

ICCTA ACTION ALERT

November 1, 2011

LAWMAKERS CONCLUDE 1ST WEEK OF VETO SESSION

The Illinois General Assembly conducted the first week of the 2011 fall veto session in Springfield on October 25-27. The final week of the veto session is scheduled for November 8-10. While several significant issues were under consideration, action was limited as much of the attention was focused on utility industry bills, including "Smart-Grid" modernization, clean-coal power plant initiatives, and a gaming bill compromise (Senate Bill 747).

A controversial bill vetoed by the Governor and dealing with the utility industry was overridden by the General Assembly and will become law. A compromise gaming bill is still awaiting action in the full Senate; discussions are expected to continue between Gov. Quinn and legislative leaders during the one-week break. Discussions also continue on reallocating state budget funds to avoid state facility closures and additional state employee layoffs. A measure to fund regional school superintendent salaries (House Bill 3828) failed to receive enough votes to pass in the House; however, another vote may occur next week when the legislature returns.

Other issues of interest to community colleges that may be considered next week include:

Pension Reform

The House conducted workgroup meetings in September and October addressing public pension reform. Discussions continue and focus on the provisions of SB 512 (sponsored by Rep. Tom Cross) that would require current employees to make a choice:

- 1) Keep their current retirement plan but pay a higher contribution rate;
- 2) Move to the reduced "Tier 2" retirement plan passed last year for newly hired employees; or
- 3) Enroll exclusively in a 401K program.

The language contained in the final version of the bill has not been made public. The sponsor could call for a vote in the House next week.

Community College Insurance Program (CIP)

Retired employees of Illinois community colleges may receive health insurance benefits through the College Insurance Program, which is partially subsidized and administered through the state of Illinois. The program by any measurement is insolvent. Several proposals to address this insolvency have been presented and have not yet been publically discussed during the veto session. ICCTA will continue to work for a solution to this issue.

Property Tax Caps Change

HB 3793 (sponsored by Rep. Jack Franks) passed out of the House Revenue Committee this week and could be considered before the full House. The bill amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law providing that, if the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year (with some exceptions) is less than the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the previous levy year, then the extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters). HB 3793 passed out of the House Revenue Committee this week and awaits consideration before the full House. The Trustees Association will discuss taking a position on HB 3793 during its November 11-12 meetings in Chicago.

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January 14, 2011

96th General Assembly ends / 97th General Assembly begins

At 1:20 AM on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, the 96th Illinois General Assembly adjourned *sine die*. No legislation directly involving higher education was enacted during the final hours of the 96th General Assembly. However, just hours before the session was scheduled to expire, both houses approved **Senate Bill 2505**, which increases the Illinois income tax rate from 3 percent to 5 percent. The Governor signed the bill on January 13. Any other bills that were introduced during the 96th General Assembly and not processed can no longer be considered, since all of its business for the two-year session has been concluded.

At noon on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, both houses of the 97th General Assembly were organized after members elected in the November 2010 election were seated and sworn in. Democrats remain in the majority in both the House and Senate, although compared to the previous session they make up a smaller majority in each chamber. The Illinois Senate is composed of 35 Democrat members and 24 Republican members. The House of Representatives is composed of 64 Democrat members and 54 Republican members. Michael Madigan was elected to his 14th two-year term as the Speaker of the House, while John Cullerton was elected to his second two-year term as the President of the Senate.

The General Assembly concluded its business of organizing and adjourned on Thursday, January 13. Both chambers are scheduled to return to Springfield in early February. The scheduled session dates for the spring 2011 session appear below. Dates to note are: the Governor's Fiscal Year 2012 budget address is scheduled for February 16; ICCTA Lobby Day is scheduled on May 4, and adjournment is scheduled for May 31.

Scheduled Session Dates:

- * February 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24
- * March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30, 31
- * April 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 26, 27, 28, 29
- * May 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

ICCTA will formally adopt its 2011 legislative agenda at its February 14 board meeting in Washington D.C. That meeting will be held in conjunction with the February 13-16 Community College National Legislative Summit.

**For more information on the upcoming legislative session,
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March 7, 2011

The Illinois General Assembly is in the full swing of conducting business for the spring 2011 legislative session. Both the House and Senate are conducting hearings on legislation, and the March 17 deadline for committee approval of bills is approaching. Last week lawmakers worked on moving bills out of committee and through the chambers. Gov. Pat Quinn's proposed budget also continues to be a hot topic of discussion amongst interest groups and lawmakers. The Governor met with the Black Caucus last week in response to its fervent opposition to proposed cuts to human services programs. But by all accounts, the budget picture is as bleak as it has been and options appear limited. While the budget will be a primary focus of discussion, with only 2 weeks until the substantive committee deadline, there will be significant action on bills prior to the upcoming "spring break" during the week of March 21st.

The following is a list of bills that are of potential interest to the Trustees Association. Please be aware that there have been a significant number of vehicle bills filed in both chambers. You may be aware that vehicle bills do not contain any substantive changes to statutes as they currently stand. These types of bills are intended to be available for use should the need arise at a later time. In addition, please note that a significant number of the vehicle bills introduced amend the Pension Code. We have identified those bills and are watching them for any movement or amendments but we are not including all of those bills in this listing. We will add those to the report later should they become active. We have listed several pension bills for your information.

House Bill 15 Community College Tuition Per Capita Cost (Tracy)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes changes in a Section requiring a community college district to pay the tuition of a student attending a community college outside of the district. With respect to the maximum amount of tuition that may be charged, provides that the provision setting forth how the per capita cost of a community college must be computed does not apply from the effective date of the amendatory Act until 3 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

HB 146 Reduction of Annuity Calculations For Current Employees (Franks)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Amends the General Assembly, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Reduces and caps the highest salary for annuity purposes, final rate of earnings, final average compensation, and final average salary for current members, participants, and participating employees of the affected systems at \$106,800, but authorizes that amount to be annually increased by the lesser of 3% or one-half of the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1. Requires employee contributions to also be based on these capped amounts.

HB 152 Department of Education Act (M. Davis)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the Department of Education Act and amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the School Code, the Board of Higher Education Act, and the Public Community College Act. Creates the Department of Education, with a Secretary of Education as its head. Provides that, in order to create continuity between all levels of education, the Department shall oversee the State Board of Education, IBHE, and ICCB and coordinate and streamline the functions of these boards. Requires the Department to create an Elementary and Secondary Education Division and a Vocational Education Division within the Department. Requires the State Board of Education, IBHE and ICCB to report directly to the Department.

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HB 165 Prevailing Wage for Nonprofit Educational Purposes (Winters)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that prevailing wage need not be paid to workers engaged in the construction or demolition of public works when employed by or working on behalf of nonprofit organizations for educational purposes. Effective immediately.

HB 166 University Green Jobs and Technology Act (Winters)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Creates the Higher Education Green Jobs and Technology Act. Provides that representatives from each State university and community college, in conjunction with research centers affiliated with these institutions that focus on clean or sustainable energy and that are located within the same geographic regions, may meet annually to develop collaborative efforts with regard to the green technology industry. Requires IBHE and ICCB to annually publicize on their websites information concerning efforts made by State universities and community colleges to promote the green technology industry, including the development of new academic degree and certificate programs, courses of instruction, and initiatives made by these State universities and community colleges to align green jobs programs with employer needs. Effective immediately.

HB 170 Property Tax for Vocational Education (Dugan)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the School Code. Provides that, through January 1, 2014, the school board of any district with a population of less than 500,000 that participates in a joint agreement for an area vocational education center may levy an annual property tax not to exceed: 0.02% for districts maintaining only grades 9 through 12 and 0.04% for districts maintaining grades kindergarten through 12. Provides that those amounts may be increased by referendum to 0.40% and 0.80% respectively. Contains provisions concerning notice and public hearings. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code to exempt those extensions from the definition of "aggregate extension". Effective immediately.

HB 201 Elimination of General Assembly Scholarships (Pihos)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2011, no scholarships may be awarded under provisions that permit members of the General Assembly to award scholarships to persons for attendance at a State sponsored university. A scholarship awarded before July 1, 2011 is valid until its stated term expires, but may not be renewed.

HB 227 Elimination of General Assembly Scholarships (Franks)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the School Code. Provides that after June 1, 2011 persons may not be nominated for General Assembly scholarships and that General Assembly scholarships may not be awarded after that date unless the nomination is made prior to that date. Prevents both second nominations for any lapsed General Assembly scholarship and nominating persons to the unused or unexpired parts of any vacated General Assembly scholarship after June 1, 2011.

