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Parents Organized to Win, Educate and Renew –
Policy Action Council

***We urge you to support the following legislation
to advance Children and Family Rights in Illinois:***

Don't balance the budget on the backs of our families!

- **Pass SB2047 (Sen. Cullerton/Rep. Currie)** – stop-gap funding for human services for this year, and pass a FY2016 budget!
- **Create** new revenue sources and support a change in the Illinois Constitution to allow a graduated tax by supporting Illinois Fair Tax Constitutional Amendment Referendum, **SJRCA 1/ HJRCA 59** and **HB689 (Rep. Lang)** – a tax rate structure to reduce taxes for most families.
- **Fully fund FY2017 budget** and programs that help our families.

Children's Right to Quality Early Care and Education and Quality K-12 Education

- **SB231 (Sen. Manar)** – to create a new IL school funding formula to fund schools that most need it
- **Early Childhood budget items – Fully fund important programs like:**
 - **Preschool for all** – Keep the \$75 million increase in the Governor's proposed budget
 - **Home-Visiting programs** – Help families with our youngest children thrive
 - **Early Intervention** – Help address developmental challenges early
- **HB5580 (Rep. Wallace)** – Expand Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) eligibility/funding
- **HB557 (Rep. Martwick)** – Allow Chicago residents to elect their school board

Children's and Family's Rights to Safety and Second Chances

- **SB2370 (Sen. Van Pelt)** – Ensure young people have lawyers when they're interrogated by the police
- **SB2295 (Sen. Hutchinson/Sen. Martinez)** – Reclassify minor offense to reduce or eliminate prison time and use the savings to fund prevention programs

Children's and Family's Rights to Financial Security

- **SB2804 (Sen. Biss)** – Increase transparency of the wage assignment process
- **SB2340 (Sen. Lightford)** – Allow TANF recipients to keep up to \$200 for their child support payments without cutting benefits
- **HB1288 (Rep. Hernandez)** – Expand rights for domestic workers by including them in the Minimum Wage Act, Human Rights Act and Wages of Women and Minors Act
- **SB42 with Senate Amendment 1 (Sen. Martinez)/HB4515 (Rep. Lily) / HB4360 (Rep. Cassidy)** – Make it easier for people with criminal records to get jobs or licenses in health care & schools.

Children's and Family's Rights to Affordable Health Care

- **SB2393 (Sen. Harmon)** – Make breakfast a part school day for all Illinois students