

OUNCE ILLINOIS POLICY TEAM





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ABOUT THE OUNCE ILLINOIS POLICY TEAM

The Ounce of Prevention Fund has a long history of advocacy work that is rooted in our deep experiences in Illinois. Through legislative, administrative and grassroots advocacy, our Illinois Policy Team seeks to shape the foundational elements of the state’s early childhood system, including major funding streams, legislation and federal and state initiatives. These elements should be designed, implemented and sustained to successfully achieve Illinois’ goal to equitably provide a continuum of high-quality, culturally and linguistically competent early childhood services that children and families need beginning prenatally and through the first five years.

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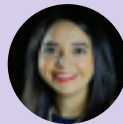
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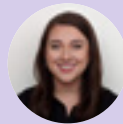
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IMPORTANT SUCCESSES IN THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Illinois General Assembly passed the state's fiscal year 2020 (FY2020) budget, and it provides significant funding for the state's early childhood system. The fully funded FY2020 state budget includes a \$50 million increase to the Early Childhood Block Grant at the Illinois State Board of Education to expand and improve birth-to-five early childhood services.

It also includes funding for Department of Human Services' early childhood programs, including a \$28.8 million increase to the Child Care Assistance Program to expand income eligibility from 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 200% FPL, reduce parent copays, and to commit significant resources to the department for much-needed program outreach and recruitment.

There was a \$12 million increase to the Early Intervention program to accommodate the state's growing caseload and to support a long overdue rate increase. The increase also expands services to ensure that young children exposed to lead are eligible for Early Intervention services.

There was also level-funding for evidence-based home visiting programs for expectant and new parents through the Healthy Families and Parents Too Soon programs.

In addition to these important annual investments, the legislature passed a new capital infrastructure plan that included \$100 million for the Early Childhood Construction Grant Program. In addition to the budget wins, many other bills became law that are important for children and families, the early childhood system and early childhood practitioners.

Legislation supported by the Ounce and its advocacy partners is represented with an asterisk (*).



EARLY CHILDHOOD & GENERAL EDUCATION

**[HB37](#) School Code –
Biliteracy Seal**

Expands the State Seal of Biliteracy to nonpublic high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in one language or more (in addition to English) and have met the criteria to obtain the State Seal of Biliteracy.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Rita Mayfield (D) **Senator:** Terry Link (D)

Status: Signed on August 9, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-222.

***[HB424](#)
Education Tech**

Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to establish the criteria, standards and competencies for a bilingual language interpreter who attends an individualized education program meeting to assist a parent who has limited English proficiency.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Elizabeth Hernandez (D) **Senator:** Iris Martinez (D)

Status: Signed on July 26, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-124.

***[HB2691](#) Retention
of Illinois Students
and Equity (RISE)
Act**

Creates the Retention of Illinois Students and Equity Act. The act states that Illinois is committed to ensuring all students who are residents of the state have meaningful and equitable access to higher educational opportunities regardless of the student's race, color, gender or gender identity, age, ancestry, marital status, military status, religion, pregnancy, national origin, disability status, sexual orientation or order-of-protection status. Provides that a student who is an Illinois resident and who is not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid, including, but not limited to, a transgender student who is disqualified for failure to register for selective service or a noncitizen student who has not obtained lawful permanent residence, shall be eligible for state financial aid and benefits. Provides that a student who is an Illinois resident may not be subject to any caps on grant assistance available under the Monetary Award Program other than those required by state law. Provides that the eligibility requirements for any student aid or benefit funded or administered by the state shall be interpreted to promote the broadest eligibility for students who are Illinois residents in accordance with state law or policy.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Elizabeth Hernandez (D) **Senator:** Omar Aquino (D)

Status: Signed on June 21, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-21.