HB 261 College Savings Pool Report (Chapa LaVia)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the State Treasurer Act requiring that the Office of the State Treasurer collect data to produce a report that provides information about participants in the College Savings Pool. Sets forth the requirements for the report. Provides that on December 1, 2012, and each December 1 thereafter, the Office of the State Treasurer must submit the report to the General Assembly and the Governor and make the report available to the public.

HB 295 Sex Offender Registration in Higher Education (DeLuca)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Sex Offender Registration Act provide that a sex offender shall also register with the public safety or security director of the institution of higher education which he or she is employed at or attends. Provides that the registration fees shall only apply to the municipality or county of primary registration, and not to campus registration.

HB 304 Community College Tuition Cap Limitation (Tracy)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the tuition rate and fee limit of 1/3 of the per capita cost applies until the effective date of the amendatory Act and beginning again 3 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

HB 1223 Objections to Candidate Petitions (W. Davis)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Similar to HB 1885, this bill amends the Election Code to provide that the county officers electoral board shall also hear objector's petitions for candidates for municipal offices and for candidates for offices in school or community college districts.

HB 1283 Labor Training Programs at Lake Land College (Bradley)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Similar to SB 1735, this bill provides that the Illinois Department of Transportation shall certify U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship programs which have joint labor management boards regulated under the federal Labor Management Relations Act as able to teach, train, and test their own members for any quality assurance and quality control certifications required by the Department. Provides that the Department shall make all course curricula, teaching aides, syllabi, and tests for the instructors of programs available without charge. Provides that the Department shall bear the cost of administering required testing, and that the Department or any third party it uses to administer the testing shall provide testers upon 10 days notice. Provides that if testers are not provided by the Department or third party, the apprenticeship program may provide its own testers.

HB 1349 Universities' Uncollectible Debt (Jakobsson)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Uncollected State Claims Act. Provides that a public university may delete from its records debts of \$1,000 or more certified as uncollectible when the debt is more than 8 years old. Provides that Illinois public universities are not subject to certain provisions of the Act setting out requirements for entering into deferred payment plans or compromising past due debts. Provides that certain provisions of the Act concerning collection agency fees do not apply to second, third, or subsequent placements or to litigation activities. Effective immediately.

HB 1353 General Assembly Scholarships (Pritchard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

With respect to nominees for General Assembly scholarships, prohibits a nominee from being a relative of the member of the General Assembly making the nomination; defines relative. Provides that each member of the General Assembly shall (instead of may) delegate to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission the authority to nominate persons for General Assembly scholarships that the member would otherwise be entitled to award. Provides that the member shall make recommendations to the Commission concerning candidates for the scholarships and may inform the Commission in writing of the criteria that he or she wishes the Commission to apply in nominating candidates. Effective immediately.

HB 1374 College Insurance Program Rate Increases (Currie)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 in the College Insurance Program. Provides, beginning July 1, 2012, (i) that the program of health benefits for community college benefit recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries shall include health benefits for community college benefit recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries at the City Colleges of Chicago and (ii) that those persons and the employers of those persons shall pay the required contributions. Increases the required contribution to be paid by all community colleges and contributors to the State Universities Retirement System and their employers. Provides that the City Colleges of Chicago shall contribute (I) \$10 million toward the cost of these health benefits by March 30, 2012 and (ii) an additional amount on or before September 1, 2012. Requires the Board of Trustees of SURS to recertify its estimate of the total amount of contributions to be contributed for these benefits, taking into account the changes made by the amendatory Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

HB 1412 City Colleges of Chicago (Turner)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the application of provisions to a community college district in Chicago.

HB 1493 Community College Board Chair (Bost)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

This ICCTA-initiated bill amends the Public Community College Act and changes references from "chairman" to "chairperson" of the board of trustees of a community college district; makes related changes.

HB 1503 IBHE Performance-Based Funding (Rose)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. With respect to the Board's analysis of formulating the annual budget request for State universities and colleges, provides that, beginning with Fiscal Year 2013, the annual budget request must incorporate performance-based funding, pursuant to the report of the Board's Higher Education Finance Study Commission. Provides that the Board shall have 2 fiscal years to implement this performance-based funding, and thereafter must update how this funding is calculated every 6 months, which updates must be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

HB 1627 American-Assembled Vehicles Act (Sosnowski)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the American-Assembled Vehicles Act. Defines "taxing body" to mean the State of Illinois and its officers and agencies, units of local government, community college districts, and school districts. Provides that any taxing body purchasing or leasing vehicles on or after the effective date of the Act must purchase or lease vehicles whose final assembly occurred in the United States and must give preference to vehicles whose final assembly occurred in Illinois. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

HB 1710 College Planning Act (Pritchard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the College Planning Act. Establishes the College Planning Program, administered by ISAC. Provides that the Commission shall utilize the Program to target low-income and potential first-generation college students with programs to promote college awareness and planning. Sets forth qualifications to participate in the Program, benefits and services provided, and Program disqualification. Effective immediately.

HB 1864 Equalization Funding - Minimum Tuition & Fees (Bradley)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Similar to HB 3484, the bill amends the Public Community College Act to provide that as of July 1, 2012, a community college district must maintain a minimum required combined in-district tuition and universal fee rate per semester credit hour equal to 70% (instead of 85%) of the State-average combined rate, as determined by ICCB, or the total revenue received by the community college district from combined in-district tuition and universal fees must be at least 30% of the total revenue received by the community college district, as determined by the Board, for equalization funding. Effective July 1, 2011.

HB 1885 Objections to Candidate Petitions (Rita)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Similar to HB 1223, the bill amends the Election Code to provide that the county officers electoral board shall also hear objector's petitions for candidates for offices in school or community college districts.

HB 1977 College Insurance Program (McCarthy)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that eligibility to participate in the program of health benefits for community college benefit recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries shall be determined by the appropriate community college and the determination will be provided to SURS (was, determined by SURS). Provides that nothing in provisions concerning the program of health benefits for community college benefit recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries and contribution to the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund establishes a duty on the part of SURS to certify, verify, audit, or otherwise ensure the appropriateness or adequacy of the information received from the community colleges. Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Specifies that provisions concerning approval of travel or educational missions do not apply to expenses necessarily incurred in the State of Illinois for attending board or board committee meetings, ethics training, or fiduciary training. Makes changes concerning an annual report to the Governor identifying economic opportunity investments made by pension funds. Makes changes concerning the appointment and election of trustees of the Board of Trustees of SURS. Effective immediately.

HB 2051 College of DuPage Trustee Sub-Districts (Reboletti)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Amends the Public Community College Act. Resections a Section concerning boards of trustees. Provides for the election of board of trustee members by trustee district rather than at large in Community College District No. 502 (College of DuPage), with a 4-year (instead of a 6-year) term. Makes related changes.

HB 2061 Pension Code – Salary Limitations (Sente)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if the amount of earnings of a participant or member of the specified pension systems or retirement funds exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous plan year by more than 12%, then that portion of the increase of salary in excess of 12% shall not be included in the calculation of any of the following, as is applicable: final average salary, highest average annual salary for any 4 consecutive years within the last 10 years of service immediately preceding the date of withdrawal, average final salary, final average compensation, or average salary. Effective July 1, 2011.

HB 2142 FY 2012 Community College Budget (Madigan)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of ICCB for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, as follows: General Funds \$358,421,900; Other State Funds \$56,567,100; Federal Funds \$0; Total \$414,989,000.

HB 2625 Community Colleges (Cross)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Illinois Community College Board but contains no content.

HB 2927 Emergency Employment Development Act (Mathias)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act. Defines "Advisory Committee", "Department", "Director", "Employment Administrator", "service delivery area", and "Workforce Investment Act". Sets forth the powers of the Illinois Emergency Development coordinator and the uses for funds appropriated for the program. Provides that the Department of Employment Security shall publicize the program and that IBHE and ICCB shall review their policies to ensure that specified programs serve the needs of the economically disadvantaged. Sets forth the requirements for businesses receiving funds under the program concerning repayment. Establishes the Illinois 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Advisory Committee and provides its powers and duties. Provides how the funds shall be allocated among service delivery areas. Sets forth the powers and duties of the Employment Administrator. Provides what constitutes an eligible employer under the Act. Creates the Illinois 21st Century Workforce Development Fund. Provides that the Secretary of Human Services shall inform each applicant or recipient of the benefits of the program. Provides that the State of Illinois and other governmental units may employ unemployed or underemployed persons pursuant to this Act. Effective July 1, 2011.

HB 2950 Campus Security Police Files (Gordon)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Provides that if the campus police department of a higher education institution becomes aware that a student has been suspended or expelled by the institution for engaging in disruptive or antisocial behavior or has withdrawn from the institution for engaging in disruptive or antisocial behavior, then the campus police department must release all files and information in its possession relating to the student's suspension, expulsion, or withdrawal to the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the institution's campus. Effective immediately.

