

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A Guide to Communicating with your Legislator
Oswego C.U.S.D. #308

A fundamental goal of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities.

The State shall provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services. Education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free. There may be such other free education as the General Assembly provides by law.

The State has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education.*

*Constitution of the State of Illinois from Illinois Handbook of Government 2001-2002

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How Can Employees, Parents, and Other Voters Make a Difference at the Legislator?

Parents and other citizens have a vital role to play in lobbying legislatures . Why? There are two main reasons. First, you have information that legislators need. Second, you have the power to hold them accountable if you vote in legislative elections.

The days of smoke filled rooms and expense-account meals are over . . . Lobbying has changed and today, it's information that counts.

You are an expert on K-12 education Parents, employees, and other citizens familiar with their local schools can be as credible a source of information as paid lobbyists. Although talking to legislators can feel intimidating, you have information they need. They want to hear your stories about real students in real classrooms.

You can help legislators understand the real-world impact of their votes.... Legislators follow many issues besides K-12 education. They are constantly bombarded with facts, figures, reports, and budgets that don't necessarily give them a clear picture. Your story puts a human face on K-12 funding formulas and policies. And we all know that a simple story is often far more powerful than a complicated official report.

So, How Do I Get Started?

Effective lobbying has three basic steps...

1. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS at the LOCAL LEVEL.

You will have the most credibility and clout with your local legislators, the people who represent you. As with any human interaction, a good working relationship will help. Introduce yourself to your senator or representative at the grocery store, a football game, or a school board meeting. Or start with a telephone call or an e-mail message.

2. GET INFORMED and STAY THAT WAY.

You probably already know a lot about your local school. You have a story to tell. It also helps to have a basic understanding of the legislative process, how schools are funded, and the Oswego School District's budget situation. This packet contains a resource list and basic information on school finance.

3. TAKE SOME ACTION.

Communicate with your legislators by telephone, e-mail, fax, letter, or in person. Let them know that public education should be the Legislature's top priority. Share a story about your child's school. Although communicating about the reality of budget cuts is vital, don't forget to talk about the success stories, too. Discuss your concerns with your friends and neighbors. Encourage others to get involved. **Every voice counts.**

How Do I Get and Stay Informed?

What is my senator's e-mail address? ... When do the House and Senate education committees meet? ... What happened today at the Legislature? ... Is my school district the only one making budget cuts this year?

Answers to these and other related questions can be found in the Internet.

The Legislature's web pages offer a world of information on happenings at the Capitol. Via http://www.illinois.gov/government/gov_legislature.cfm you can do the following (and more) with a click of your mouse:

- Find out what's happening in the House and Senate education committees this week
- Locate bills and bill summaries, and track the progress of a bill
- Listen to House and Senate action on audio or video
- Identify which bills your representative has introduced
- Look up legislatures

But What if I Don't Have Easy Web Access?

Legislative information is available via telephone, mail, and in person at the Capitol.

- You can call your local representative's office and ask for specific information about a bill or bills or you can call the legislative information system at (217) 782-3944.

For information about the Oswego School District, you may contact the District's administrative center at (630) 636-3080 or visit your local library.

Oswego Public Library
32 West Jefferson
Oswego, Illinois 60543

Aurora Public Library
555 S. Eola Road
Aurora, Illinois 60504

Plainfield Public Library
705 North Illinois Street
Plainfield, Illinois 60544

Tips for Communicating with Legislators

Letters, e-mails and telephone calls – especially from voters in a legislator's own district -- really count. Every legislator has a story of how a seemingly small number of calls or letters – sometimes only one – made the difference on an issue.

Legislators are people, too. While it is important for you to advocate strongly for your position, don't forget to be polite and reasonable at the same time. And remember to say "thank you," even when a legislator disagrees with you.

When communicating in general...

- State your purpose at the outset. Be constructive if possible. Suggest solutions or better alternatives.
- Use specific facts and examples to illustrate your point. You are an expert on what is happening in your local schools and/or with your child. Legislators want to know how their votes affect constituents.
- Don't assume that legislators are as well informed as you are about a problem, issue or bill. Legislators keep track of many subjects in addition to K-12 education. Explain the situation, what you think and why.
- Letters or calls about a specific piece of legislation should include the bill number. If your legislator is an author of the bill, acknowledge it.