[HB3586](#) School Code – Special Education Services

Amends the School Code. Provides that the Chicago Public Schools shall publish on the district’s publicly available website any proposed changes to its special education policies, directives, guidelines or procedures that impact the provision of educational or related students with disabilities or the procedural safeguards afforded to students with disabilities or their parents or guardians made by the school or school board. The district must allow for virtual comments on the proposed changes, and the proposed changes must be published no later than 45 days before making that change.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Fred Crespo (D) **Senator:** David Koehler (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective August 30, 2019. Public Act 101-515.

[SB1941](#) Safe School / Healthy Learning

Amends the School Code. Establishes the Safe Schools and Healthy Learning Environments Grant Program and grants under the program. Sets forth requirements for grant applicants and provisions for the distribution of funds appropriated for the program (grant availability is dependent on whether funds are appropriated). Requires the State Board of Education to issue a yearly report on the results of the program in cooperation with school districts participating in the program. Provides that the state board may adopt any rules necessary for the program.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Kimberly Lightford (D) **Senator:** Emanuel Chris Welch (D)

Status: Signed on August 20, 2019, effective August 20, 2019. Public Act 101-438.



HUMAN SERVICES

HB831 Child Abuse Reports – DPH-DHFS

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that whenever the Department of Children and Family Services receives a report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child and the child is alleged to have been abused or neglected while receiving care in a hospital, including a psychiatric hospital licensed by the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Directors of Children and Family Services shall notify the directors of the Departments of Public Health and Healthcare and Family Services of the report and send those directors a copy of the final findings. Sets forth requirements for DPH with regard to documenting, reviewing and investigating unfounded reports involving children alleged to have been abused or neglected while hospitalized.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Stephanie Kifowit (D) **Senator:** Linda Holmes (D)

Status: Signed on July 12, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-43.

HB834 Equal Pay Wage Act – Wage History

Amends the Equal Pay Wage Act of 2003. Addresses the salary gap in Illinois by prohibiting employers from requiring job applicants to disclose their past salary during the interview process. The act is intended to reduce the effects of pay discrimination in past jobs on future pay, a practice that often perpetuates gender- and race-based salary gaps.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Anna Moeller (D) **Senator:** Cristina Castro (D)

Status: Signed on July 31, 2019, effective January 31, 2020. Public Act 101-177.

***HB2118 Medicaid Trafficking Victims**

Extends eligibility for the Victims of Trafficking, Torture or Other Serious Crimes (V TTC) program, to June 30, 2022 which allows individuals to receive medical, food and cash assistance.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Elizabeth Hernandez (D) **Senator:** Jacqueline Collins (D)

Status: Signed on August 9, 2019, effective August 9, 2019. Public Act 101-246.

***[HB2154](#) Children and Young Adult Mental Health Crisis Act**

Creates the Children and Young Adult Mental Health Crisis Act. The act strengthens the state's primary program for children with high mental health needs – the Family Support Program (FSP), formerly called the Individual Care Grant (ICG) Program. This bill raises the eligibility age from 18 to 26, allowing for access to wraparound Medicaid services by young adults (most mental health conditions begin to exhibit symptoms in childhood and young adulthood by the age of 24). Among other changes, requires private insurance plans to cover the evidence-based practices of first episode psychosis treatment, assertive community treatment and community support team treatment under age 26.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Sara Feigenholtz (D) **Senator:** Heather Steans (D)

Status: Signed on August 26, 2019, effective January 8, 2020. Public Act 101-461.

***[HB2444](#) Parental Detention**

Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides circumstances that the court shall consider in favor of release of a defendant who is a parent or guardian of an infant or child. Provides that the defendant is the parent of a child or infant whose well-being will be affected by the parent's absence, and they shall be accorded weight in favor of withholding or minimizing a sentence of imprisonment. Provides circumstances to be considered in assessing this factor in mitigation.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Kelly Cassidy (D) **Senator:** Jacqueline Collins (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-471.

***[HB2649](#) Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force**

Creates the Task Force on Children and Incarcerated Parents. Provides that the task force shall review available research, best practices and effective interventions to formulate recommendations to be presented to the General Assembly and the governor. Makes other changes.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Delia Ramirez (D) **Senator:** Toi Hutchinson (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective August 23, 2019. Public Act 101-480.