HB 3484 Equalization Funding - Minimum Tuition & Fees (Lilly)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Similar to HB 1864, this bill amends the Public Community College Act to provide that as of July 1, 2012, a community college district must maintain a minimum required combined in-district tuition and universal fee rate per semester credit hour equal to 70% (instead of 85%) of the State-average combined rate, as determined by ICCB, or the total revenue received by the community college district from combined in-district tuition and universal fees must be at least 30% of the total revenue received by the community college district, as determined by the Board, for equalization funding. Effective July 1, 2011.

Senate Bill 3 Debt Restructuring Plan (Cullerton)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Fund and the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Debt Service Fund as special funds in the State treasury. Provides that the Comptroller shall transfer into the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Debt Service Fund certain amounts to service debt due on State General Obligation Restructuring Bonds. Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Increases total authorized amount of General Obligation Bonds. Provides that the \$8,750,000,000 of Bonds authorized by this amendatory Act shall be used to pay vouchers that are at least 60 days past due, medical expenses incurred by the State under its health plans, corporate income tax refunds, and other operating expenses of the State. Provides that the proceeds of these Bonds shall be deposited in the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Fund. Provides for the conditions for issuance and sale of State General Obligation Restructuring Bonds. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

SB 59 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Silverstein)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Creates the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. Provides that a public community college student who earns an associate degree for transfer granted pursuant to the Act is deemed eligible for transfer into the baccalaureate program of a State university if the student (1) completes 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to a State university and (2) obtains of a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Requires a community college district to develop and grant associate degrees for transfer that meet the requirements of the Act. Requires a State university to guarantee admission with junior status to any community college student who meets all of the requirements of the Act. Provides that a State university shall grant a local community college student priority admission and admission to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis. Provides that a student admitted under the Act shall receive priority over all other community college transfer students. Sets forth provisions concerning coursework, reviews and reports by the IBHE, and implementation of the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

SB 114 University Tuition Freeze (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Amends the Public Community College Act and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that the tuition and fee rates for students for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 academic years must not be more than the tuition and fees rates in effect for the 2010-2011 academic year. Effective immediately.

SB 120 First Generation Students (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Public Community College Act and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities. Requires the governing board of each public university and community college to establish an Office of Advising for First Generation College Students to serve those students who are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education.

SB 121 Audit-Based Presidential Salaries (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Amends the Public Community College Act and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities. Provides that with respect to community college audits made by an auditor, a board of trustees shall reduce the base salary of the president or chief executive officer of the community college by 10% for each significant finding in an audit report that is not resolved within one year after receiving the final audit report. Provides that, with respect to public university audits made by the Auditor General, a board of trustees shall reduce the base salary of the president of the university by 10% for each significant finding in an audit report that is not resolved within 1 year after receiving the final audit report.

SB 122 First Generation Student Report (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Concerning the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, requires IBHE to require all public institutions to track the status of those students who are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education. With respect to the Board's annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor, requires the report to include, with respect to each public institution of higher education, the status of those students who are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education.

SB 131 Executive Inspector General for Higher Education (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Authorizes Governor to appoint an Executive Inspector General for Higher Education to investigate allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, misconduct, nonfeasance, misfeasance, malfeasance, or violations of the Act by public institutions of higher education, their officers, and their employees. The term of the initial Executive Inspector General for Higher Education shall commence upon qualification and run through June 30, 2013. Requires initial appointment to be made within 60 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

SB 135 Removal of Board Tuition Authority (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Amends the Public Community College Act and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Removes the power of the governing board of each public university and community college district to establish tuition rates and fees. Provides that for the 2011-2012 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the tuition and fee rates for students must be equal to the tuition and fee rates in effect for the 2010-2011 academic year or such lesser or greater amount as may be established by law by the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

SB 1253 Dual Offices – County Board / Community College Trustee (Forby)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a member of the county board in a county having fewer than 40,000 inhabitants, during the term of office for which he or she is elected, may also hold the office of member of the board of a community college district. Effective immediately.

SB 1556 College Insurance Program (Haine)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that in order to be eligible for group insurance benefits under a retirement system: (i) each annuitant or retired employee must meet the vesting requirements of the applicable retirement system and (ii) each survivor must establish that the deceased employee, annuitant, or retired employee upon whom the annuity is based was eligible to participate in the group insurance system under the applicable retirement system. Specifies that certain persons do not qualify as community college dependent beneficiaries or Teachers Retirement System dependent beneficiaries. Provides that only employees (rather than employees, annuitants, retired employees, and survivors) and their elected dependents are eligible and covered for all benefits available under the Act's programs. Provides that annuitants, survivors, and retired employees and their elected dependents are immediately eligible for the group health benefits program and that the coverage of those persons is effective immediately upon the completion of the required forms. Requires, however, each survivor who is seeking coverage under that program to establish that he or she would have been eligible for coverage under the deceased member upon whom the survivor's annuity is based.

SB 1711 College Insurance Program (Haine)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Increases, beginning April 1, 2011, the required contributions for every active contributor of SURS (established under Article 15 of the Illinois Pension Code) who (1) is a full-time employee of a community college district (other than a community college district subject to Article VII of the Public Community College Act) or an association of community college boards and (2) is not an employee as defined in a separate provision of the Act. Increases, beginning April 1, 2011, the required contribution every community college district (other than a community college district subject to Article VII of the Public Community College Act) or association of community college boards that is an employer under SURS must contribute toward the cost of community college health benefits. Amends the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act. In provisions concerning the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund, prohibits the transfer of funds from the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund by any constitutional officer or legislative body for any other purpose or program. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

SB 1735 Labor Training Programs at Lake Land College (Jacobs)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Similar to HB 1283, this bill provides that IDOT shall certify U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship programs which have joint labor management boards regulated under the federal Labor Management Relations Act as able to teach, train, and test their own members for any quality assurance and quality control certifications required by the Department. Provides that the Department shall make all course curricula, teaching aides, syllabi, and tests for the instructors of programs available without charge. Provides that the Department shall bear the cost of administering required testing, and that the Department or any third party it uses to administer the testing shall provide testers upon 10 days notice. Provides that if testers are not provided by the Department or third party, the apprenticeship program may provide its own testers.

SB 1883 IBHE Program / Capital Authority (Maloney)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, following notification to and a period of consultation with the appropriate board of control, IBHE is authorized to take action on the dissolution or reduce in scope any and all existing programs of instruction, research, or public service that the Board finds to lack educational or economical justification at the public universities and community colleges. Requires each public university and community college to submit its plan for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board for approval before final commitments are made only if the total cost of the project as approved by the institution's board of control is in excess of \$2 million.

SB 1926 Local Government Consolidation Commission Act (Link)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the Local Government Consolidation Commission Act. Establishes the Local Government Consolidation Commission to create a recommended list of units of local government to be abolished or consolidated. Provides that the Commission shall submit its recommended list to the General Assembly by no later than April 1, 2012. Sets forth the requirements for the recommended list. Provides that the General Assembly may disapprove the list of the Commission in whole, but may not disapprove of specific types of units of local government or specifically named units of local government on the list, within 30 calendar days after each chamber next convenes after the list is submitted to the General Assembly, by adoption of a resolution by a record vote of the majority of the members elected in each house. Provides that if the recommended list is not disapproved by the General Assembly within the time period for disapproval, then the Legislative Reference Bureau shall prepare for introduction a revisory bill effecting the changes in the statutes as may be necessary to conform the statutes to the changes in law made by the recommended list. Effective immediately.

SB 1967 Community College Contracts (Maloney)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the provisions of a Section requiring the award of a contract to the lowest responsible bidder do not prevent a community college from complying with the terms and conditions of a grant, gift, or bequest that calls for the procurement of a particular good or service or the use of a particular contractor, provided that the grant, gift, or bequest provides the majority funding for the contract. Effective immediately.

SB 2042 Community College Board Chair (Millner)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

This ICCTA bill amends the Public Community College Act to changes references from "chairman" to "chairperson" of the board of trustees of a community college district; makes related changes.

SB 2097 Early Graduation Tuition Waiver Act (Dillard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the Early Graduation Tuition Waiver Act. Provides that if a student graduates from grades 9 through 12 at a secondary school in this State that is recognized by the State Board of Education in less than 4 school years, then he or she is entitled to receive a tuition waiver to a public university in this State, with the length of the tuition waiver being equal to the difference between 8 semesters and the actual number of semesters the student was enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Provides that each year, the State Board shall receive and consider applications for these tuition waivers and award these tuition waivers to eligible applicants. Effective July 1, 2011.

