
Weekly Legislative Report

Legislative Update and Report prepared for *the Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning March 3, 2014.

The House and Senate are both in session for this week and committee meetings continue in both chambers. Both chambers have a scheduled break during the following week, with only one Perfunctory Day scheduled on the 13th by the Senate.

If you should have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Bill: HB 3244 (Franks-D) EDUCATION – TECH
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Higher Education Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the University of Illinois Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning tuition waivers.

Bill: HB 3640 (Cross-R) INC TX-HIGHER EDUCATION
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – June 19, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit for an individual taxpayer who is the principal provider of financial aid to an eligible student, other than the eligible student himself or herself, in an amount equal to 25% of the qualified education expenses paid by the taxpayer on behalf of that eligible student during the taxable year, but not to exceed \$1,000 in any one taxable year. Provides that the term "eligible student" means a full-time or part-time student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education in the State. Provides that a taxpayer is not eligible for the credit if the taxpayer's adjusted gross income exceeds \$150,000. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3641 (Brown-R) INCOME TX-529 PLANS
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – June 19, 2013

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2014 in an amount equal to the contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to any qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, but not to exceed \$10,000 in any taxable year (now, that deduction applies only to contributions made to an in-State 529 plan). Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3653 (Flowers-D) H/ED-UNDERSERVED POP LOAN PROG

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Higher Educ Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Underserved Population Loan Program Act and Amends the State Finance Act. Creates an interest-free loan program, which shall be known as the Underserved Population Loan Program, to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to provide encouragement to, an opportunity for, and an incentive for qualified persons to pursue a baccalaureate degree at a public university. Requires the Commission to consider applications for participation in the Program each academic year. Sets forth eligibility requirements for participation in the Program, including requiring an applicant to have insufficient funds to pay for the costs of attending a public university. Requires the Commission to enter into a Program agreement with each Program participant; provides that prior to receiving a loan under the Program, a participant must sign the Program agreement; and sets forth what the participant must pledge to do. Contains provisions concerning the loans, the Underserved Population Loan Program Fund, and rules. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3664 (Kosel-R) FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Judiciary Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a settlement agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act. Provides that a severance agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act. Defines "settlement agreement" and "severance agreement".

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

Provides that the provisions barring publicly-funded confidential settlement or severance agreements do

not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Bill: HB 3665 (Senger-R) PEN CD-FELONY SUSPENSION
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if a member or participant of a pension fund or retirement system established under the Code is convicted of, or pleads guilty to, intimidation by a public official, bribery, official misconduct, engaging in kickbacks, fraudulently obtaining public moneys reserved for a disadvantaged business enterprise, or certain theft offenses, then none of the benefits that are provided for under the Code and that are attributable to the service of that person shall be paid. Provides that if a member or participant of a pension fund or retirement system established under the Code is receiving an annuity or pension from a pension fund or retirement system established under the Code and is convicted of, or pleads guilty to, a felony (other than intimidation by a public official, bribery, official misconduct, engaging in kickbacks, fraudulently obtaining public moneys reserved for a disadvantaged business enterprise, certain theft offenses, or any other felony requiring the forfeiture of that annuity or pension under the Code), then the board of trustees of that fund or system shall suspend the payment of that annuity or pension during that individual's incarceration for that offense. Provides that, upon completion of the term of incarceration for that offense, the member or participant may seek reinstatement of his or her annuity or pension by filing a request for reinstatement of benefits with the applicable pension fund or retirement system in the manner prescribed by the applicable fund or system.

Bill: HB 3667 (Kay-R) PEN CD-ELIGIBILITY REFORMS
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Limits the ability of certain classes of persons to participate in the retirement systems established under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teachers Articles of the Code. In the State Universities Article, specifies that, in the case of doubt as to whether a person is an employee, the decision of the Board of Trustees of the State Universities Retirement System shall be final. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3668 (Turner-D) CD CORR-SENTENCE ELDERLY
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Restorative Justice Committee – March 6

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that a committed person who is at least 50 years of age and who has served at least 25 consecutive years of imprisonment in a Department of Corrections institution or facility may petition the Prisoner Review Board for participation in the Elderly Rehabilitated Prisoner Sentence Modification Program. Provides that if the committed person files the petition, the victims and the families of the victims of the committed person's offenses shall be notified in a timely manner after the filing of the petition. Provides that the Board shall consider the petition in its entirety and shall not order the release of the committed person if it finds that the committed person poses a threat to public safety. Provides that if the Board determines that a committed person is eligible for participation in the Program and that the committed person should participate in the Program, the Board shall set the conditions for the committed person's release from prison before the expiration of his or her sentence. Provides that when granting participation in the Program, the Board may require the committed person, for a period of time upon release, to participate in community service or to wear an electronic monitoring device, or both.