When communicating in writing (letter or e-mail)...

- ▶ Be brief, but don't sacrifice clearness and completeness. A one-page letter on a single topic is best.
- ▶ Be certain that your name and address are on the envelope and letter. Type or write legibly. In an e-mail, also include your full name, address and telephone number.
- ▶ Addressing correspondence to legislators requires particular etiquette. Address them as "Representative" or "Senator" on the envelope, the inside address, and in the salutation.

When calling on the telephone...

- Identify yourself to the person who answers the phone. Be sure to say that you are a school district resident and / or staff member and also a constituent in the legislator's district.
- If the legislator is unavailable, give the staff member your message. The legislator will know that you called.

When communicating in person...

- ▶ You can schedule an appointment to talk to a legislator by calling his or her office. Be sure to identify yourself as someone who lives in the legislator's district.
- ▶ As the session goes on, legislators get busier and have less time to spend in their offices. Another way of connecting face-to-face is to catch your legislator before or after a committee hearing. You can learn which committees a legislator serves on and what time they meet on the legislative web site, or by calling your legislator's office. All committee hearings are open to the public.
- ▶ Most likely, you will not be the only person trying to talk to a legislator before or after a hearing. If that is the case, be sure not to interrupt another conversation. Wait your turn, then identify yourself as a constituent, and ask if you can have a minute of the legislator's time. A good tactic with a legislator in a hurry is to ask if you can talk to the legislator while he or she walks to the next committee meeting.
- ▶ If you attend a committee hearing, never attempt to speak to a legislator who is sitting at the committee table while the meeting is in progress. Also remember to turn your pagers and cell phones to "silent" mode while in the committee room.

Tips on Timing and Tenacity in a Legislative Session

The General Assembly convenes each year on the second Wednesday in January. The Governor's State of the State message to the legislature is delivered early in the session. The legislative work schedule during the Spring typically is laden with heavy committee schedules, extended plenary sessions, controversial budget issues, and reconciling differences in substantive bills between the two chambers.

Constitutional provisions, formal rules and parliamentary procedures provide basic guidelines and relative stability to both chambers as the General Assembly acts on legislation. Any bill passed after May 31st cannot take effect until June 1st of the following year unless the bill passes both the House and Senate by a three-fifths vote. The assembly adjourns at the end of May and reconvenes in October or November for two weeks to consider the Governor's veto.

At other times, special sessions may be convened by the Governor or by a joint proclamation by the presiding officers of both chambers. This proclamation confines legislative deliberation to specific subjects, and no other matters except confirmation of appointments and impeachments may be considered by assembly members.

As a citizen lobbyist, you should be in contact with your legislators from the start, even before the session begins. Although it may appear that nothing is happening at first, your actions can have a significant impact on later decisions. ***When constituents consistently tell their local legislators that K-12 is a top priority, they will take that message to legislative leaders.*** If the same message is "trickling up" from voters in many districts, legislative leaders will be more likely to address the concern.

If you are a newcomer to the legislative process, the session can seem very slow. Time will drag. Everything will be vague. Crazy ideas will be floated. You will feel like a broken record -- repeating yourself with each telephone call or e-mail. ***You will want to give up. Don't. You are laying the groundwork for upcoming decisions.***