***[HB3129](#) TANF – Grant Amounts**

Amends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. The act ensures that when a TANF grant is sanctioned, only the "adult only" portion is sanctioned, not the child portion. Provides that beginning October 1, 2019, and each October 1 thereafter, the maximum TANF benefit levels shall be annually adjusted to remain equal to at least 30% of the most recent poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for each family size.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Mattie Hunter (D)

Status: Signed on July 19, 2019, effective July 19, 2019. Public Act 101-103.

***[HB3331](#) Housing Grants to Homeless**

Amends the Homelessness Prevention Act to allow service providers the discretion to provide up to six months of rental and/or mortgage assistance to individuals and families for arrearages and/or future rents.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Delia Ramirez (D) **Senator:** Laura Fine (D)

Status: Signed on August 9, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-356.

[HB3711](#) Equitable Restroom – Baby Change

Creates the Equitable Restrooms Act and ensures that all public restrooms in a public building have baby changing stations that are physically safe, sanitary, convenient and accessible to both men and women. In addition, it requires signage outside the entrance to restrooms where the baby changing station is located.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Delia Ramirez (D) **Senator:** Ram Villivalam (D)

Status: Signed on August 9, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-293.

[SB1](#) Minimum Wage / Income Tax Credit

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage to \$9.25 per hour beginning January 1, 2020. Provides for annual increases in the minimum wage culminating in a minimum wage of \$15 per hour beginning on January 1, 2025. Makes other changes.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Kimberly Lightford (D) **Representative:** Will Guzzardi (D)

Status: Signed on February 19, 2019, effective February 19, 2019. Public Act 101-1.



CHILD WELFARE & SAFETY

***SB1778 ANCRA Mandated Reporters**

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Bill (1) regroups those who were already mandated reporters into a more categorized/organized list, (2) adds members of the clergy to the list of mandated reports of all child abuse and neglect (previously were only responsible for reporting sexual abuse), (3) clarifies the terms under which a report should be made, and (4) clarifies that any person may make a report. It sets timelines for mandated reporter training, including within three months of hire and at least every three years, unless the reporter's profession sets a different timeline. Clarifies that training must be provided by Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for free. Allows for trainings offered by other approved entities to count toward this requirement, including trainings that are considered a part of the continuing education system for relevant professions. Finally, directs DCFS to undertake a public awareness campaign to promote general knowledge of child abuse and neglect and the state's toll-free reporting hotline.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Julie Morrison (D) **Representative:** Sara Feigenholtz (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-564.

HB1551 Juvenile Court – Family Support Program

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. If a child can return home after being placed in foster care or substitute care, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) must complete a home safety checklist to ensure the child's safety and well-being. Provides that when a report is made by a mandated reporter to the statewide toll-free hotline, and there is prior indicated report of abuse or neglect, or there is a prior open service case involving any member of the household, DCFS must, at a minimum, accept the report as a child welfare services referral. Provides that if children are returned to the custody of a parent at different times, the department or the purchase-of-service agency shall provide a minimum of six months of aftercare services to each child commencing on the date each child is returned home.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Sue Scherer (D) **Senator:** Julie Morrison (D)

Status: Signed on August 9, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-237.



HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH

***[HB1](#) Infant & Maternal Mortality**

Creates a Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality among African-Americans and outlines membership. The task force will work to establish best practices to decrease infant and maternal mortality among African-Americans in Illinois.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Jacqueline Collins (D)

Status: Signed on July 12, 2019, effective July 12, 2019. Public Act 101-38.

[HB2](#) Pregnancy & Childbirth Rights

Creates the Medical Patient Rights Act. Establishes rights of women related to pregnancy and child birth. Provides that the Department of Public Health, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Human Services shall post information about rights outlined in the act on their publicly available websites.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Jacqueline Collins (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-445.

