



## FULFILLING THE PROMISE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS

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### MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

The leadership is proud to announce two of our legislative bills have passed the General Assembly and are now on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature. The first bill is our Educator Licensure Reciprocity Bill and the second is the Differentiated Accountability Model Bill. Overviews of both bills along with our other legislation are listed below.

Once the Governor takes action, the Vision 20/20 leadership will send out a special edition newsletter explaining what occurred.

A webinar is being scheduled for later this month to reconvene the original Vision 20/20 committee. The purpose of the webinar is to update our members and to retrieve feedback from around the state on our first year official year.

Our work will continue over the summer planning out year two of the Vision 20/20 initiative. This work will include garnering support from districts that have not signed on board yet, continuing to meet with corporations such as Apple, Hewlett Packard, Comcast and other stakeholders who support public education in our state.

Finally, Vision 20/20 will begin to seek funding and other support from foundations who share our vision and commitment to the children of Illinois.

For the latest information regarding anything related to Vision 20/20 please visit our website at <http://illinoisvision2020.org> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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### WE'RE GROWING

Welcome Some of Our  
New School Districts!

### SUPPORTING DISTRICTS

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### SIGN OUR PETITION

Join the support for Vision 20/20  
and sign our petition!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



**HB 2683** BALANCED ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL

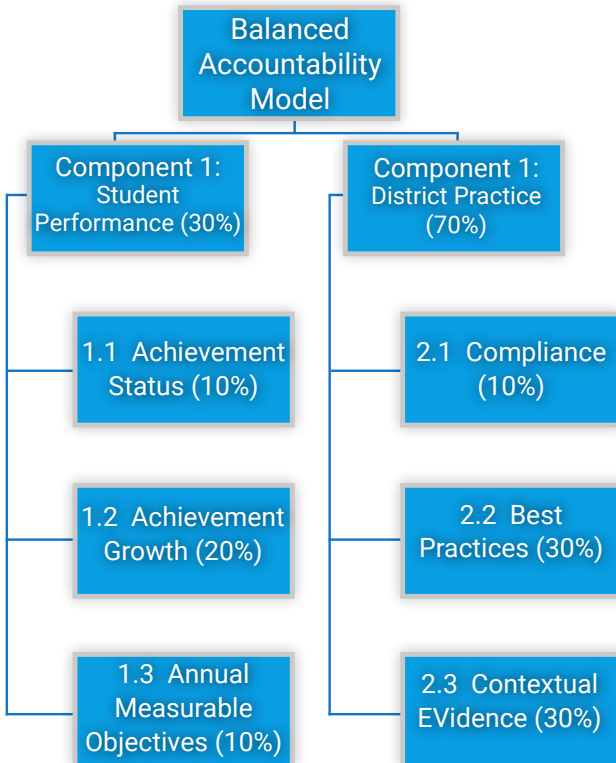
Date: 06/29/2015

Chamber: House

Action: On the Governor's Desk

The state should adopt a balanced accountability model to focus on continuous improvement, recognize the diversity of struggling schools and eliminate achievement gaps across the state. This model would allow local flexibility, promote shared accountability, and be sensitive to local district improvements. We have worked with ISBE to arrive at agreed-upon language.

- The Illinois Balanced Accountability Model (IBAM) creates a differentiated accountability model for Illinois schools whereby school districts and its individual schools are no longer judged on assessment data only but rather on both assessment data and the school districts' performance to close achievement gaps using evidence-based best practices of continued growth. This initiative will continue to take shape over the next year with a five-year phase-in period beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.



To learn more about our Bills, visit our Legislation Page on our website at: <http://illinoisvision2020.org/legislation/>

SUPPORTER'S STORY

Dear Representative Winger,

I am a high school science teacher recently moved from Boston, Massachusetts back to my hometown of Pinckneyville, IL and was very excited to see this legislation has been signed by the Governor just in the past few days. Thank you so very much!

I completed my teacher preparation at SIU in Carbondale but moved to Kentucky (teacher licensed) and then to Massachusetts (professional teaching license current). I was really concerned that I would have a hard time moving into an Illinois teaching job with my out of state license (even though I completed an Illinois Teacher College preparation program in 2001).

I have some really great education and experience to offer here in Illinois as a Chemistry teacher and it is so nice to hope that there will not be so many daunting hoops to go through before I can teach (and receive a license) here in my home state.

Thank you again,

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TELL US YOUR STORY

Your Voice Matters!

We would like to know about what your district is doing to fulfill the promise of public education and driving student success.

We will use your stories to promote our vision for public education. To submit, email us at: [questions@illinoisvision2020.org](mailto:questions@illinoisvision2020.org)