SCHOOL FUNDING BASICS

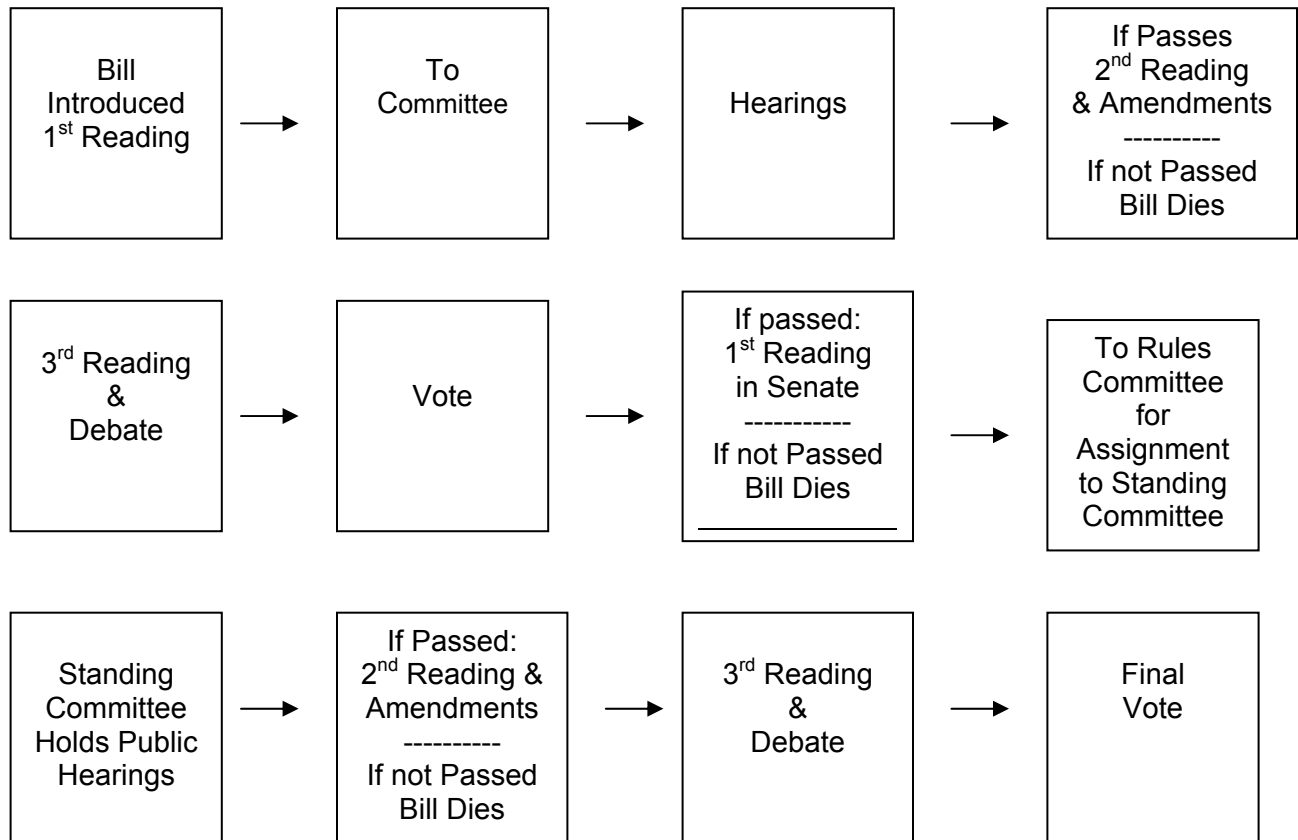
You are not alone if you feel intimidated by the complexity of Illinois' school funding system. Even at the Capitol, very few people completely understand all of its twists and turns.

Here are a few basic facts that you might find helpful:

- The Legislature controls K-12 funding in Illinois and determines how much money public schools receive. Local school boards have little authority over how much money is available for them to spend.
- Local communities have very few options for raising more money for their public schools – even if voters are willing to pay more taxes. One option is a local education rate levy. Another option is a building levy, which can only be used for constructing or improving school buildings.
- The national average for a state's share in education funding is over 50%. The Illinois State share is 38%.
- Illinois property tax burdens are heavy and disproportionate (31%) compared to national averages (19%)
- Illinois ranks 49th, next to last, in state funds spent on education.
- District 308's operating expense per pupil is \$1,900 below the state average.
- The Illinois State Board of Education placed our district in the second highest category for fiscal integrity.

How a Bill Becomes a Law in Illinois

A bill may originate in either the House or the Senate, and the procedure is almost identical. If it originates in the House:



Each bill must be read by title on three different days in each chamber before it is passed. The first reading introduces the bill, and the second reading allows for amendments. When a bill is called for its third reading, it is voted on.

When the Senate does not amend an original House bill, it goes to the Governor for final actin. The Governor may sign the bill, allow it to become law without his signature, or veto it.

