



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4850

Introduced 2/7/2024, by Rep. Tony M. McCombie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the School District Impact Note Act. Requires every bill that could have a negative impact on the finances of a school district in the State or that could cause a school district to expend additional staffing resources to have prepared for it by the Illinois State Board of Education a brief explanatory statement or note describing the bill's anticipated impact on education in the State. Specifies the contents of the note and the circumstances under which the note is to be prepared. Clarifies that the preparation of such a note does not preclude a State official or employee from participating in legislative hearings concerning the bill. Provides that the subject matter of bills submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education shall be kept in strict confidence, and no information relating to the bill or its anticipated impact on education in the State shall be divulged, before the bill's introduction in the General Assembly, by any State official or employee of the State Board, except to the bill's sponsor or his or her designee. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the School
5 District Impact Note Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Impact on education in the State" means the total sum
8 that the State Board estimates school districts in the State
9 will expend to implement a bill and the total number of
10 additional hours that the State Board estimates teachers and
11 school administrators in the State will expend implementing
12 the requirements of a bill.

13 "State Board" means the Illinois State Board of Education.

14 Section 10. Applicability. Every bill that could have a
15 negative impact on the finances of a school district in the
16 State or that could cause a school district to expend
17 additional staffing resources shall have prepared for it by
18 the State Board, before second reading in the house of
19 introduction, a brief explanatory statement or note describing
20 the bill's anticipated impact on education in the State.

21 Section 15. Preparation of the School District Impact

1 Note.

2 (a) Upon request of the sponsor of a bill described in
3 Section 10, the State Board shall prepare a written note
4 setting forth the information required by Section 10. The note
5 shall be designated as a School District Impact Note and shall
6 be furnished to the sponsor within 10 calendar days after the
7 request. If, because of the complexity of the bill, additional
8 time is required for preparation of the School District Impact
9 Note, the State Board may so notify the sponsor and request an
10 extension of time not to exceed 5 additional days within which
11 to furnish the School District Impact Note. An extension may
12 not, however, be beyond May 15 following the date of the
13 request.

14 (b) Whenever the sponsor of any bill is of the opinion that
15 no School District Impact Note is necessary, any member of
16 either house may thereafter request that a School District
17 Impact Note be obtained, and in such case, the matter shall be
18 decided by majority vote of those present and voting in the
19 house of which he or she is a member. If the sponsor believes
20 that a School District Impact Note request has been filed in
21 bad faith, the sponsor may ask for a vote to render one or more
22 School District Impact Note requests inapplicable.

23 (c) Whenever a bill is amended on the floor of either house
24 in a manner as to bring it within the description of bills set
25 forth in Section 10, a majority of that house may propose that
26 no action be taken upon the amendment until the sponsor of the

1 amendment presents a School District Impact Note to the
2 members.

3 Section 20. Content of the School District Impact Note.

4 (a) The School District Impact Note shall be factual,
5 brief, and concise and shall provide as reliable of a
6 statement of the bill's anticipated impact on education in the
7 State as is possible under the circumstances. The School
8 District Impact Note shall include both the immediate
9 financial impact and, if determinable or reasonably
10 foreseeable, the long-range financial impact of the bill, as
11 well as short-term and long-term estimates of additional
12 staffing needs. The School District Impact Note must also
13 state whether the bill will have a disparate impact on the
14 finances or staffing needs of school districts in the State.

15 (b) No comment or opinion shall be included in the School
16 District Impact Note with regard to the merits of the bill for
17 which the School District Impact Note is prepared; however,
18 technical or mechanical defects in the bill may be noted. The
19 School District Impact Note shall be signed by the State
20 Superintendent of Education or his or her designee.

21 Section 25. Participation in hearing. The fact that a
22 School District Impact Note is prepared for any bill shall not
23 preclude or restrict the appearance before any committee of
24 the General Assembly of any State official or employee who

1 desires to be heard in support of or in opposition to the bill.

2 Section 30. Confidentiality. The subject matter of bills
3 submitted to the State Board shall be kept in strict
4 confidence by the State Board, and no information relating to
5 the bill or its anticipated impact on education in the State
6 shall be divulged, before the bill's introduction in the
7 General Assembly, by any State official or employee of the
8 State Board, except to the bill's sponsor or his or her
9 designee.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.