SB 2144 School Construction (Frerichs)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that "school district" includes a public university laboratory school. Provides that the grant index for a university lab school shall be 100%. Provides that a university lab school that makes application for school construction funds shall be placed on the respective application cycle list, university lab schools must be placed following any Type 40 area vocational centers on the priority listing of eligible entities for the applicable fiscal year, and the grant amount for a university lab school shall be 100% of the recognized project cost, as determined by the Capital Development Board.

SB 2187 Exemption from SURS 6% Salary Limitations (Clayborne)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Downstate Teachers and State Universities Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Extends, by 5 years, the period during which certain types of salary increases may be excluded from the calculation of a 6% salary increase above which employees must make additional contributions. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

SB 2386 Community Colleges Appropriations (Kotowski)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

This is a shell bill that appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to ICCB for its FY12 ordinary and contingent expenses. It could be used by the General Assembly for future funding initiatives. Effective July 1, 2011.

SB 2415 Community Colleges Annual Appropriation (Kotowski)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, as follows: General Funds \$358,421,900; Other State Funds \$56,567,100; Federal Funds \$0; Total \$414,989,000.

<p>␣ For legislative updates, call ICCTA at 1-800-454-2282 ␣</p>

ICCTA Action Alert

May 2, 2011

The beginning of May marks just 30 days until the tentative end of the legislative session. During the next several weeks, budget negotiations will become more intense and likely more rancorous. Reaction to the Governor's proposed budget was not particularly positive. Reaction to his recent plan to reallocate dollars from local governments elsewhere, unless a borrowing plan is approved, appears to be roundly negative.

Substantive legislation continues to move through the process and is now in the opposite chamber. Senate bills have two weeks in which to move out of House committees and an additional two weeks to be voted on by the full chamber. The same schedule applies to House bills that are currently in the Senate.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the Illinois Community College Trustees Association at 1-800-454-2282.

Bill: HB 166 (Winters-R/ Frerichs-D) HIGHER ED-GREEN JOBS & TECH
Status: POSTED For Hearing to SENATE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the University Green Jobs and Technology Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require that green jobs certificate and degree programs offered by each State university be uniformly named. Requires the Board to annually publicize on its Internet website information concerning efforts made by State universities to promote the green technology industry. Requires each State university to develop agreements to share equipment required for students participating in green jobs certificate or degree programs or enrolled in a course of study concerning green jobs. Requires the Board to annually prepare and publish on its Internet website a list of every green jobs course and green jobs certificate and degree program offered by State universities and an inventory of conjunction with research centers affiliated with these universities that focus on clean or sustainable energy and that are located within the same geographic regions, shall meet annually to develop collaborative efforts with regard to the green technology industry. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment #1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Higher Education Green Jobs and Technology Act. Provides that representatives from each State university and community college, in conjunction with research centers affiliated with these institutions that focus on clean or sustainable energy and that are located within the same geographic regions, may meet annually to develop collaborative efforts with regard to the green technology industry.

Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to annually publicize on their Internet websites information concerning efforts made by State universities and community colleges to promote the green technology industry, including the development of new academic degree and certificate programs, courses of instruction, and initiatives made by these State universities and community colleges to align green jobs programs with employer needs. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 295 (DeLuca-D/Maloney-D) SEX OFFENDER REG-HIGHER ED
Status: POSTED For Hearing to SENATE Criminal Law Committee – May 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Sex Offender Registration Act. Provides that a sex offender shall also register with the public safety or security director of the institution of higher education which he or she is employed at or attends. Provides that the registration fees shall only apply to the municipality or county of primary registration, and not to campus registration.

Bill: HB 328 (Madigan-D) \$ISAC
Status: POSTED For Hearing in HOUSE Approp – Elem. & Secondary Ed Committee – May 3
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY12 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2011.

Bill: HB 1353 (Pritchard-R/Dillard-R) SCH CD-GA SCHOLARSHIP-NOMINATE
Status: Referred to SENATE Executive Committee – April 27, 2011
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. With respect to nominees for General Assembly scholarships, prohibits a nominee from being a relative of the member of the General Assembly making the nomination; defines relative. Provides that each member of the General Assembly shall (instead of may) delegate to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission the authority to nominate persons for General Assembly scholarships that the member would otherwise be entitled to award. Provides that the member shall make recommendations to the Commission concerning candidates for the scholarships and may inform the Commission in writing of the criteria that he or she wishes the Commission to apply in nominating candidates. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment #1

Restores current law with respect to allowing (instead of requiring) each member of the General Assembly to delegate to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission the authority to nominate persons for General Assembly scholarships that the member would otherwise be entitled to award.

Bill: HB 1461 (Cunningham-D) FIREARM OWNERS ID-REVOKE
Status: Bill TABLED By Sponsor – April 5, 2011
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides that the Department of State Police may deny an application for or revoke and seize a Firearm Owner's Identification Card previously issued under the Act to a student or former student of a secondary school or institution of higher learning who has been identified by the administration of that school or institution as a person who has acted in a mentally erratic or violent nature while enrolled, thereby creating a possible threat to the safety of the student body, faculty, or staff of the school or institution. Provides that

the administration of a secondary school or institution of higher learning may report to the Department of State Police the name and address of a student or former student who has acted in a mentally erratic or violent nature while enrolled. Provides that the Department of State Police may use such information to determine whether to deny an application for or to revoke and seize the student or former student's Firearm Owner's Identification Card. Provides that the administration of a secondary school or an institution of higher learning that reports the name and address of a student or former student to the Department of State Police as having acted in a mentally erratic or violent nature while enrolled are presumed to have acted in good faith and are immune from civil or criminal liability for making such report and the consequences of such report.

House Committee Amendment #1

Provides that secondary schools and institutions of higher learning that wish to report mentally erratic or violent behavior by students and former students for purposes of revocation of an individual's Firearm Owner's Identification Card shall first report the incidents to the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction. Provides that upon investigation of the purported incidents of mentally erratic or violent behavior, the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction may report the information to the Department of State Police. Provides that the Department of State Police may use such information to determine whether to deny an application for or to revoke and seize the student or former student's Firearm Owner's Identification Card. Provides that if the Department of State Police acts to suspend or revoke the student or former student's Firearm Owner's Identification Card, the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction for the secondary school or institution of higher learning where the incidents of mentally erratic or violent behavior occurred may seize the student or former student's Firearm Owner's Identification Card and forward it to the Department of State Police. Provides that the administration of a secondary school or institution of higher learning that reports mentally erratic or violent behavior to the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction who subsequently reports to the Department of State Police is presumed to have acted in good faith and is immune from civil or criminal liability for making such report and the consequences of such report.

Bill: HB 1503 (Rose-R/Maloney-D) IBHE-PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING
Status: POSTED For Hearing to SENATE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position: MONITOR

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. With respect to the Board's analysis of formulating the annual budget request for State universities and colleges, provides that, beginning with Fiscal Year 2013, the annual budget request must incorporate performance-based funding, pursuant to the report of the Board's Higher Education Finance Study Commission. Provides that the Board shall have 2 fiscal years to implement this performance-based funding, and thereafter must update how this funding is calculated every 6 months, which updates must be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment #1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Directs the Board of Higher Education to form a broad-based group of individuals representing the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, public institutions of higher education, State agencies, business and industry, Statewide organizations representing faculty and staff, and others as the Board shall deem appropriate to devise a system for allocating State resources to public institutions of higher education based upon performance in achieving State goals related to student success and certificate and degree completion. Provides that, beginning in Fiscal Year 2013, the Board of Higher Education budget recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly shall include allocations to public institutions of higher education based upon performance metrics designed to promote and measure student success in degree and certificate completion. Provides that these metrics must be adopted by the Board by rule. Requires the metrics to be developed and promulgated in accordance with specified principles. Provides that in devising performance metrics, the Board may be guided by the report of the Higher Education Finance Study Commission.

Bill: HB 1710 (Pritchard-R/Maloney-D) COLLEGE PLANNING ACT
Status: POSTED For Hearing to SENATE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the College Planning Act. Establishes the College Planning Program, to be administered by the IL Student Assistance Commission. Provides that the Commission shall utilize the Program to target low-income and potential first-generation college students with programs to promote college awareness and planning. Sets forth qualifications to participate in the Program, benefits and services provided, and Program disqualification. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 1864 (Lilly-D/Maloney-D) COMM COLLEGE-GRANT FUNDING
Status: Referred to SENATE Committee on Assignments - March 14, 2011
Position: MONITOR

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that as of July 1, 2012, a community college district must maintain a minimum required combined in-district tuition and universal fee rate per semester credit hour equal to 70% (instead of 85%) of the State-average combined rate, as determined by the Illinois Community College Board, or the total revenue received by the community college district from combined in-district tuition and universal fees must be at least 30% of the total revenue received by the community college district, as determined by the Board, for equalization funding. Effective July 1, 2011.

