



QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER

April – June 2018

LEGAL UPDATES

June 2018

- A newly pending Senate Bill 2641 would require social emotional screenings for all Illinois students during their mandated Child Health Examinations.
- A new Senate Bill 3466 addresses truancy issues within a school district. It prohibits a school district from referring a student for truancy to a local agency for the issuance of public fines without first notifying alternative state agencies and offering supportive services to the family. In addition, the bill would require school districts to provide “appropriate and available services” for homeless students, students with IEPs and students with 504 Plans.
- The Illinois School and Campus Safety Program and Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute will be providing free two-day Student Behavioral Threat Assessment Workshops in July 2018. School administrators, board members, counselors, SROs, mental health agencies and local law enforcement are encouraged to attend one of the two training programs, offered at Dunlap High School in Dunlap, Illinois on July 16-17 or at Wredling Middle School in St. Charles on July 18-19. For more information, register [here](#).

May 2018

- A newly introduced Senate Bill 2344 would allow special education students in Illinois to receive services outside of a district of residence, even if the district of residence no longer has a joint agreement with the district providing special education services.
- A currently pending Senate Bill 3201 would require school districts to notify a parent, within 48 hours, of any security breach which results in the unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition of student records.
- Currently pending Senate Bill 2925 would codify the role of School Resource Officers (“SROs”) within schools, establishing a training program and requiring law enforcement agencies to conduct training to all current and new SROs before January 2021.

April 2018

- Illinois school districts would be mandated to allow the parents of twins or multiples to establish classroom placement of their children, if pending House Bill 4368 is passed.
- Should pending House Bill 4209 pass, it would require all Illinois school districts to establish a full-day kindergarten program for their students.

- A newly proposed Illinois House Bill 5482, would prohibit anyone from being denied a teaching license based solely upon citizenship or immigration status.

RECENT FIRM SUCCESSES

- Negotiated a fully funded residential placement (with supported transportation) for a residential placement for a student with Specific Learning Disabilities (“SLDs”) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (“ADHD”) requiring more intensive programming.
- Secured more comprehensive IEP services and reimbursement for private trauma therapy for a student with Autism and Emotional Disabilities (“EDs”) who suffered from bullying in elementary school;
- Successfully secured guardianship in Cook County Circuit Court for the parents of their disabled adult daughter;
- Secured full funding for a residential placement (including supported transportation) for a student with Autism and behavioral issues;
- Prevented the removal of a special education student, diagnosed with EDs, from his local home school due to a disciplinary violation, and negotiated additional and more appropriate supports to allow the student greater educational benefit within the student’s public school setting;
- Obtained full funding for a residential placement for a transgender student who had become suicidal due to bullying and other issues at their local homeschool.

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

Date	Title/Topic	Organization
8/14/18	Special Education Rights: How to Obtain Services for Your Child	ATTAch
11/03/18	School Discipline in the World of Threats, Guns and Social Media	Illinois Council for Exceptional Children

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