

2019 Latino Policy Forum Portfolio

I. LEGISLATIVE

Latino Policy Forum stands in support of and will be involved in advocacy efforts around the following pieces of legislation:

LEAD

1. HB421- SUPPORTING FUTURE TEACHERS PROGRAM

Description: The Supporting Future Teachers Program requires the State Board of Education to establish and maintain the Growing Future Educators Program to train high school graduates who at one time have been identified as English learners or low-income community members in the participating school district to be employed by the school district as they pursue credentials needed to become an educator. This legislation prioritizes resources for participants seeking to fill positions in high shortage areas, such as Bilingual/ESL, STEM, Early Childhood, and Special Education and ensures candidates making progress towards completion of necessary coursework for endorsements in content areas experiencing the greatest shortage.

Legislative Sponsor: REP. LILLY

Department: EDUCATION

Status: Filed 2/5, Assigned to Executive Committee

2. HB3685 - ILLINOIS STUDENT PRIVACY ACT (Proposed Amendment to 105 ILCS 5 School Code)

Description: Amending IL school code to extend protections to students who disclose personal information, orally or written, to staff in public educational settings. Additionally, the legislation would prohibit staff in educational settings from contacting or threatening to contact immigration officials regarding a student.

Legislative Sponsor: REP. ORTIZ

Forum Role: LEAD

Department: EDUCATION/CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Status: Referred to Rule on 2/15

3. SB1290- IMMIGRANT TENANT PROTECTION ACT (ITPA)

Description: This legislation is meant to ensure protections for tenants from landlords who seek to avoid their legal obligations by threatening to report tenants to immigration authorities. This bill would prohibit landlords from using immigration status (real or perceived) as means to threaten, harass or retaliate against tenants who engage in legally-protected activities or to influence tenants to unjustly vacate. Legislation was vetoed August 2018. The Forum and partners will

continue advocacy during 2018 Veto session and if necessary, during 2019 legislative session.

Partners: MALDEF AND SHRIVER

Legislative Sponsors: SEN. CASTRO & REP. MAH

Department: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Status: Filed on 2/6/19

ASSIST

1. SB1679- CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Description: Forum will help partners in the early learning community advocate for the expansion of CCAP eligibility from 185% FPL to 200% FPL. This resolution will also include provisions that raises the exit ramp from CCAP services to 300% FPL in order to help families smoothly transition out of CCAP services. In addition, Forum will join efforts with partners to advocate for level funding for CCAP in FY20.

Sponsor: SEN. HUTCHINSON

Department: Education

Forum role: Supporter/ Witness Slip

2. HR 87 and SR85- EARLY CHILDHOOD CAPITAL BILL RESOLUTION

Description: Request for \$250m from the *Early Childhood Construction Grant (ECCG)* for early childhood providers (school and non-school community based providers) providing early childhood services. The resolution emphasizes the state's need to prioritize building and renovation programs in high-need under-served communities. Also included in this resolution is a the result that funding delays, as a result of the state's budget impasse, to previous ECCG awardees be included in the next state capital program to meet Illinois' physical-infrastructure needs.

Partners: Ounce of Prevention, Illinois Action for Children, Ready Nation: Council for Strong America, Shriver Center, and Voices for Illinois Children

Legislative Sponsor: REP. HERNANDEZ, SEN. LIGHTFORD

Forum role: ASSIST

Department: EDUCATION

3. HB2191/SB1316- EI RATE INCREASE

Description: This legislation would require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase rates for EI providers by 3.0 percent in FY20, FY21, and FY22, except that the rate for Developmental Therapy will increase by 6.0 percent over the same three-year period.

Sponsor: REP. CONROY & SEN. AQUINO

Department: EDUCATION

Forum Role: Supporter/Witness Slip

4. HB2931- Basic Skills for Entry to Educator Preparation Programs

Description: This legislation would allow an applicant seeking a Professional Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations who holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education to be issued that license and would not require that applicant pass the basic skills test

Sponsor: REP. SMITH

Department: EDUCATION

Forum Role: Supporter/ Witness slip