Kelly Burke (D)  
Senator Celina Villanueva (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0592

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### **HB5290 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES COUNCIL**

Creates a Medical Debt Relief Pilot Program Fund to be run by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, which will provide medical debt relief for eligible low- and middle- income Illinois residents. To qualify, individuals must have a household income below 400% of the federal poverty level or possess medical debt amounting to 5% or more of their household income. The fiscal year 2025 state budget included \$10 million to fund this effort.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Kelly Cassidy (D)  
Senator Mike Simmons (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0647

## Facilities & Environment

### **HB4819 CD CORR-DOC-LACTATION ROOMS**

Requires the Department of Corrections to provide lactation or nursing rooms for personnel of the Department.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Rita Mayfield (D)  
Senator Adriane Johnson (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0834

### **HB4903 SCH CD-AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE**

Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to compile resources for elementary and secondary schools relating to indoor air quality in schools and requires them to include best practices for assessing and maintaining ventilation systems and potential funding sources that may assist the school in their ventilation needs. The collection of these resources and outreach strategies for their dissemination will be in consultation with community partners.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Laura Faver Dias (D)  
Senator Adriane Johnson (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0736

### **HB5596 DAY CARE-MILITARY CHILDREN**

Exempts day care homes and group day care homes serving children of military personnel from child care licensure.

#### Chief Sponsors

Representative Harry Benton (D)  
Senator Michael Hastins (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0869

### **SB2675 SCH CONSTRUCT-EARLY CHLD GRANT**

Expands the eligibility to the Early Childhood Construction Grant program for not-for-profit early childhood providers that rent or lease from another not-for-profit entity.

#### Chief Sponsors

Senator Ram Villivalam (D)  
Representative Margaret Croke (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0759

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## **SB2980 CHILD CARE-NOTICE OF CHANGES**

Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to post information, on their website, about a licensed child care institution, maternity center, or group home's proposed changes to the age of children they serve served or the area within their facility used by children. It also requires the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt rules to implement the changes, no later than January 1, 2025.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Laura Fine (D)

Representative Suzanne M. Ness (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0770

## **SB3207 CHILD CARE-DAY CARE CENTER**

Allows child care programs to operate for 24 hours or longer and provide care for a child for a period of up to 12 hours if the child's parent or guardian are employed in a position that requires regularly scheduled shifts and a 10-hour period elapses between the child care visits.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Jill Tracy (D)

Representative Randy E. Frese (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0952

## **Infrastructure**

### **SBI CHILDHOOD EDUCATION-TECH**

A Governor Pritzker initiative to authorize the creation of the Department of Early Childhood which aims to improve access to critical early learning and care services by aligning and coordinating programs, data, and policies. It requires the Department to start administering child care licensing, Child Care Assistance Program, evidence-based home visiting programs, as well as infant, toddler, and preschool programs. The new Department of Early Childhood received a \$14.2 million appropriation from the final fiscal year 2025 budget for operational and start-up costs.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Kimberly A. Lightford (D)

Representative Mary Beth Canty (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0594

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## **SB251 \$DOR**

The state's budget for the 2025 fiscal year which includes \$250 million in new state funds for child care, preschool, home visiting, the Early Intervention program. It also mentions funding levels – whether it is an increases, decrease, or no change -- for other state funded programs and services like education, law enforcement, higher education, child welfare, and more.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Don Harmon (D)

Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-589

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## **SB3762 LANGUAGE EQUITY AND ACCESS ACT**

The state's budget for the 2025 fiscal year which includes \$250 million in new state funds for child care, preschool, home visiting, the Early Intervention program. It also mentions funding levels – whether it is an increases, decrease, or no change -- for other state funded programs and services like education, law enforcement, higher education, child welfare, and more.

### Chief Sponsors

Senator Don Harmon (D)

Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-589

## **Other**

### **HB5084 DHS-PUB AID ELIGIBILITY REVIEW**

An Illinois Department of Human Services initiative to streamline and eliminate duplicative reporting requirements for the status obligation and expenditures of the WIC nutrition program, which are currently reported monthly federally.