[HB3](#) Hospital Report Card Act

Amends the Hospital Report Card Act. Requires the Department of Public Health to collect information that is reported regarding preterm birth, infant mortality and maternal mortality and use it to illustrate the disparity of those occurrences across different racial and ethnic groups.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Jacqueline Collins (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective August 23, 2019. Public Act 101-446.

***[HB5](#) Maternal Care**

Requires the Department of Human Services to ensure access to substance use and mental health services statewide for pregnant and postpartum women, and to ensure that programs are gender responsive, are trauma informed, serve women and young children and prioritize justice-involved pregnant and postpartum women.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Jacqueline Collins (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective August 23, 2019. Public Act 101-447.

**HB907 Illinois
Department of
Public Health
Mental Health
Resources**

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to create and maintain an online database and resource page on its website. The database and resource page shall contain mental health resources specifically geared toward school social workers, school counselors, parents, teachers and school personnel with the goal of connecting those people with mental health resources related to bullying and school shootings and encouraging information sharing among educational administrators, school security personnel and resource officers.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: John Connor (D) **Senator:** Laura Murphy (D)

Status: Signed on July 12, 2019, effective July 12, 2019. Public Act 101-45.

**HB2146 Health in
All Policies Act**

Creates the Health in All Policies Act. Provides that the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall convene a workgroup to review legislation and make new policy recommendations relating to the health of the state. Provides for the membership and rules and regulations guiding the workgroup.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Robyn Gabel (D) **Senator:** David Koehler (D)

Status: Signed on July 9, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-250.

***HB2160 Drugs Prior
Authorization Form**

Requires the Department of Insurance to develop a uniform electronic prior authorization form to be used by an insurer that provides prescription drug benefits when requiring prior authorization. Among other changes, the bill also requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop a uniform electronic prior authorization form to be used by a managed-care organization that provides prescription drug benefits when requiring prior authorization.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Deb Conroy (D) **Senator:** Julie Morrison (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-463.

**HB2433 Hospitals –
Blood Pressure**

Requires every hospital to ensure that it has the proper instruments available for taking a woman's blood pressure.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Christopher Belt (D)

Status: Signed on July 19, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-91.

HB2438 Maternal Mental Health

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code concerning mental and emotional disorders to include any mental health condition that occurs during pregnancy or during the postpartum period, including, but not limited to, postpartum depression.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Jacqueline Collins (D)

Status: Signed on August 16, 2019, effective August 19, 2019. Public Act 101-386.

HB2895 IDPH - Hemorrhage Training

Requires the Department of Public Health to ensure that all birthing facilities conduct yearly continuing education for providers and staff of obstetric medicine and of the emergency room department and other staff that may care for pregnant or postpartum women. Management of severe maternal hypertension and obstetric hemorrhage must be included in the yearly educational modules. Requires birthing facilities to demonstrate compliance with the education requirements.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Elgie R. Sims Jr. (D)

Status: Signed on August 16, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-390.

***HB3511 IDPH - Maternal Mental Health**

Creates the Maternal Mental Health Conditions Education, Early Diagnosis and Treatment Act. The Department of Human Services shall develop educational materials for health care professionals and patients about maternal mental health conditions and spell out which health care facilities must disseminate the materials. Requires a birthing hospital to supplement the materials provided by the department to include relevant resources to the region or community in which the birthing hospital is located and requires the educational materials to include specified information.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Christopher Belt (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-512.

SB25 Reproductive Health Act

Creates the Reproductive Health Act. Provides that every individual has a fundamental right to make autonomous decisions about one's own reproductive health. Provides that every individual who becomes pregnant has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion, and to make autonomous decisions about how to exercise that right.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Melinda Bush (D) **Representative:** Kelly Cassidy (D)

Status: Signed on June 12, 2019, effective June 12, 2019. Public Act 101-13.

