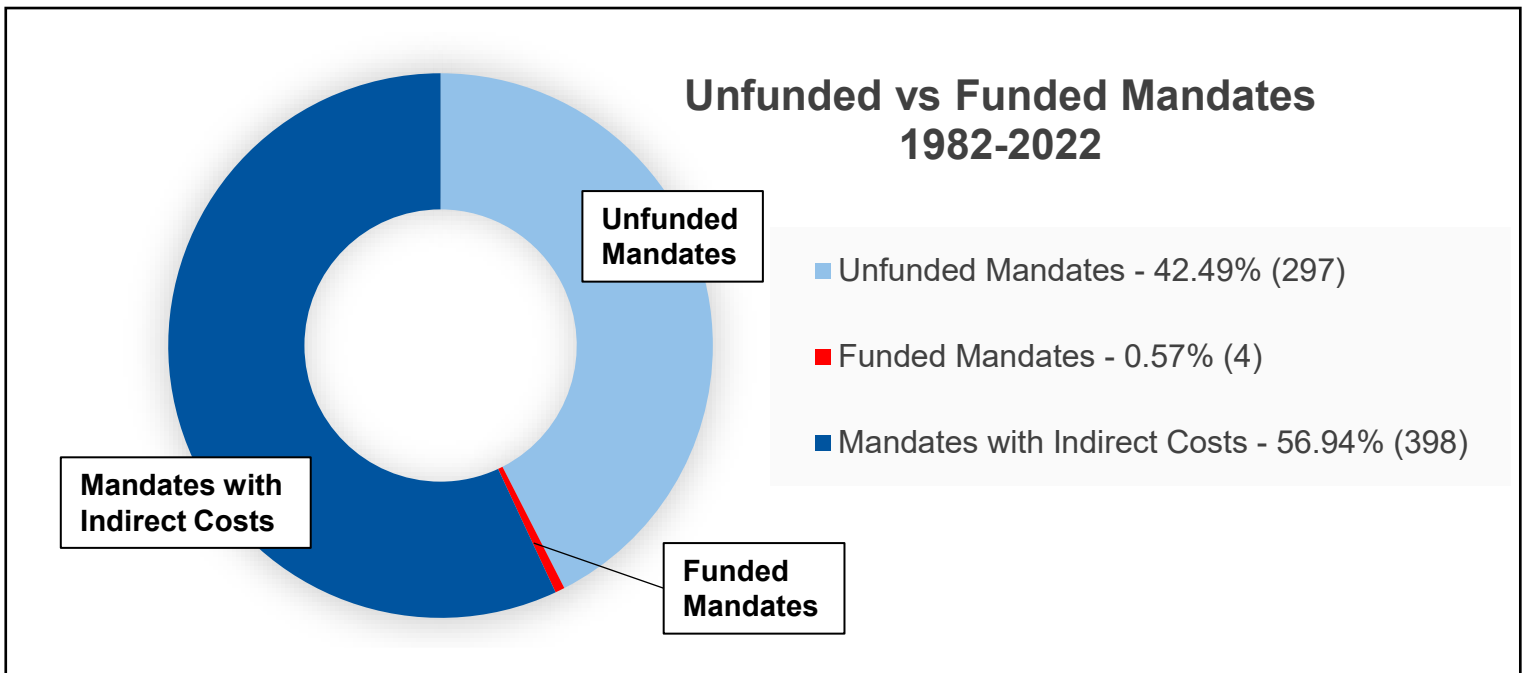


Unfunded vs. Funded Mandates



Data source: Illinois State Board of Education Educational Mandates Reports. 2020 omitted due to being a duplicate report of 2019. Realignment of reporting timeline initiated the duplicate report.

Of the 699 mandates that have been sanctioned on school districts since 1982, only 0.57% or 4 of those mandates have been funded. Almost half, or 42.49% of the mandates are unfunded. That is 297 unfunded mandates!

The remaining mandates are categorized as not posing an additional cost, yet they are expected to be carried out through existing staff and procedures. They can also create an additional cost but are expected to be covered by existing financial aid such as Evidence-Based Funding. Over 56% of all the mandates are expected to be done without additional support. That gives districts 398 additional tasks to complete!

Unfunded Mandates: The mandate does impose an additional cost. This category will include those mandates for which there has been an appropriation. It cannot be determined, however, whether the appropriation fully covers the cost of the mandate on the Local Education Agency (LEA), nor the amount of local resources used to make up a shortfall.

Funded Mandates: Mandates that have an appropriation allocated to fully fund the initiative.

Mandates with Indirect Costs: The mandates do not impose an additional cost. This category will include those mandates that: 1.) impose additional duties of a nature that can be carried out by existing staff and procedures at no appreciable net cost increase; 2.) create additional costs but also provide offsetting savings resulting in no aggregate increase in net costs; or 3.) create an additional cost that is wholly or largely recovered from federal, state, or other external financial aid.