Bill: HB 3678 (Franks-D) PROP TX-INCREASED RATE
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Revenue, Property Tax Sub Committee – Mar 6
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that if in any levy year (1) the tax rate for the sum of all of the funds that are included in a taxing district's aggregate levy exceeds the district's tax rate for those funds in the previous levy year, and (2) the district is not otherwise required to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing, then the corporate authorities of the taxing district must approve, by ordinance or resolution, the total tax rate and hold a public hearing. Contains provisions concerning notice. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3683 (Sandack-R) PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that contracts of \$250,000 or more between (i) the State and its political subdivisions, (ii) the State and other governments, or (iii) State governmental bodies are not exempt from the Code. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3684 (Sandack-R) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Workplace Violence Prevention Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3686 (Evans-R) INTERNET PROTECTION FOR MINORS

Status: ASSIGNED to HOUSE Consumer Protection Committee – February 27, 2013

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Makes it an unlawful business practice for operators of Internet websites, webpages, online services, online applications, social networking websites, or mobile applications directed at minors to not allow a minor to request and obtain removal of content or information posted by the minor or not allow the minor to remove the content or information themselves. Makes it an unlawful business practice for operators of Internet websites, webpages, online services, online applications, social networking websites, or mobile applications who have actual knowledge that a minor is using its Internet website, webpage, online service, online application, social networking website, or mobile application to not allow the minor to request and obtain removal of content or information posted by the minor or not allow the minor to remove the content or information themselves. Also makes it an unlawful business practice to not inform minors that are registered users of the service that they may have content or information posted by them removed including instructions on how to remove or obtain removal of the content or information. Provides exceptions if: (1) federal or State law requires maintenance of the content or information; (2) the content or information was posted by a third party, including reposting of content originally posted by the minor; (3) the content or information is hidden or made anonymous; (4) the minor fails to follow instructions for removal; or (5) the minor received compensation for the content or information. Provides the Section does not limit the authority of a law enforcement agency to obtain any content or information as required by law or court order. Provides third parties may not be found in violation of this Section. Provides operators of Internet websites, webpages, online services, online applications, social networking websites, or mobile applications are not required to seek age information about users.

Bill: HB 3695 (Dunkin-D) SCH CD-GRAD REQ-COMP SCIENCE

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Elem & Secondary Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that one of the 3 years of mathematics that a pupil must successfully complete as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma may be an Advanced Placement computer science course. Provides that one of the 2 years of science that a pupil must successfully complete as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma may be an Advanced Placement computer science course. Provides that if a school district offers an Advanced Placement computer science course to high school students, then the school board must designate that course as equivalent to a high school mathematics or

science course and must denote on the student's transcript that the Advanced Placement computer science course qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative course for students. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3699 (Hammond-R) SCH CD-AP COMPUTER SCIENCE
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Permits school boards to approve Advanced Placement (AP) computer science courses as equivalent to high school mathematics or science. If approved, requires a school district to denote on a student's transcript that AP computer science qualifies as a math-based, quantitative course for students who take the course in their senior year. Provides that, in order for a school board to approve AP computer science as equivalent to high school mathematics, the student must be concurrently enrolled in or have successfully completed Algebra II.

Bill: HB 3711 (Currie-D) PENS CODE-CHICAGO SCHOOL CONTR
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Chicago Public Schools Article of the Pension Code. Provides that the total cost of pension benefits accrued by July 1, 2013 shall be used as the base number to determine the funds to be added by the State to the pension fund for fiscal years 2014 through 2059. Provides for additional funding to be provided by the State to the pension fund based on the total cost of pension benefits accrued by July 1, 2013.