Bill: HB 2051 (Reboletti-R/Dillard-R) COM COL TRUSTEE DIST-DUPAGE
Status: POSTED For Hearing to SENATE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Resections a Section concerning boards of trustees. Provides for the election of board of trustee members by trustee district rather than at large in Community College District No. 502 (College of DuPage), with a 4-year (instead of a 6-year) term. Makes related changes.

House Floor Amendment #1

Provides for a 6-year term (rather than a 4-year term) for board of trustee members elected by trustee district in Community College District No. 502.

Bill: HB 2142 (Madigan-D) \$ICCB FY12 OCE
Status: ASSIGNED For Hearing in HOUSE Approp , Higher Ed Committee – May 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, as follows: General Funds \$358,421,900; Other State Funds \$56,567,100; Federal Funds \$0 ;Total \$414,989,000.

Bill: HB 2927 (Mathias-R/ Noland-D) EMER EMP DEVELOPMENT ACT
Status: POSTED For Hearing to SENATE Labor Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act. Defines "Advisory Committee", "Department", "Director", "Employment Administrator", "service delivery area", and "Workforce Investment Act". Sets forth the powers of the Illinois Emergency Development coordinator and the uses for funds appropriated for the program. Provides that the Department of Employment Security shall publicize the program and that the Board of Higher Education and Community College Board shall review their policies to ensure that specified programs serve the needs of the economically disadvantaged. Sets forth the requirements for businesses receiving funds under the program concerning repayment. Establishes the Illinois 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Advisory Committee and provides its powers and duties. Provides how the funds shall be allocated among service delivery areas. Sets forth the powers and duties of the Employment Administrator. Provides what constitutes an eligible employer under the Act. Creates the Illinois 21st Century Workforce Development Fund. Provides that the Secretary of Human Services shall inform each applicant or recipient of the benefits of the program. Provides that the State of Illinois and other governmental units may employ unemployed or underemployed persons pursuant to this Act. Effective July 1, 2011.

House Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with changes. Further amends the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act. Makes changes to certain definitions. Provides that an eligible employer may not terminate, lay off, or reduce the working hours of an employee for the purpose of hiring an individual with funds available under the Act. Adds certain small businesses and businesses that produce energy conserving materials or services or are involved in development of renewable sources of energy to the list of businesses that may be given preference under the Act. Removes language allowing certain government agencies to participate in the Act. Makes numerous other changes. Amends the Corporate Accountability for Tax Expenditures Act to include assistance given under the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act from the definition of "development assistance". Amends the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Act to provide that the Fund is subject to appropriation. Effective July 1, 2011.

Bill: HB 3220 (Pritchard-R/Maloney-D) HIGHER EDUC - ACCOUNTABILITY
Status: POSTED For Hearing to SENATE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Accountability in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities in this State to develop annual academic, financial, and enrollment plans that outline (i) tuition and fee estimates, (ii) enrollment projections, (iii) retention policies and projections, and (iv) accepting a number of accountability measures, including meeting benchmarks related to accessibility and affordability. Requires public universities to commit themselves formally to meeting specified State policy objectives, in conjunction with the goals set forth in the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success. Requires the Board of Higher Education to be responsible for developing performance indicators to measure whether public universities in this State are meeting State policy objectives, in conjunction with the goals set forth in the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success. Effective immediately.

House Amendment #1 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Deletes language as introduced and becomes the bill. Creates the Accountability in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities and community colleges to develop annual plans related to their operations. Plans are to be submitted to their respective state oversight board by the 30th of June. Full text can be viewed at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09700HB3220ham001&GA=97&SessionId=84&DocType=HB&LegID=60585&DocNum=3220&GAID=11&Session=>

House Floor Amendment #2

In provisions concerning the contents of the plans that the universities must submit, provides that the plans shall outline a number of accountability measures, including meeting benchmarks related to accessibility and affordability developed in consultation with statewide organizations representing faculty and staff.

Bill: HB 3700 (Madigan-D) \$ICCB-TECH
Status: POSTED For Hearing to HOUSE Appropriations Higher Education Committee – May 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY12 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2011.

Bill: HB 3701 (Madigan-D) \$ISAC-TECH
Status: POSTED For Hearing to HOUSE Appropriations - Higher Education Committee – May 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY12 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2011.

Bill: SB 59 (Silverstein-D) STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading –March 15, 2011
Deadline for SENATE Action Extended to May 4, 2011
Position: SUPPORT

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. Provides that a public community college student who earns an associate degree for transfer granted pursuant to the Act is deemed eligible for transfer into the baccalaureate program of a State university if the student (1) completes 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to a State university and (2) obtains of a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Requires a community college district to develop and grant associate degrees for transfer that meet the requirements of the Act. Requires a State university to guarantee admission with junior status to any community college student who meets all of the requirements of the Act. Provides that a State university shall grant a local community college student priority admission and admission to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis. Provides that a student admitted under the Act shall receive priority over all other community college transfer students. Sets forth provisions concerning coursework, reviews and reports by the Board of Higher Education, and implementation of the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

Senate Committee Amendment #1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. Provides that, commencing with the fall term of the 2013-2014 academic year, a community college student who is eligible to complete an associate degree for transfer is deemed eligible for transfer into the baccalaureate program of a State

university and shall be considered to have fulfilled all lower division coursework. Provides that as a condition of receipt of State funds, a community college district shall ensure that associate degrees for transfer (i) are from 60 to 67 semester hours or the quarter-hour equivalent; (ii) shall include specified Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum credits and lower division courses in an identified major field of study as defined in the Illinois Articulation Initiative for that major; and (iii) may include any such additional courses as may be required by the respective community college district board of trustees. Provides that an associate of science degree shall be from 60 to 68 semester hours or the quarter-hour equivalent, shall include specified Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum credits and lower division courses in an identified major field of study; and may include any such additional courses as may be required by the respective community college district board of trustees. Requires a State university, upon admission, to guarantee admission with junior status to any community college student who meets all of the requirements of the Act. Sets forth provisions concerning coursework, reviews and reports by the Board of Higher Education, and implementation of the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

Bill: SB 122 (Sandoval-D/) HIGHER ED-FIRST GENERATION STU
Status: Arrived in HOUSE – April 15, 2011
Position: NO POSITION

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Concerning the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, requires the Board of Higher Ed to require all public institutions to track the status of those students who are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education. With respect to the Board's annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor, requires the report to include, with respect to each public institution of higher education, the status of those students who are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education.

Bill: SB 131 (Sandoval-D) ETHICS-INSPECTOR GEN-HIGHER ED
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading –April 11, 2011
Deadline for SENATE Action Extended to May 4, 2011
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Authorizes Governor to appoint an Executive Inspector General for Higher Education to investigate allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, misconduct, nonfeasance, misfeasance, malfeasance, or violations of the Act by public institutions of higher education, their officers, and their employees. The term of the initial Executive Inspector General for Higher Education shall commence upon qualification and run through June 30, 2013. Requires initial appointment to be made within 60 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Bill: SB 173 (Link-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – March 17, 2011
Deadline for SENATE Action Extended to May 4, 2011
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Senate Amendment #1 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Deletes the language of the introduced bill and inserts new language creating a Local Government Consolidation Commission Act. Establishes operation, role and responsibilities of Commission. Full Text can be seen at: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09700SB0173sam001&GA=97&SessionId=84&DocTypeld=SB&LegID=54978&DocNum=173&GAID=11&Session=>

Bill: SB 621 (Holmes-D/Chapa LaVia-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee – April 12, 2011
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the members of the State Board of Education.

SB 621 Cont.

Senate Committee Amendment #1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Allows 2 or more school districts to jointly operate, either directly or through an institution of higher education located in a municipality whose geographic boundaries include areas served by each district, an elementary science and mathematics magnet school. Provides that this magnet school may (i) restrict attendance to only residents of a municipality shared by the districts and (ii) select students for enrollment based on admission criteria that focuses on academic proficiency in science and mathematics.

Senate Floor Amendment #2

Deletes everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that 4 or more contiguous school districts with all or portion of their territory located within the geographic boundaries of the same municipality may, when in their judgment the interest of the districts and of the students therein will be best served, jointly operate, through an institution of higher education located in the municipality, a science and mathematics partnership school for serving some or all of grades kindergarten through 8. Provides that the partnership school may (i) restrict attendance to pupils who reside within the geographic boundaries of the areas served by the school districts and (ii) select students for enrollment based on admission criteria that focuses on academic proficiency in science and mathematics established by the partnership school and approved by the districts' school boards, with exceptions. Sets forth provisions concerning student enrollment, the joint operation agreement, costs paid by each school district, and employees of the school.

