

SCOPE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday October 27, 2025

Via Zoom

1:00 PM

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AGENDA

01 WELCOME - CO CHAIR

02 VETO SESSION UPDATE

03 BREAK OUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS
• Groups were made based on COOPS

04 LARGE GROUP RECAP

VETO SESSION

Tier 2 Pension:

- Provisions in the We are One Illinois Pension bill
 - Provided by Andrew Bodewes
- Funding stream identified. Will come from bonds that expire in 2030 and 2033, half will go to the pension deficit liability and half will go to tier 2.
- Retirement age:
 - 67-62 with 35 years
 - 65 with 20 years
 - 67 with 10 years
- 3% simple COLA
- Maximum pensionable salary is equal to the social security wage base in any given year
- Final average salary 6/10 instead of 8/10

*****Scheduled for committee this week but it's not likely to be called on the floor*****

ISBE Budget Testimony:

- The following written testimony was submitted on behalf of SCOPE
 - You can find the testimony [HERE](#)

VETO SESSION

K-2 Suspension Expulsion:

- **Final Changes We Agreed To:**
 - The necessity of providing the superintendent up to three days to approve suspensions of longer than 3 days. The rationale is to ensure that the approval process does not impede the immediate removal of a student when necessary.
 - Removing the definition of a weapon but clarifying that objects other than firearms would only be considered weapons if used to cause, or intended to cause, serious injury.
- **BIP language we offered and was accepted in the final hour of session:**
 - For suspensions of longer than 3 days, unless a behavior plan is already in place for the student, the length of the suspension for any student in preschool shall not be for longer than the number of days required by the school district or early childhood program to develop and implement a behavior intervention plan or safety plan. A behavior plan may include a behavior intervention plan, a safety plan, or another plan developed by the school district to address the student's needs.
- If this comes back in Veto session and moves as is, we **REMAIN NEUTRAL**

BREAKOUT GROUPS

Objective:

Identify district and regional priorities to shape a collective SCOPE legislative agenda.

BREAKOUT GROUPS

Conversation Starters:

Legislative:

- *Funding*
- *Mandates*
- *MCATs*
 - *Transportation*
 - *SPED*
- *Property Tax Relief Grant*

SCOPE Member Agreed Ask

- *Shared services*
- *Capital Funds*
- *SPED Funding*

LARGE GROUP RECAP

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