Bill: HB 3719 (Poe-R) STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-WAIVER
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Deletes language exempting contracts entered into to provide a program of group health benefits for Medicare-primary members and their Medicare-primary dependents from a 30-day waiting period where the Commission may request information concerning the proposed contract. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3724 (Burke-D) HEALTH ED-CPR/AED TRAINING REQ
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Elem & Secondary – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Provides that training on how to properly administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated external defibrillator shall be included as a basis for health education curricula in all secondary schools in this State and shall be a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma. Effective July 1, 2014.

Bill: HB 3745 (Ford-D) VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – November 6, 2013

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and the Vocational Academies Act. Requires alternative schools and charter schools to establish vocational academies for students in grades 10 through 12, in partnership with school districts, community colleges, local employers, and community-based organizations. Sets forth requirements concerning these academies. Permits the State Board of Education to adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer these provisions.

Bill: HB 3747 (Mautino-D) STATE EMPLOYEE-MEDICARE ADV

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – November 6, 2013

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Plan. Sets forth the Dept's failures regarding group health benefits for Medicare-primary members and their Medicare-primary dependents. Requires the Department to procure a supplemental Medicare Advantage HMO Request for Proposal (RFP) to meet the legislative intent of the General Assembly. Further provides that if an offeror responds to the Supplement RFP and is currently an approved Medicare Advantage plan, with 5 years of experience, by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the offeror shall be qualified to be selected for an award. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3749 (Franks-D/McGuire-D) HIGHER EDUC-EMPLOYEE LOANS

Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignment – February 25, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Employee Loan Act. Provides that if a not-for-profit higher education institution located in this State or its foundation makes a loan to an employee or contractor of either the institution or the foundation, then the annual rate of interest must be equal to the prevailing loan interest rate in effect at the time the institution or foundation approves the loan, except that the institution or its foundation may not make a loan to an employee or contractor of either the institution or the foundation for

the purpose of purchasing a non-primary residence. Prohibits such an institution or foundation from forgiving a loan made to an employee or contractor of either the institution or the foundation. Requires the Board of Higher Education to adopt enforcement rules, which may include the imposition of a civil penalty. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3760 (Franks-D) PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – December 3, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a member or participant of a retirement system or pension fund established under the Code who is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under the Code and becomes employed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act in a position in which he or she is eligible to accrue service credit or creditable service under any Article of the Code shall, in the month immediately after commencing that employment, have the amount of his or her monthly retirement annuity or retirement pension offset by the amount of his or her compensation, earnings, or salary (whichever is applicable) in the immediately preceding month as certified to the applicable retirement system or pension fund by his or her employer, unless the payment of that retirement annuity or pension is already suspended or terminated under the Code during that period. Exempts the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Provides that if during the course of a member's or participant's employment that member's or participant's retirement annuity or retirement pension under the Code fully vests, then that member or participant may maintain his or her employment in that position without contributing to any retirement annuity fund or any retirement pension fund under the Code. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3762 (Franks-D) FIREARM OWNERS ID-18 YEARS
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Judiciary Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Lowers the age in which a person may apply for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card without parental or legal guardian consent from 21 years of age to 18 years of age. Provides that an applicant who is 18 (rather than 21) years of age or older seeking a religious exemption to the photograph requirement must furnish with the application an approved copy of United States Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form 4029. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3769 (Thapendi-D) PEN CD-INVESTMT-DERIVATIVES
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a retirement system or pension fund may not invest in any funds that trade derivatives in off markets or non-open markets, and if a retirement system or pension fund is investing in such a fund on the effective date, then the retirement system or pension fund must divest the retirement system's interest in the fund within one year after the effective date. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 3776 (Hatcher-R) IDENTITY THEFT DATABASE
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Attorney General Identity Theft Database Act. Provides that the Attorney General shall establish and maintain a database of persons who have been victims of identity theft. Provides that the Office of the Attorney General shall provide a victim of identity theft or his or her authorized representative access to the database in order to establish that the person has been a victim of identity theft. Provides that access to the database shall be limited to criminal justice agencies including law enforcement agencies, victims of identity theft, and persons and agencies authorized by the victims. Provides that in order for a victim of identity theft to be included in the database, he or she shall submit to the Attorney General a court order obtained under any provision of law, a full set of fingerprints, and any other information prescribed by the Attorney General. Upon receiving the information, the Office of the Attorney General shall verify the identity of the victim against any driver's license or other identification record maintained by the Secretary of State. Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act and the Vehicle Code to make conforming changes.