***Bill:** SB 960 (Haine-D) TRANSPORTATION-TECH
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – March 17, 2011
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Toll Highway Act. Makes a technical change in a Section regarding board meetings.

Senate Amendment #1 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Amends the Department of Transportation Act to insert language related to apprenticeship programs. Full text can be seen at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09700SB0960sam001&GA=97&SessionId=84&DocTypeld=SB&LegID=55775&DocNum=960&GAID=11&Session=>

Bill: SB 1253 (Forby-D/)
Status: Arrived in HOUSE – March 31, 2011
Position:

COUNTY OFFICER-EDUCATION OFFICE

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a member of the county board in a county having fewer than 40,000 inhabitants, during the term of office for which he or she is elected, may also hold the office of member of the board of a community college district. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 1556 (Haine-D/Madigan-D)
Status: Referred to HOUSE Rules Committee - March 10, 2011
Position:

GRP INS-COM COLL-DEPENDENT BEN

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that in order to be eligible for group insurance benefits under a retirement system: (i) each annuitant or retired employee must meet the vesting requirements of the applicable retirement system and (ii) each survivor must establish that the deceased employee, annuitant, or retired employee upon whom the annuity is based was eligible to participate in the group insurance system under the applicable retirement system. Specifies that certain persons do not qualify as community college dependent beneficiaries or TRS dependent beneficiaries. Provides that only employees (rather than employees, annuitants, retired employees, and survivors) and their elected dependents are eligible and covered for all benefits available under the Act's programs. Provides that annuitants, survivors, and retired employees and their elected dependents are immediately eligible for the group health benefits program and that the coverage of those persons is effective immediately upon the completion of the required forms. Requires, however, each survivor who is seeking coverage under that program to establish that he or she would have been eligible for coverage under the deceased member upon whom the survivor's annuity is based.

Senate Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act apply only to persons who become members of the affected classes of persons on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Bill: SB 1711 (Haine-D)
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – March 17, 2011
Position: Deadline for SENATE Action Extended to May 4, 2011

COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEALTH INS

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Increases, beginning April 1, 2011, the required contributions for every active contributor of the State Universities Retirement System (established under Article 15 of the Illinois Pension Code) who (1) is a full-time employee of a community college district (other than a community college district subject to Article VII of the Public Community College Act) or an association of community college boards and (2) is not an employee as defined in a separate provision of the Act. Increases, beginning April 1, 2011, the required contribution every community college district (other than a community college district subject to Article VII of the Public Community College Act) or association of community college boards that is an employer under the State Universities Retirement System must contribute toward the cost of community college health benefits. Amends

the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act. In provisions concerning the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund, prohibits the transfer of funds from the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund by any constitutional officer or legislative body for any other purpose or program. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes a technical change in a provision concerning contributions to the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund.

Bill: SB 1735 (Jacobs-D) IDOT: TRAINING CERTIFICATION
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - March 14, 2011
Deadline for SENATE Action Extended to May 4, 2011

Position:

LAKE LAND COLLEGE OPPOSED

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall certify United States Department of Labor apprenticeship programs which have joint labor management boards regulated under the federal Labor Management Relations Act as able to teach, train, and test their own members for any quality assurance and quality control certifications required by the Department. Provides that the Department shall make all course curricula, teaching aides, syllabi, and tests for the instructors of programs available without charge. Provides that the Department shall bear the cost of administering required testing, and that the Department or any third party it uses to administer the testing shall provide testers upon 10 days notice. Provides that if testers are not provided by the Department or third party, the apprenticeship program may provide its own testers. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall certify United States Department of Labor apprenticeship programs which have joint labor management boards regulated under the federal Labor Management Relations Act as able to teach and train their own members for any quality assurance and quality control certifications required by the Department. Provides that the Department shall make all course curricula, teaching aides, syllabi, and materials necessary for instruction available without charge. Provides that the Department and the apprenticeship program shall mutually agree upon a third party to administer testing (instead of also allowing the Department to so administer) and that the third party shall provide testers upon being given 10 days notice. Effective immediately.

Senate Amendment #2 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Department of Transportation Law adding similar language to that in Senate Committee Amendment #1. Requires Department to certify US Department of Labor apprenticeship programs under certain circumstances. Text of amendment can be seen at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09700SB1735sam002&GA=97&SessionId=84&DocType=SB&LegID=57779&DocNum=1735&GAID=11&Session=>

Bill: SB 1883 (Maloney-D/Crespo-D) BD HIGHER ED-REDUCE PROG-CAP
Status: POSTED For Hearing to HOUSE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, following notification to and a period of consultation with the appropriate board of control, the Board of Higher Education is authorized to take action on the dissolution or reduce in scope any and all existing programs of instruction, research, or public service that the Board finds to lack educational or economical justification at the public universities and community colleges. Requires each public university and community college to submit its plan for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board for approval before final commitments are made only if the total cost of the project as approved by the institution's board of control is in excess of \$2 million.

Senate Committee Amendment #1

Removes the language authorizing the Board of Higher Education to take action on the dissolution or reduce in scope any and all existing programs of instruction, research, or public service that the Board finds to lack educational or economical justification at the public universities and community colleges. Provides instead that each public university shall report annually to the Board on programs of instruction, research, or public service that have been terminated, dissolved, reduced, or consolidated by the university. Requires each State university to also report to the Board all programs of instruction, research, and public service that exhibit a trend of low performance in enrollments, degree completions, and high expense per degree. Requires the Board to compile an annual report that shall contain information on new programs created, existing programs that have been closed or consolidated, and programs that exhibit low performance or productivity, which report must be submitted to the General Assembly. Provides that the Board shall have the authority to define relevant terms and timelines by rule with respect to this reporting.

Bill: SB 1967 (Maloney-D/ Cunningham-D) COMMUNITY COLLEGE-CONTRACT BID-GIFT
Status: POSTED For Hearing in HOUSE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the provisions of a Section requiring the award of a contract to the lowest responsible bidder do not prevent a community college from complying with the terms and conditions of a grant, gift, or bequest that calls for the procurement of a particular good or service or the use of a particular contractor, provided that the grant, gift, or bequest provides the majority funding for the contract.

Bill: SB 2042 (Millner-R/Bost-R) COM COL BD OF TRUSTEES-CHAIR
Status: POSTED For Hearing in HOUSE Higher Education Committee – May 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Changes references from "chairman" to "chairperson" of the board of trustees of a community college district; makes related changes.

Bill: SB 2070 (Link-D) ILLINOIS JOBS TRAINING ACT
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – April 8, 2011
Deadline for SENATE Action Extended to May 4, 2011

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Illinois Job Training Act. Contains only a short title provision.

Senate Amendment #1 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Deletes the introduced language and becomes the bill. Amends the Public Community College Act and creates a new section on jobs training programs. Outlines definitions and specifics of programs and operation. Full text at: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09700SB2070sam001&GA=97&SessionId=84&DocType=SB&LegID=58255&DocNum=2070&GAID=11&Session=>

Bill: SB 2187 (Clayborne-D) PEN CD-15&16-SALARY EXEMPTIONS
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 2nd Reading - March 17, 2011
Deadline for SENATE Action Extended to May 4, 2011

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Teachers and State Universities Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Extends, by 5 years, the period during which certain types of salary increases may be excluded from the calculation of a 6% salary increase above which employees must make additional contributions. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a provision concerning employer contributions.

Bill: SB 2386 (Sullivan-D) ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD
Status: Assigned to SENATE Appropriations II Committee – February 15, 2011

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY12 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2011.

Bill: SB 2415 (Sullivan-D) IICCB FY12 OCE
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – April 8, 2011

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, as follows: General Funds \$358,421,900; Other State Funds \$56,567,100; Federal Funds \$0; Total \$414,989,000.

Bill: SB 2421 (Kotowski-D) \$ISAC FY12 OCE
Status: Placed on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – April 15, 2011
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, as follows: General Funds \$450,031,100; Other State Funds \$25,510,000; Federal Funds \$385,377,500; Total \$860,918,600.