If the Senate amends the bill, it goes back to the House. If the House concurs with the Senate amendments, the bill goes to the Governor. However, the House may refuse to accept the Senate amendments, if the Senate withdraws its amendments, the bill goes to the Governor. If the Senate does not withdraw its amendments, the bill goes to conference committee where differences may be worked out. If agreement is reached by both chambers, the bill goes to the Governor.

If the amended bill is rejected by the House, and either the House or the Senate fails to approve the first conference committee report, the bill may go to a second conference committee. If either the House or the Senate does not approve the second conference committee report, the bill is dead.

How to Speak Like a Legislator

Act

An enforceable law of the State. A bill that has passed both houses of the General Assembly becomes an Act through the Governor's approval, inaction, or a veto procedure.

Adjournment

Termination of a legislative day upon the completion of business, with the hour and day of the next meeting being set prior to adjournment.

Adjournment Sine Die

The final adjournment of a legislative session. The Latin translation is "without a day; an indefinite period".

Adoption

Approval or acceptance; usually applied to amendments, resolutions, and motions.

Amendment

Formal proposal to change the language of a bill or resolution after it has been introduced.

Amendment, Committee

An amendment adopted by a committee when a bill is before that committee.

Amendment, Floor

An amendment adopted by the full house when the bill is on the order of second reading.

Bicameral Legislature

A legislature consisting of 2 houses. In Illinois, the State legislature, known as the General Assembly, consists of a 59-member Senate and a 118-member House of Representatives.

Bill

Legislation drafted in the form of an Act for introduction into the Senate or the House of Representatives and identified with a bill number. If the bill is passed by both houses and signed by the Governor or otherwise becomes law, it becomes an Act.

Bill, Amendatory

A bill that proposes changes to existing statutory law. The law to be changed by a bill is referred to in a Section's introductory clause.

Bill, Appropriation

A bill that authorizes a named governmental entity to expend a certain amount of money from a specific source, such as the General Revenue Fund, for a specific purpose.

Bill, Budget

A bill consisting of recommended appropriations of State funds presented by the Governor to the General Assembly for its consideration.

Bill, New/Original

A bill that proposes to create an entirely new law.

Bill, Revisory

A bill that combines multiple enactments, corrects technical errors, and revises, renumbers, and rearranges the law.

Bill, Shell/Vehicle

A bill that makes no substantive change in the law.

Calendar

The daily printed agenda of business for each house of the General Assembly. The calendar also contains scheduled committee hearings.

Caucus

An informal meeting of a group of legislators, most often called on the basis of party affiliation or regional representation.

Committee, Standing

A group of legislators from the same house of the General Assembly organized for the purpose of performing certain legislative functions and to consider and decide on the disposition of legislation in a certain area of the law. Committees are the public forums of legislation.

Concurrence

Agreement by one house of the General Assembly to an amendment added by the other house. Also, adoption of a joint resolution originating in the other house.

Conference Committee

An even number of legislators, 5 from the Senate and 5 from the House of Representatives, who attempt to resolve differences between versions of a specific bill or joint resolution passed by their respective bodies. The conference committee reports recommendations back to the General Assembly for further action.

Died in Committee

The defeat of a bill by the decision of a committee not to return the bill to the full house.

District

That division of the State represented by a legislator, determined on the basis of population. Senators are elected from legislative districts; Representatives are elected from representative districts.

Do Pass

The affirmative recommendation made by a committee in sending a bill to the full house for final vote.

Do Pass as Amended

Passage recommended providing certain changes are made.

Engrossment

The incorporation of amendments into a bill (or joint resolution) when a bill passes the house of origin and is sent to the second house. If not amended, the introduced version of the bill becomes the engrossed bill.

Enrollment

The processing of a bill (or joint resolution), incorporating all amendments, if any, when a bill passes both houses of the General Assembly. The enrolled bill is the document that is signed by both presiding officers and is then sent to the Governor.

Executive Order

Action by the Governor in implementing his or her authority under the law.

Fiscal Note

A statement attached to a bill giving the estimated amount of increase or decrease in revenue or expenditures and the present and future fiscal implications of a bill.