Bill: HB 3798 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3799 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3800 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3801 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3802 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3803 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning lists of available records.

Bill: HB 3804 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning lists of available records.

Bill: HB 3805 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning lists of available records.

Bill: HB 3806 (Madigan-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning lists of available records.

Bill: HB 3820 (Madigan-D) STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3893 (Madigan-D) REVENUE-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the definition of "33 1/3%".

Bill: HB 3894 (Madigan-D) REVENUE-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the definition of "33 1/3%".

Bill: HB 3895 (Madigan-D) REVENUE-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the definition of "33 1/3%".

Bill: HB 3898 (Madigan-D) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

Bill: HB 3899 (Madigan-D) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

Bill: HB 3900 (Madigan-D) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

Bill: HB 3902 (Madigan-D) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

Bill: HB 3903 (Madigan-D) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

Bill: HB 3917 (Madigan-D) LOCAL GOVERNMENT -TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the County Economic Development Project Area Property Tax Allocation Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 3933 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

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

Bill: HB 3941 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning licensure of educators.

Bill: HB 3942 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning creation of the Board.

Bill: HB 3943 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning terms.

Bill: HB 3946 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Illinois Community College Board.

Bill: HB 3947 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the members of the Illinois Community College Board.

Bill: HB 3948 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning advising and counseling the Governor.

Bill: HB 3949 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning making rules and regulations.

Bill: HB 3950 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act's purpose.

Bill: HB 3951 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning establishment of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Bill: HB 3952 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the purpose of the Act.

Bill: HB 3953 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title of the Act.

Bill: HB 3957 (Madigan-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

Bill: HB 4168 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Employment of Strikebreakers Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4169 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning prohibited inquiries.

Bill: HB 4170 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4172 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4173 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Visitation Rights Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4175 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Employee Blood Donation Leave Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4176 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Family Military Leave Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4177 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Employee Classification Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4178 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Fringe Benefit Portability and Continuity Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4179 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the OSHA Program Reorganization Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4180 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Employee Washroom Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4181 (Madigan-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employees Act. Makes a technical change in Section containing the short title.

Bill: HB 4187 (Kay-R) PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that on and after the effective date of this Act, contracts of \$250,000 or more between the State or any State agency and another state or the federal government may be entered into only by a separate Act of the General Assembly. Provides that a contract executed before the effective date of this amendatory Act valued at more than \$250,000 between the State or any State agency and another state or the federal government may be renewed or extended only by a separate Act of the General Assembly. Provides that copies of such contract shall be filed with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of State upon execution. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4205 (Hoffman-D) PROC CD-RESPONSIVE BIDDER
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 15, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the requisite notice regarding every contract that is let shall include the number of unsuccessful bidders (currently unsuccessful responsive bidders). Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4216 (DeLuca-D) LOCAL RECORDS-DESTRUCTION
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 15, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that any person who knowingly, without lawful authority and with the intent to defraud any party, public officer, or entity, alters, destroys, defaces, removes, or conceals any public record commits a Class 4 felony.

Bill: HB 4218 (Jakobsson-D) STATE FIN-APPROP-UNIVERSITY

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 15, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that, when an appropriation has been made by the General Assembly for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the operation, maintenance, and administration of each of the State's public universities, the State Comptroller shall draw his or her warrant on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same upon the presentation of itemized vouchers, issued, certified, and approved by the president of that university (now, by the president and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the university, with the corporate seal of the university attached). Effective immediately. L

Bill: HB 4225 (Jakobsson-D) HIGHER ED-EMPLOYMENT REPORTING

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Consumer Protection Committee – March 4

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private College Act. Prohibits post-secondary educational institutions from including the following in any data reported to the Board of Higher Education, for marketing or advertising purposes, on its Internet website, or in any of its publications: (1) recent graduate employment lasting fewer than 3 months or on a temporary basis; and (2) employment data from any of its campuses located outside the territorial boundaries of this State. Provides that a certificate of approval of a post-secondary educational institution may be revoked for violation of these provisions.