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HB 166 Higher Education Green Jobs and Technology Act (Winters / Frerichs)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Creates the Higher Education Green Jobs and Technology Act. Provides that representatives from each state university and community college, in conjunction with research centers affiliated with these institutions that focus on clean or sustainable energy and that are located within the same geographic regions, may meet annually to develop collaborative efforts with regard to the green technology industry. Requires the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to annually publicize on their websites information concerning efforts made by state universities and community colleges to promote the green technology industry, including the development of new academic degree and certificate programs, courses of instruction, and initiatives made by these state universities and community colleges to align green jobs programs with employer needs. Effective immediately. **Passed both houses.**

HB 295 Sex Offender Registration in Higher Education (DeLuca / Maloney)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Sex Offender Registration Act to provide that a sex offender shall also register with the public safety or security director of the institution of higher education which he or she is employed at or attends. Provides that the registration fees shall only apply to the municipality or county of primary registration, and not to campus registration. **Passed the House.**

HB 304 Community College Tuition Cap Limitation (Tracy)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the tuition rate and fee limit of 1/3 of the per capita cost applies until the effective date of the amendatory Act and beginning again 3 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately. **Held in the House.**

HB 1353 General Assembly Scholarships (Pritchard / Dillard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Prohibits a nominee for a General Assembly scholarship from being a relative of the member of the General Assembly making the nomination; defines relative. Provides that each member of the General Assembly shall (instead of may) delegate to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission the authority to nominate persons for General Assembly scholarships that the member would otherwise be entitled to award. Provides that the member shall make recommendations to the Commission concerning candidates for the scholarships and may inform the Commission in writing of the criteria that he or she wishes the Commission to apply in nominating candidates. Effective immediately. **Passed both houses.**

HB 1374 College Insurance Program Rate Increases (Currie)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 in the College Insurance Program. Provides, beginning July 1, 2012, (i) that the program of health benefits for community college benefit recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries shall include health benefits for community college benefit recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries at the City Colleges of Chicago and (ii) that those persons and the employers of those persons shall pay the required contributions. Increases the required contribution to be paid by all community colleges and contributors to SURS and their employers. Provides that City Colleges shall contribute (i) \$10 million toward the cost of these health benefits by March 30, 2012 and (ii) an additional amount on or before September 1, 2012. Requires the Board of Trustees of SURS to recertify its estimate of the total amount of contributions to be contributed for these benefits, taking into account the changes made by the amendatory Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately. **Held in the House.**

HB 1503 Performance-Based Funding (Rose / Maloney)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. With respect to IBHE's analysis of formulating the annual budget request for state universities and colleges, provides that, beginning with FY 2013, the annual budget request must incorporate performance-based funding, pursuant to the report of the Board's Higher Education Finance Study Commission. Provides that the Board shall have 2 fiscal years to implement this performance-based funding, and thereafter must update how this funding is calculated every 6 months, which updates must be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly. Effective immediately. **Passed both houses.**

HB 1710 College Planning Act (Pritchard / Maloney)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the College Planning Act. Establishes the College Planning Program, administered by ISAC. Provides that the Commission shall utilize the program to target low-income and potential first-generation college students with programs to promote college awareness and planning. Sets forth qualifications to participate in the program, benefits and services provided, and program disqualification. Effective immediately. **Passed both houses.**

HB 1864 Equalization Funding - Minimum Tuition & Fees (Lilly / Maloney)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Similar to HB 3484, the bill amends the Public Community College Act to provide that as of July 1, 2012, a community college district must maintain a minimum required combined in-district tuition and universal fee rate per semester credit hour equal to 70% (instead of 85%) of the state-average combined rate, as determined by ICCB, or the total revenue received by the community college district from combined in-district tuition and universal fees must be at least 30% of the total revenue received by the community college district, as determined by the Board, for equalization funding. Effective July 1, 2011. **Passed the House; held in the Senate.**

HB 2051 College of DuPage Trustee Subdistricts (Reboletti / Dillard)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides for the election of board members by trustee district rather than at large in Community College District No. 502 (College of DuPage), with a 4-year (instead of a 6-year) term. Makes related changes. **Passed the House; held in the Senate.**

HB 2927 Emergency Employment Development Act (Mathias / Noland)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act. Defines "Advisory Committee," "Department," "Director," "Employment Administrator," "service delivery area," and "Workforce Investment Act." Sets forth the powers of the Illinois Emergency Development coordinator and the uses for funds appropriated for the program. Provides that the Department of Employment Security shall publicize the program and that IBHE and ICCB shall review their policies to ensure that specified programs serve the needs of the economically disadvantaged. Sets forth the requirements for businesses receiving funds under the program concerning repayment. Establishes the Illinois 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Advisory Committee and provides its powers and duties. Provides how the funds shall be allocated among service delivery areas. Sets forth the powers and duties of the Employment Administrator. Provides what constitutes an eligible employer under the Act. Creates the Illinois 21st Century Workforce Development Fund. Provides that the Secretary of Human Services shall inform each applicant or recipient of the benefits of the program. Provides that the State of Illinois and other governmental units may employ unemployed or underemployed persons pursuant to this Act. Effective July 1, 2011. **Passed the House; amended version passed the Senate; amended bill sent to House for concurrence.**

HB 3131 Open Meetings Act – Agendas/Notices (Pihos / Pankau)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that any required agenda must be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the items that will be considered or will be the subject of final action at the meeting. Requires the public body conducting a public meeting to ensure that at least one copy of any requested notice and agenda for the meeting is continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding the meeting. **Passed the House; amended version passed the Senate; bill sent to House for concurrence.**

SB 3 Debt Restructuring Plan (Cullerton)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Fund and the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Debt Service Fund as special funds in the state treasury. Provides that the Comptroller shall transfer into the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Debt Service Fund certain amounts to service debt due on State General Obligation Restructuring Bonds. Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Increases total authorized amount of General Obligation Bonds. Provides that the \$8,750,000,000 of bonds authorized by this amendatory Act shall be used to pay vouchers that are at least 60 days past due, medical expenses incurred by the state under its health plans, corporate income tax refunds, and other operating expenses of the state. Provides that the proceeds of these bonds shall be deposited in the General Obligation Restructuring Bond Fund. Provides for the conditions for issuance and sale of State General Obligation Restructuring Bonds. Makes other changes. Effective immediately. **Held in Senate.**

SB 59 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Silverstein)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Creates the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. Provides that, commencing with the fall term of the 2013-2014 academic year, a community college student who is eligible to complete an associate degree for transfer is deemed eligible for transfer into the baccalaureate program of a state university and shall be considered to have fulfilled all lower division coursework. **Held for the fall session.**

SB 122 First Generation Student Report (Sandoval / Ford)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Concerning the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, requires IBHE to require all public institutions to track the status of those students who are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education. With respect to the Board's annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor, requires the report to include, with respect to each public institution of higher education, the status of those students who are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education. **Passed the Senate.**

SB 131 Executive Inspector General for Higher Education (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Authorizes the Governor to appoint an Executive Inspector General for Higher Education to investigate allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, misconduct, nonfeasance, misfeasance, malfeasance, or violations of the Act by public institutions of higher education, their officers, and their employees. The term of the initial Executive Inspector General for Higher Education shall commence upon qualification and run through June 30, 2013. Requires initial appointment to be made within 60 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. **Awaiting 3rd Reading in the Senate.**

SB 135 Removal of Board Tuition Authority (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

Amends the Public Community College Act and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Removes the power of the governing board of each public university and community college district to establish tuition rates and fees. Provides that for the 2011-2012 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the tuition and fee rates for students must be equal to the tuition and fee rates in effect for the 2010-2011 academic year or such lesser or greater amount as may be established by law by the General Assembly. Effective immediately. **Held in the Senate.**

SB 1253 Dual Offices – County Board / Community College Trustee (Forby / Moffit)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a member of the county board in a county having fewer than 40,000 inhabitants, during the term of office for which he or she is elected, may also hold the office of member of the board of a community college district. Effective immediately. **Passed the Senate.**

SB 1556 College Insurance Program (Haine / Mautino)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that in order to be eligible for group insurance benefits under a retirement system: (I) each annuitant or retired employee must meet the vesting requirements of the applicable retirement system and (ii) each survivor must establish that the deceased employee, annuitant, or retired employee upon whom the annuity is based was eligible to participate in the group insurance system under the applicable retirement system. Specifies that certain persons do not qualify as community college dependent beneficiaries or Teachers Retirement System dependent beneficiaries. Provides that only employees (rather than employees, annuitants, retired employees, and survivors) and their elected dependents are eligible and covered for all benefits available under the Act's programs. Provides that annuitants, survivors, and retired employees and their elected dependents are immediately eligible for the group health benefits program and that the coverage of those persons is effective immediately upon the completion of the required forms. Requires, however, each survivor who is seeking coverage under that program to establish that he or she would have been eligible for coverage under the deceased member upon whom the survivor's annuity is based. **Passed the Senate.**

SB 1735 Labor Training Programs at Lake Land College (Jacobs)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE as amended