Floor

That portion of a legislative chamber reserved for legislators, staff, and other persons granted access during Session.

Gallery

The balcony of a legislative chamber from which visitors may view proceedings.

General Assembly (Legislature)

The branch of State government responsible for enacting laws. In Illinois, legislative power is vested in the General Assembly. The General Assembly is a continuous body during the term for which members of the House of Representatives are elected (2 years).

Hearing, Committee

A committee meeting convened for the purpose of gathering information on a specific subject or considering specific legislative measures.

Home Rule Unit

A county that has a chief executive officer elected by the electors of the county, a municipality that has a population of more than 25,000, and any other municipality that elects by referendum to become a home rule unit. A home rule unit may elect by referendum not to be a home rule unit. A home rule unit has broad authority to exercise certain powers and perform certain functions pertaining to its government and affairs. The General Assembly, however, may deny or limit certain powers and functions of home rule units.

Journal

An official record of each house of the General Assembly reflecting all actions taken on the floor each legislative day.

Legislative Day

A day in which a house of the General Assembly is in Session.

Legislative Measure

Any matter brought before a house of the General Assembly for consideration, such as a bill, resolution, amendment, conference committee report, motion, or message.

Legislator

A member of the General Assembly. A legislator is a Senator if he or she is a member of the Senate or a Representative if he or she is a member of the House of Representatives.

Lobbyist

A person who represents a particular interest or group of interests before the General Assembly.

Majority Leader

In both the House of Representatives and the Senate, the member who is the second-ranking official. The Majority Leader is appointed by the Speaker or the President and is the key advisor to the Speaker or the President and the majority Caucus.

Majority Party

The political party having the greater number of members in a house of the General Assembly

Minority Leader

In both the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Minority Leader is selected by the minority party and is formally elected by all members. The Minority Leader's responsibilities include appointing members to serve on committees, selecting assistant leaders and staff, and serving as spokesperson for the minority party.

Minority Party

The political party having the fewer number of members in a house of the General Assembly

Motion

A formal suggestion, usually oral, made by a legislator to a presiding officer calling for specific action by a house of the General Assembly, such as a motion to adopt an amendment or a motion to adjourn. After a motion is officially received by the presiding officer, it is acted upon by a vote of the house.

Order of Business

The defined routine of procedure in a house of the General Assembly each day; may be changed by the presiding officer (or in the House of Representatives, upon motion of a member).

Passage

Approval of a bill by the vote of the full house.

Profile

To file a bill with a house of the General Assembly during a specified period of time before the opening day of a Regular Session. The bill is deemed automatically introduced on the opening day.

Public Act

A bill that has been passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor (or otherwise has become law). After a bill has been signed by the Governor or otherwise becomes law, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a Public Act number, which is subsequently used to refer to the measure rather than the bill number. The Public Act number consists of the number of the General Assembly followed by a dash and then a number showing the order in which the law was filed with the Secretary of State. Public Acts for a particular year are bound into volumes referred to as the Session Laws of Illinois.

Quorum

The required number of legislators present to transact business. In the General Assembly, a majority of the members elected to a house constitutes a quorum.

Reading

Presentation of a bill before either house of the General Assembly by reading its title; a stage in the enactment of a law. Each bill introduced must be read by title on 3 different days in each house before it is passed. The first reading introduces the bill. The second reading allows for floor amendments. A bill is voted on when called for third reading.

Recede

To undo action previously taken.

Reconsider (Motion to)

Action to retake a vote. The motion may be offered only by a legislator having voted previously on the prevailing side.

Re-enrollment

The final processing of a bill when the Governor has amendatorily vetoed the bill and the General Assembly accepts the Governor's proposed changes. Re-enrollment incorporates the Governor's proposed changes. The re-enrolled bill is presented to the Governor for certification.

Referral

The assignment of a legislative measure to a committee.

Roll Call

To determine a vote on a question by the taking of names of those in favor and those opposed.

Section

The basic segment of a bill, with each Section being assigned a sequential number. Existing statutory law is also referred to by Section number.

Senate President

The presiding officer of the Senate, elected by the Senate from its membership.

Session

The period of time during which the General Assembly meets.

