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Priority Briefing

PROPOSED EDUCATION REFORM BILL

Sweeping changes to the Illinois education law are currently being considered in Springfield as part of Senate Bill 630 (formerly identified as Senate Bill 7), which passed out of the Senate by a unanimous vote last week. Major components of SB 630 are changes to teacher tenure, teacher performance evaluation and tenured teacher dismissals. While SB 630 has not yet been voted upon in the House of Representatives and it is possible that there may be revisions to the current senate bill, we thought you would like to see a detailed summary of the proposed changes to teacher tenure, teacher performance evaluation and teacher dismissal.

Final action is expected in early May, after which the Governor may approve, veto, or amendatorily veto whatever bill lands on his desk. We will, of course, report to you if and when any of these changes becomes law.