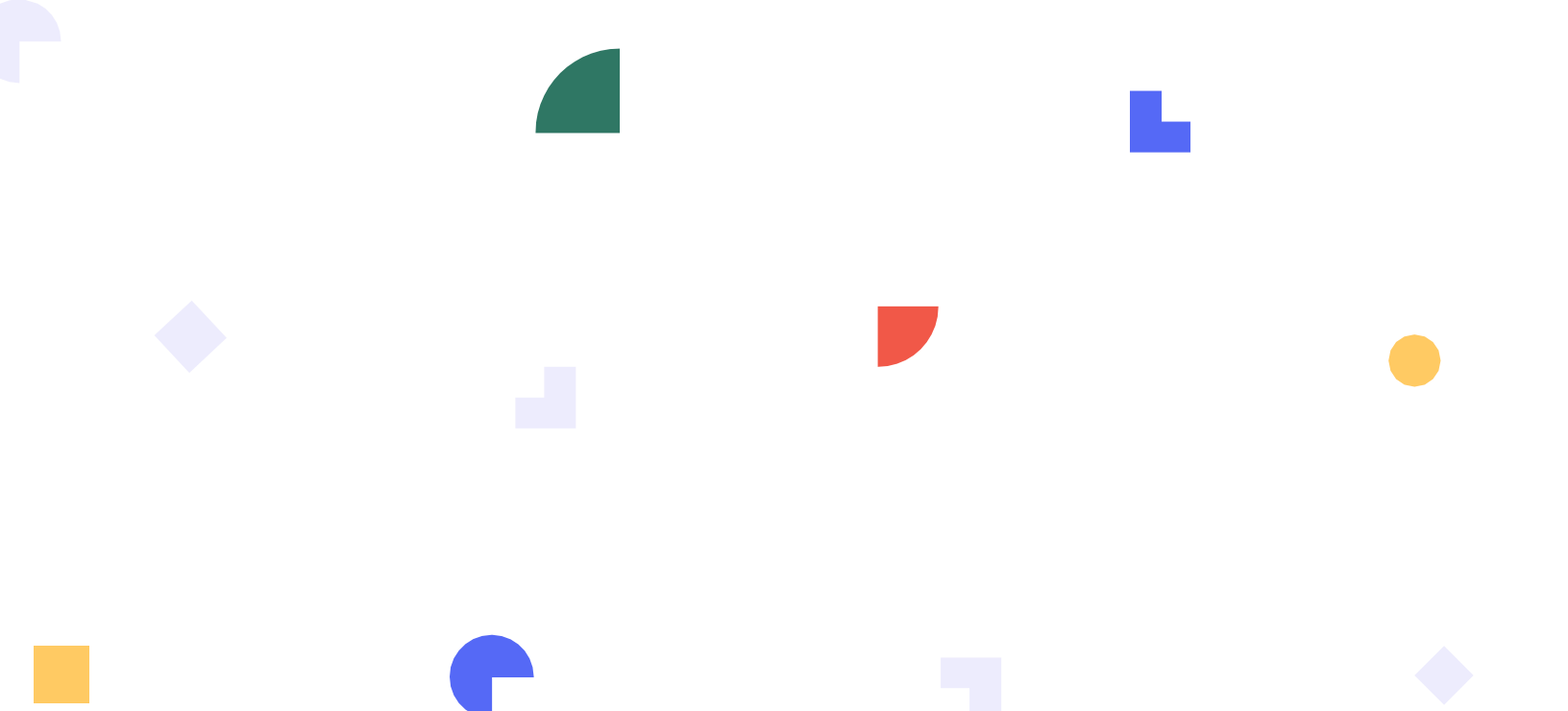
### Chief Sponsors

Representative Lilian Jiménez (D)

Senator Mattie Hunter (D)

Current Status: Public Act 103-0688

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