Session, Daily

Each day's meeting.

Session, Joint

A meeting of the two houses of the General Assembly together.

Session, Perfunctory

Session in which the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House may read into the record any legislative measure, committees may meet and may consider and act upon legislative measures, and the Secretary or Clerk may receive and read committee reports into the record. No further action may be taken with respect to a legislative measure during a Perfunctory Session, and legislators are not required to attend a Perfunctory Session.

Session, Regular

A Session convened on a regular basis by way of constitutional provision as to its date and in which all legislative measures are considered. The General Assembly convenes Regular Session each year (beginning in an odd-numbered year) on the second Wednesday in January and usually adjourns at the end of May.

Session, Special

A Session convened by the Governor or both presiding officers for a specific purpose set out in a proclamation.

Session, Veto

A Session held after adjournment of a Regular Session when the General Assembly reconvenes to consider the Governor's vetoes.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

The presiding officer of the House of Representatives, elected by the House from its membership.

Sponsor

The legislator who introduces a bill (or resolution). Other legislators may show their support by signing on as co-sponsors. The principal sponsor of a bill controls that bill.

Status of Legislation

The progress of a bill or resolution at any given time in the legislative process. This can be determined either by referring to the Legislative Information System's computer service, which provides a constant update on all legislative action, or the Legislative Synopsis and Digest. The Legislative Information System also prepares a daily Status of Legislation as well as a Status of All Legislation that contains the last actions on legislation for the year.

Suspension of Rules

Parliamentary procedure whereby an action can be taken that would otherwise be out of order.

Tabling

Laying on the table or killing. Tabling removes a bill, resolution, or amendment from consideration.

Governor, Majority and Minority Leaders of the General Assembly

<p>Illinois Governor:</p> <p>Governor Blagojevich Office of the Governor 207 State House Springfield, Illinois 62706</p> <p>217/782-0244 312/814-2121</p>	<p>Speaker of the House:</p> <p>Representative Michael J. Madigan 300 Capitol Building Springfield, Illinois 62706 217/782-5350 217/524-1794 FAX</p> <p>District Office: 6500 South Pulaski Road Chicago, Illinois 60629 773/581-8000 773/581-9414 FAX</p>
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Senators and Representatives**

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94th General Assembly Education Related Committees (Senate)

Appropriations I	
Chairperson :	Donne E. Trotter
Vice-Chairperson :	Jacqueline Y. Collins
Member:	William R. Haine
Member:	Kimberly A. Lightford
Member:	Edward D. Maloney
Member:	James T. Meeks
Member:	Martin A. Sandoval
Member:	Jeffrey M. Schoenberg
Minority Spokesperson :	Dave Syverson
Member:	Wendell E. Jones
Member:	Chris Lauzen
Member:	Christine Radogno
Member:	Steven J. Rauschenberger

Appropriations II	
Chairperson :	Jeffrey M. Schoenberg
Vice-Chairperson :	Donne E. Trotter
Member:	James F. Clayborne, Jr.
Member:	Don Harmon
Member:	Terry Link
Member:	John M. Sullivan
Member:	Louis S. Viverito
Member:	Arthur J. Wilhelmi
Minority Spokesperson :	Christine Radogno
Member:	J. Bradley Burzynski
Member:	Chris Lauzen
Member:	Steven J. Rauschenberger
Member:	Dave Syverson

Education	
Chairperson :	Kimberly A. Lightford
Vice-Chairperson :	Miguel del Valle
Member:	Deanna Demuzio
Member:	Gary Forby
Member:	Susan Garrett
Member:	James T. Meeks
Member:	Carol Ronen
Minority Spokesperson :	Dan Cronin
Member:	J. Bradley Burzynski
Member:	David Luechtefeld
Member:	Richard J. Winkel, Jr.

