

Legislative report 2/23/24

First of all, let me call your attention to the IRTA web site and the recently improved online app.. This month IRTA provided a link to a review of all the actions or non-action of the legislators and the Governor. I will not tempt a summary in this report. I will Note a few actions of import to educators.

First and foremost: **VOTE !!**

Primaries ??; if you wish.

Party Primaries are March, 19th. Early voting may already be available.

The General Election in November !!! YOU MUST VOTE !!!

Nationally without question.

Local and State also impact your pension and your daily life.

Legislation for the spring session of the General Assembly was actively underway. The deadline to introduce new bills was February 9th.

The more than 7,000 bills filed last calendar year could also be acted upon (or not) between now and May.

HB4431- Rep. Jeff Keicher (Bill's sponsor) This new legislation would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code, ending the requirements for drivers over the age of 75 to retake a driving test to renew their driver's license. " Illinois is the only state in the United States that does this...." (Note: There are still amendments that could be added and final wording is not yet known. There is opposition but this could happen.)

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