***SB1321 Omnibus
Medicaid Bill**

Amends the Public Aid Code. Provides that a complete review of the Medicaid redetermination process be completed within 90 days of the effective date of the act in order to identify changes allowing for more state residents to be automatically renewed based on existing data already held by the state. Within 90 days of the completed review, the Department of Human Services is to seek written federal approval of the policy changes. Changes will streamline continuing eligibility by leveraging data from other public benefits programs, like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; extending reasonable compatibility threshold for income; and improving public reporting requirements that will enable ongoing eligibility determination policy and process solutions.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Heather Steans (D) **Representative:** Gregory Harris (D)

Status: Signed on August 5, 2019, effective August 5, 2019. Public Act 101-209.

**SB1828 Needle and
Hypodermic Access**

Creates the Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Act. Legalizes needle-exchange programs and promotes effective overdose prevention programs across the state. Creates the Syringe Access Program, providing communities clarity on how to start a needle-exchange program and expanding access to these important public health interventions. Directs the state to provide additional support to existing effective overdose prevention programming.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Melinda Bush (D) **Representative:** Deb Conroy (D)

Status: Signed on August 9, 2019, effective August 9, 2019. Public Act 101-356.



NUTRITION

*[HB3343](#) SNAP Restaurant Meals Program

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a Restaurant Meals Program to allow individuals who are elderly, persons with disability and homeless individuals to redeem their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at private establishments that contract with the department to offer meals to eligible SNAP recipients. Requires the Restaurant Meals Program to begin no later than January 1, 2020.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Sonya Harper (D) **Senator:** Omar Aquino (D)

Status: Signed on July 19, 2019, effective July 19, 2019. Public Act 101-110.

*[SB1641](#) SNAP College Students

Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to include information annually about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to students eligible for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. Requires that the language shall, at a minimum, direct students to the Department of Human Services and to the Illinois Hunger Coalition's Hotline for additional information. Outlines requirements for higher education institutions that participate in the MAP on informing identified current and potential students of the SNAP program.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Robert Peters (D) **Senator:** Nicholas K. Smith (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective August 23, 2019. Public Act 101-560.



WORKFORCE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / HIGHER EDUCATION

*[HB35](#) Grow Your Own Teacher

Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall, subject to appropriation, allocate funds to Grow Your Own Illinois for the purpose of administering the program and awarding grants under the act. Adds early childhood settings to both “eligible school” and “hard-to-staff school” definitions. Expands cohort opportunity to high school students enrolled in a dual credit program. Among other changes, provides that an institution of higher education may offer a high school student a dual credit course under the program.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Rita Mayfield (D) **Senator:** Iris Martinez (D)

Status: Signed on July 26, 2019, effective July 26, 2019. Public Act 101-122.

*[HB355](#) School Code – Educator License Renewal Training

Amends the School Code. Provides that an approved provider of professional development activities for the renewal of a professional educator license may make available a professional development opportunity that provides educators with training on inclusive practices in the classroom and examines instructional and behavioral strategies that improve academic and social-emotional outcomes for all students, with or without disabilities, in a general education setting.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mark Batinick (R) **Senator:** Dan McConchie (R)

Status: Signed on July 19, 2019, effective January 1, 2019. Public Act 101-85.

[HB2078](#) School Code – Minimum Teacher Salary

Increases the minimum salary for teachers in state statute. Provides that in fixing the salaries of teachers, a school board shall pay those who serve on a full-time basis a rate not less than (1) \$32,076 for the 2020-2021 school year, (2) \$34,576 for the 2021-2022 school year, (3) \$37,076 for the 2022-2023 school year, and (4) \$40,000 for the 2023-2024 school year. Provides that the minimum salary rate for each school year thereafter, subject to review by the General Assembly, shall equal the minimum salary rate for the previous school year increased by a percentage equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all items published by the U.S. Department of Labor for the previous school year.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Katie Stuart (D) **Senator:** Andy Manar (D)

Status: Signed on August 22, 2019, effective June 1, 2020. Public Act 101-443.