Similar to HB 1283, this bill provides that the Illinois Department of Transportation shall certify U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship programs which have joint labor management boards regulated under the federal Labor Management Relations Act as able to teach, train, and test their own members for any quality assurance and quality control certifications required by the Department. Provides that the Department shall make all course curricula, teaching aides, syllabi, and tests for the instructors of programs available without charge. Provides that the Department shall bear the cost of administering required testing, and that the Department or any third party it uses to administer the testing shall provide testers upon 10 days notice. Provides that if testers are not provided by the Department or third party, the apprenticeship program may provide its own testers. **Passed the Senate.**

SB 1883 IBHE Program / Capital Authority (Maloney / Crespo)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act to provide that each public university and community college shall report annually to the Board on programs of instruction, research, or public service that have been terminated, dissolved, reduced, or consolidated by the university. Requires each state university to also report to the Board all programs of instruction, research, and public service that exhibit a trend of low performance in enrollments, degree completions, and high expense per degree. Requires the Board to compile an annual report that shall contain information on new programs created, existing programs that have been closed or consolidated, and programs that exhibit low performance or productivity. **Passed the Senate.**

SB 1967 Community College Contracts (Maloney / Cunningham)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the provisions of a section requiring the award of a contract to the lowest responsible bidder do not prevent a community college from complying with the terms and conditions of a grant, gift, or bequest that calls for the procurement of a particular good or service or the use of a particular contractor, provided that the grant, gift, or bequest provides the majority funding for the contract. Effective immediately. **Passed the Senate.**

SB 2042 Lincoln Land Community College (Bomke / Brauer)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

As amended, this bill amends the Public Community College Act to authorize Community College District 526 (Lincoln Land Community College) to create new trustee districts following the 2010 federal census. Lincoln Land is one of two community college districts that elect trustees from single-member districts. **Passed the Senate; amended version passed the House; amended bill sent to the Senate for concurrence.**

SB 2097 Early Graduation Tuition Waiver Act (Dillard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the Early Graduation Tuition Waiver Act. Provides that if a student graduates from grades 9 through 12 at a secondary school in this state that is recognized by the State Board of Education in less than four school years, then he or she is entitled to receive a tuition waiver to a public university in this state, with the length of the tuition waiver being equal to the difference between eight semesters and the actual number of semesters the student was enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Provides that each year, the State Board shall receive and consider applications for these tuition waivers and award these tuition waivers to eligible applicants. Effective July 1, 2011. **Held in Senate.**

SB 2070 Illinois Jobs Training Act (Link)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Creates only the title for the Illinois Jobs Training Act with intentions of adding language patterned after the Iowa Jobs Training Act. **Held in Senate.**

SB 2144 School Construction (Frerichs)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that "school district" includes a public university laboratory school. Provides that the grant index for a university lab school shall be 100%. Provides that a university lab school that makes application for school construction funds shall be placed on the respective application cycle list, university lab schools must be placed following any Type 40 area vocational centers on the priority listing of eligible entities for the applicable fiscal year, and the grant amount for a university lab school shall be 100% of the recognized project cost, as determined by the Capital Development Board. **Held in Senate.**

SB 2187 Exemption from SURS 6% Salary Limitations (Clayborne)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Downstate Teachers and State Universities Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Extends, by five years, the period during which certain types of salary increases may be excluded from the calculation of a 6% salary increase above which employees must make additional contributions. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately. **Held on 3rd reading in the Senate.**

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ICCTA ACTION ALERT

August 30, 2011

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

When the Illinois General Assembly concluded the spring 2011 legislative session at the end of May, legislation approved by lawmakers was eventually sent to Governor Pat Quinn for his consideration. The Governor had 60 days from the date he received the legislation to take action on the bills. For most legislation affecting community colleges, the deadline for the Governor to take action was near the end of August. Gov. Quinn could take one of four actions on legislation sent to his desk:

- 1) *Sign the bill – The legislation becomes law and is assigned a Public Act number;*
- 2) *Veto the bill – The bill is sent back to the General Assembly and does not become law unless the General Assembly votes to override the Governor's veto;*
- 3) *Amendatorily veto the bill -- The Governor makes recommendations for changes that must be approved by the General Assembly during the fall veto session (otherwise the bill does not become law); or*
- 4) *Do nothing -- The bill automatically becomes law without the Governor's signature.*

The following is a listing of community college legislation approved by the Illinois General Assembly and enacted by Gov. Quinn. Each bill listed below is now law, and the Public Act number assigned to the new law is listed. The Governor did not sign any bills that ICCTA opposed, nor did he veto any bills that ICCTA supported.

House Bill 1670 Local Officials' Open Meetings Act Training (Burke / Crotty)
ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires currently elected or appointed members of a public body (including community college trustees) subject to this Act to successfully complete the electronic training curriculum developed and administered by the Illinois Attorney General not later than one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Requires individuals who become elected or appointed members of a public body after the effective date of the amendatory Act to successfully complete the electronic training curriculum developed and administered by the Public Access Counselor not later than the 90th day after the date the member either (i) takes the oath of office, if the member is required to take an oath of office to assume the person's duties as a member of the public body or (ii) otherwise assumes responsibilities as a member of the public body, if the member is not required to take an oath of office. Requires each member who successfully completes the curriculum to file a copy of the certificate of completion with the public body. Provides that the failure of one or more members of a public body to complete the training required by this Section does not affect the validity of an action taken by the public body. **Public Act 97-504**

HB 166 Higher Education Green Jobs and Technology Act (Winters / Frerichs)
ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Creates the Higher Education Green Jobs and Technology Act. Provides that representatives from each state university and community college, in conjunction with research centers affiliated with these institutions that focus on clean or sustainable energy and that are located within the same geographic regions, may meet annually to develop collaborative efforts with regard to the green technology industry. Requires the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to annually publicize on their websites information concerning efforts made by state universities and community colleges to promote the green technology industry, including the development of new academic degree and certificate programs, courses of instruction, and initiatives made by these state universities and community colleges to align green jobs programs with employer needs. **Public Act 97-241**



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HB 295 Sex Offender Registration in Higher Education (DeLuca / Maloney)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Sex Offender Registration Act to provide that a sex offender shall also register with the public safety or security director of the institution of higher education which he or she is employed at or attends. Provides that the registration fees shall only apply to the municipality or county of primary registration, and not to campus registration. **Public Act 97-155**

HB 1277 Open Meetings Act Audit Exemption (Rita / Martinez)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Amends the Open Meetings Act to authorize the closure of meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. **Public Act 97-318**

HB 1503 Performance-Based Funding (Rose / Maloney)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. With respect to IBHE's analysis of formulating the annual budget request for state universities and colleges, provides that, beginning with Fiscal Year 2013, the request must incorporate performance-based funding, pursuant to the report of the Board's Higher Education Finance Study Commission. Provides that the Board shall have 2 fiscal years to implement this performance-based funding, and thereafter must update how this funding is calculated every 6 months, which updates must be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly. **Public Act 97-320**

HB 1710 College Planning Act (Pritchard / Maloney)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Creates the College Planning Act. Establishes the College Planning Program, administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Provides that ISAC shall utilize the program to target low-income and potential first-generation college students with programs to promote college awareness and planning. Sets forth qualifications to participate in the program, benefits and services provided, and program disqualification. Effective immediately. **Public Act 97-289**

HB 1760 Freedom of Information "Recurrent Requesters" (Currie / Harmon)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "recurrent requester" as a person that, in the 12 months immediately preceding the request, has submitted to the same public body (i) a minimum of 50 requests for records, (ii) a minimum of 15 requests for records within a 30-day period, or (iii) a minimum of 7 requests for records within a 7-day period. Establishes procedures that public bodies are to use in responding to requests from recurrent requesters. Authorizes a public body to charge a fee for each hour spent by personnel in searching for and retrieving requested records. Specifies that a person whose records request is made for a commercial purpose may not file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor, except for the limited purpose of determining whether the public body accurately characterized the request as a commercial request. Effective immediately. **Public Act 97-579**

SB 2042 Lincoln Land Community College Redistricting (Bomke / Brauer)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

Authorizes the Lincoln Land Community College district board to re-draw its trustee sub-district boundaries following each decennial census. **Public Act 97-539**

SB 2185 Illinois DREAM Fund (Cullerton / Acevedo)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

Requires ISAC to establish an Illinois DREAM Fund Commission. Requires the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint members to the Illinois DREAM Fund Commission. Requires the Illinois DREAM Fund Commission to establish, by rule, procedures for accepting and evaluating applications for scholarships from the children of immigrants and issuing scholarships to selected student applicants. Sets forth student qualifications for a scholarship. Requires ISAC to establish an Illinois DREAM Fund to provide scholarships. Provides that the Fund shall be funded entirely from private contributions. **Public Act 97-233.**