

IMTE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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ISBE & State Updates

- **Summary of key education funding in budget**
 - **K-12 education spending increased by \$350 million**
 - **\$200 million for Smart Start Illinois (universal preschool)**
 - **\$14 million to create new Dept. of Early Childhood agency - created July 1, 2024**
 - **\$3 million to ISBE to implement Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan**
 - **\$30 million increase for public higher education institutions**
 - **\$711 million for Monetary Award Program grants (increase of \$10 million)**

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- **Items signed into law:**
 - ▣ **Public universities required to waive admission application fees for community college transferring students.**
 - ▣ **Public universities and community colleges are required to pay or reimburse refugees for transcript analysis fees.**
 - ▣ **Exempt from gift bans for guidance counselors by higher education institutions: travel, lodging, and meals.**

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- **The following replaced language that mandated ISBE create content area tests for any K-8 teacher with additional specialty content area tests for math, music, or science endorsements:**
 - ▣ **Provision requiring candidates to pass the content area test prior to student teaching has been removed.**
 - ▣ **Starting September 1, 2025, candidates will be required to pass teacher performance assessments.**
 - ▣ **ISBE will be allowed to score content area test sections independently.**

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- **Bills of note that did not pass during legislative session:**
 - **Requirement for a common course numbering system for the state.**
 - **Creation of a direct admission program for public universities for eligible Illinois students.**
 - **Requirement that a Dual Credit Instructor Endorsement Framework be created.**
 - **Provision to allow community colleges to offer programs for educator preparation bachelor degrees to students who already have a bachelor degree.**

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□ Continued:

- ▣ **Creation of a student teaching stipend program for students teaching in public schools only, allowing students to receive \$10,000 per semester and cooperating teachers to receive \$2,000. (Dependent on receiving funding in budget.)**

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- **Implementation of Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan**
 - ▣ **Several groups in the state are developing resources and materials to help K-12 districts and higher education with understanding and implementation.**
 - ▣ **ISBE is posting materials and resources on its website as they are developed and approved.**
 - ▣ **No additional information on literacy subscore for the Elementary Education Content Area Exam.**

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- ❑ **Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (and the Social Emotional Learning Standards) update:**
 - ▣ **New Rules posted in Part 24, Section 140 of Rules**
 - ▣ **5 standards: Learning Environment, Instruction, Instructional Assessment, Collaboration & Cooperation, and Professional Expectations & Pursuit of Growth Opportunities**
 - ▣ **Transition matrix to show alignment available**
 - ▣ **Approval by 6/30/2026 – documentation submitted by 3/1/2026**

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- **Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Standards.**
 - **Approval by 10/1/2025 – documentation submitted by 6/30/2025**



Questions