***[HB2237](#) Higher Education Savings Program**

Establishes the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program for strengthening early childhood development and pathways to higher education for all Illinois children. Creates a statewide Child Savings Account program, automatically providing a \$50 seed deposit into a 529 college savings account for every child born or adopted in Illinois beginning in 2021. After the initial deposit, low- and moderate-income families will be encouraged to save through incentives, which the Treasurer's Office can develop in partnership with funders and local communities. Provides for enrollment in the program and further duties and requirements of the treasurer regarding the program.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Robyn Gabel (D) **Senator:** Pat McGuire (D)

Status: Signed on August 23, 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Public Act 101-466.

***[SB1952](#) Teachers Various**

Amends the School Code. Allows each school district to provide a salary to a student teacher employed by the district. Removes the requirement of the passage of a test of basic skills for obtaining certain professional educator licenses and educator licenses with stipulations. Provides that, for an early childhood education endorsement (rather than a special education endorsement in the area of early childhood special education), an individual may satisfy the student teaching requirement of his or her early childhood teacher preparation program through placement in a setting with children from birth through grade 2, and the individual may be paid and receive credit while student teaching.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Andy Manar (D) **Representative:** Sue Scherer (D)

Status: Signed on August 7, 2019, effective August 7, 2019. Public Act 101-220.



BUDGET BILLS & RELATED RESOLUTIONS

*[HR248](#) Trauma Informed Awareness Day

Urges policy decisions enacted by the Illinois General Assembly to acknowledge and take into account the principles of early childhood brain development. Declares May 15, 2019 as Trauma-Informed Awareness Day in Illinois.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Karina Villa (D)

Status: Adopted on May 15, 2019.

[HR416](#) Early Childhood Education Crisis

Urges the General Assembly to take action to modernize its early childhood education funding and teacher qualification standards to address the early childhood workforce crisis. Urges the governor to increase early childhood education provider representation on the Illinois Early Learning Council, the Department of Children and Family Services' Daycare Advisory Council, the Department of Human Services' Childcare Advisory Council and the Professional Development Advisory Council to assure provider voices are heard as early childhood education policy is developed and implemented.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Margo McDermed (R)

Status: Adopted on June 1, 2019.

*[SJR21](#) Children with Disabilities

Encourages the Illinois State Board of Education, special education cooperatives and each school district in this state to consider the potential benefits of inclusive education for children with and without disabilities in Illinois.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Jil Tracy (R) **Representative:** Karina Villa (D)

Status: Adopted on June 1, 2019.

*[SR85](#) Childhood Programs Funding

Urges support for funding the physical infrastructure of early childhood education programs and inclusion of Early Childhood Capital Grant funding in a state capital plan.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Kimberly Lightford (D)

Status: Adopted on April 12, 2019.

***SR99 Trauma Informed Awareness Day**

Declares May 15, 2019 as Trauma-Informed Awareness Day in Illinois. Encourages all officers, agencies and employees of the state whose responsibilities impact children and adults to become informed regarding the impacts of adverse childhood experiences, toxic stress and structural violence on children, adults and communities and to become aware of care practices, tools and interventions that promote healing and resiliency in children, adults and communities so that people, systems and community, family and interpersonal relationships can maximize their well-being.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Julie Morrison (D)

Status: Adopted on March 21, 2019.

***SR386 Illinois REI**

Expresses support for the state becoming a racially, ethnically and inclusive entity that will employ a racial, ethnic and inclusion (REI) lens in all policies, programs, employment practices, staff and leadership professional development and operations.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Kimberly Lightford (D)

Status: Adopted on May 31, 2019.

***HR362/*SR422 Family First Prevention Services Act**

Urges support of the Family First Prevention Services Act.

Chief Sponsors

Representative: Mary Flowers (D) **Senator:** Mattie Hunter (D)

Status: House resolution adopted on May 30, 2019. Senate resolution adopted on May 31, 2019.

SJRCA1 Conamend- Income Tax Rates

The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the state. Provides that the highest rate imposed on corporations may not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

Chief Sponsors

Senator: Don Harmon (D) **Representative:** Robert Martwick (D)

Status: Adopted on May 27, 2019.



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