**Legislation Update April 2023**

**Passed House/Moved to Senate**

[House Bill 296](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=296&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=142128&SessionID=112) (Stuart-D) creates an **ISBE Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force** to evaluate systems, replacing the edTPA exam. *Still needs amendment to ensure members represent educator preparation programs as in SB 1488.*

[House Bill 342](https://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=0342&GAID=17&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=142174&SessionID=112&SpecSess=&Session=&GA=103) (Ammons-D) Amendment 2 creates an ISBE task force to change professional educator licensure requirements to include **proficiency in adverse childhood experiences**, trauma, secondary traumatic stress, creating trauma-responsive learning environments, restorative justice, and restorative practices. The task force includes three faculty members representing educator preparation programs at Illinois institutions of higher education.

[House Bill 2442](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=2442&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=147523) (Guerrero-Cuellar-D) as amended allows Chicago Public School District to grant **subsequent endorsements** for a pilot program.

[House Bill 2773](https://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=2773&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=147898) (Flowers-D) requires school districts to teach students how to read using **phonics**.

[House Bill 2872](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=2872&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=148004) (Mayfield-D) requires ISBE to develop**comprehensive literacy plan.**

[House Bill 3147](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=3147&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=148301) (Dias-D) requires educator candidates to have coursework in methods of reading aligning with the ISBE **comprehensive literacy plan** and creates a new reading foundations assessment.

[House Bill 3402](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10300HB3402ham001&GA=103&SessionId=112&DocTypeId=HB&LegID=148568&DocNum=3402&GAID=17&SpecSess=&Session=) (Chung-D) as amended requires teaching candidates to **pass content area test** for the content area assigned to teach or complete at least 9 semester hours of coursework prior to start date. *Asking for amendment to address passage of content test.*

[House Bill 3442](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=3442&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=148609) (Crespo-D) allows **substitute teachers** for longer period in emergency situations.

[House Bill 3822](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3822&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=149085&SessionID=112) (Rashid-D) mandates report on incentives for **dual language instruction.**

**Passed Senate/Moved to House**

[Senate Bill 2236](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=2236&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=147122) (Cappel-D) removes the expiration date of **short-term substitute teacher license**, the limits on 15 consecutive days, and application fees for substitute and professional teaching licenses.

[Senate Bill 2243](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2243&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=147129&SessionID=112) (Lightford-D) requires ISBE to develop**comprehensive literacy plan.**

[Senate Bill 1488](https://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1488&GAID=17&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=146218&SessionID=112&SpecSess=&Session=&GA=103) (Bennett-R) Amendment 2 creates an **ISBE Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force** to evaluate systems, replacing the edTPA exam. The task force includes three faculty members representing educator preparation programs at Illinois public universities and three at private universities.

**Extended Deadline**

[House Bill 3346](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3346&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=148509&SessionID=112) (Chung-D) requires ISBE to develop grants for **paraprofessionals obtaining educator licenses**.

**Bills HELD**

[Senate Bill 1487](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1487&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=146217&SessionID=112) (S. Turner-R) allows for specialized educator endorsement to be added to students whose **college closed** (Lincoln College).

[Senate Bill 1520](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=1520&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=146254) (Cappel-D) allows an individual with an associate degree, rather than a bachelor’s degree, to be a **short term substitute teacher**, or enrolled in an educator preparation program with 90 credit hours.

[House Bill 1214](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=1214&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=143294) (Caulkins-R) requires ISBE to create a **Temporary Teacher Apprenticeship Program** to assist in acquiring a Professional Educator License.

[House Bill 3598](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=3598&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=148798) (Mussman-D) establishes **educator licensees training** schedule.

[House Bill 1215](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=1215&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=143295) (Caulkins-R) removes the fee for **content area and teacher performance tests** for first responders or military personnel.

[House Bill 1630](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1630&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=144083&SessionID=112) (Fritts-R) allows Sauk Valley Community College to offer **BS degree** in nursing.

[House Bill 3328](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3328&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=148490&SessionID=112) (Haas-R) allows community colleges to offer **bachelor’s degree** in early education.

[House Bill 1124](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=1124&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=143139) (Mussman-D) requires **dyslexia screening** and universal screener in ISBE guidelines. (Teacher Programs oppose.)

[House Bill 1589](https://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=1589&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=143950) (Friess-D) adds a **foreign language endorsement** on an Educator license.

[House Bill 3561](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3561&GAID=17&GA=103&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=148732&SessionID=112) (Jimenez-D) allows **Chicago School District** to create educator pipeline development program.

[House Bill 3909](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=3909&GAID=17&SessionID=112&LegID=149178) (Stuart-D) requires ISBE to establish **microcredential**for computer science.