Health & Human Services	
Chairperson :	Carol Ronen
Vice-Chairperson :	Susan Garrett
Member:	M. Maggie Crotty
Member:	Mattie Hunter
Member:	Iris Y. Martinez
Member:	Kwame Raoul
Member:	Jeffrey M. Schoenberg
Minority Spokesperson :	Dale A. Righter
Member:	Carole Pankau
Member:	Christine Radogno
Member:	Dave Syverson

Revenue

Chairperson :	Don Harmon
Vice-Chairperson :	Terry Link
Member:	Jacqueline Y. Collins
Member:	Denny Jacobs
Member:	Antonio Munoz
Member:	Donne E. Trotter
Minority Spokesperson :	Chris Lauzen
Member:	Bill Brady
Member:	Wendell E. Jones
Member:	Carole Pankau

Rules

Chairperson :	Louis S. Viverito
Member:	John J. Cullerton
Member:	Rickey R. Hendon
Minority Spokesperson :	Edward Petka
Member:	Peter J. Roskam

94th General Assembly Education Related Committees (House)

Appropriations – Elementary & Secondary Education	
Chairperson :	Michael K. Smith
Member:	Edward J. Acevedo
Republican Spokesperson :	Suzanne Bassi
Member:	John E. Bradley
Member:	Michelle Chavez
Member:	Elizabeth Coulson
Vice-Chairperson :	William Davis
Member:	William Delgado
Member:	Roger L. Eddy
Member:	Mary E. Flowers
Member:	Careen M Gordon
Member:	Constance A. Howard
Member:	Naomi D. Jakobsson
Member:	Renee Kosel
Member:	Patricia Reid Lindner
Member:	Eileen Lyons
Member:	Jerry L. Mitchell
Member:	Sandra M. Pihos
Member:	Kathleen A. Ryg
Member:	Aaron Schock
Member:	Ed Sullivan, Jr.
Member:	Wyvetter H. Younge

Elementary & Secondary Education	
Chairperson :	Calvin L. Giles
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Member:	Daniel V. Beiser
Member:	Linda Chapa LaVia
Member:	Marlow H. Colvin
Member:	Lisa M. Dugan
Member:	Roger L. Eddy
Member:	Robert F. Flider
Member:	Kevin Joyce
Member:	David E. Miller
Republican Spokesperson :	Jerry L. Mitchell
Member:	Donald L. Moffitt
Member:	Rosemary Mulligan
Member:	Ruth Munson
Member:	Harry Osterman
Member:	Sandra M. Pihos
Member:	Robert W. Pritchard
Member:	David Reis
Member:	Michael K. Smith
Member:	Jim Watson

Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness	
Chairperson :	Lee A. Daniels
Vice-Chairperson :	Kathleen A. Ryg
Member:	Patricia R. Bellock
Member:	Linda Chapa LaVia
Republican Spokesperson :	Robert W. Churchill
Member:	Randall M. Hultgren
Member:	Larry McKeon

Human Services	
Chairperson :	William Delgado
Republican Spokesperson :	Patricia R. Bellock
Member:	Michelle Chavez
Member:	Annazette Collins
Member:	Elizabeth Coulson
Member:	Shane Cultra
Member:	Joe Dunn
Member:	Mary E. Flowers
Member:	Constance A. Howard
Member:	Naomi D. Jakobsson
Member:	Roger Jenisch
Vice-Chairperson :	Robert Rita

Revenue	
Chairperson :	Dan Reitz
Member:	Mark H. Beaubien, Jr.
Republican Spokesperson :	Bob Biggins
Vice-Chairperson :	Barbara Flynn Currie
Member:	Gary Hannig
Member:	Thomas Holbrook
Member:	Roger Jenisch
Member:	Carolyn H. Krause
Member:	Jack McGuire
Member:	Michael K. Smith
Member:	Ed Sullivan, Jr.
Member:	Wyvetter H. Younge

Rules	
Chairperson :	Barbara Flynn Currie
Republican Spokesperson :	William B. Black
Member:	Gary Hannig
Member:	Brent Hassert
Member:	Arthur L. Turner

Computer Technology	
Chairperson :	Constance A. Howard
Vice-Chairperson :	Gary Hannig
Republican Spokesperson :	Ruth Munson
Member:	Milton Patterson
Member:	Robert W. Pritchard
Member:	Harry R. Ramey, Jr.
Member:	Karen A. Yarbrough

Appropriations – Human Services	
Chairperson :	Sara Feigenholtz
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