Bill: HB 4244 (Durkin-R/Connelly-R) FINANCE-COLLEGE-CAPITAL GRANT

Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignment – February 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private Colleges and Universities Capital Distribution Formula Act. Provides that if an institution received a certain grant and fails to meet the definition of "independent college" before the term of the grant is ended, the remaining funds shall be re-distributed unless its facilities for which the grant was given are operated by another institution that qualifies as an independent college. Further provides that in the event that the facilities are operated by another institution that qualifies as an independent college, the

entire balance of the grant shall be transferred to that successor institution for the duration of the grant. Further provides that in the event that, on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act, the remaining funds have been re-allocated or re-distributed to other independent colleges, or the Illinois Board of Higher Education has planned for the remaining funds to be re-allocated or re-distributed to other independent colleges, before the 5-year period for the utilization of funds has ended, any funds so re-allocated or re-distributed shall be deducted from future allocations to those other independent colleges and be re-allocated or re-distributed to the initial institution or the successor entity operating the facilities of the original institution if: (i) the institution that failed to meet the definition of "independent college" once again meets the definition of "independent college" before the 5-year period has expired; or (ii) the facility or facilities of the former independent college are operated by another entity that qualifies as an "independent college" before the 5-year period has expired. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4250 (Kay-R) 72-HOUR BUDGET REVIEW ACT
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 22, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the 72-Hour Budget Review Act. Sets forth time requirements by which certain appropriation or revenue legislation must be made publicly available before passage. Provides that the time requirements may be waived by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the full committee or chamber considering the legislation. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4251 (Kay-R) PROP TX-LEVY REDUCTION
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 22, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2014 and concluding in taxable year 2017, the county clerk shall reduce the property taxes levied by each taxing district to a level that is not greater than that taxing district's levy in the previous taxable year. Provides that the county clerk may increase or decrease the portion of a total tax levy paid by any individual taxpayer, provided that the increase or decrease in the individual taxpayer's tax bill is based solely on a change in the equalized assessed value of the taxpayer's property. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4257 (Chapa LaVia-D) ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Higher Educ Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that a student who takes a College Board Advanced Placement examination and receives a score of 3 or higher on the examination is entitled to receive postsecondary level course credit at a public institution of higher education. Requires each public institution of higher education to comply with the same standard of awarding course credit to any student receiving a score of 3 or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination and applying the credit to meet a corresponding course requirement for degree completion at that institution of higher education. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4260 (Morrison-R) SCH CD-INSTRUCTIONAL MANDATES

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 22, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. If any payments from this State to a school district are delayed for at least one payment cycle, then allows the school board to discontinue, by publicly adopted resolution, any instructional mandate in the Courses of Study Article of the School Code during that time (with exceptions). Provides that if a student requests information on any instructional mandate that has been discontinued, then the school district shall provide the student with the requested information. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4268 (Ives-R) LABOR AGREEMENT HEARINGS

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE State Govt Admin Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that, once an agreement is reached between a public or educational employer and its employees regarding all of the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, the agreement shall be reduced to writing and published on the website of the public or educational employer. Requires the public or educational employer, not less than 14 days after publishing such an agreement, to hold an open public meeting on the ratification of that agreement. Makes conforming changes in the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment #1

Adds a provision that no collective bargaining agreement shall be binding on any government agency until it has been ratified by a majority vote of the agency's governing body, with that vote taking place after the public meeting. Adds a provision that no collective bargaining agreement shall be binding on any government agency until it has been ratified by a majority vote of the agency's governing body, with that vote taking place after the public meeting.

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

Adds a corresponding provision in the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor

Relations Act that provides that rejection of an agreement by the employer or by the exclusive representative of the employees shall not constitute an unfair labor practice.

Bill: HB 4272 (Gabel-D) FAMILY CARE PROVIDER ACT
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Labor & Commerce Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Illinois Family Care Provider Act. Provides that an employer must provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid family medical leave to an employee during any 12-month period for one or more of these purposes: the birth or adoption of a grandchild in order for the employee to care for such grandchild; because of the placement of a grandchild with the employee for adoption or foster care; or in order for the employee to care for a grandchild if such grandchild has a serious health condition or the employee to care for a grandparent if such grandparent has a serious health condition. Contains provisions concerning notification and certification. Authorizes an employee to file a civil action for enforcement. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4273 (Franks-D) PROP TX-ADVISORY REFERENDUM
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 24, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a non-binding advisory referendum concerning a proposed extension limitation shall be placed on the ballot at the first general election to occur after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4274 (Nekritz-D) STATE INSURANCE-ENROLLMENT
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Personnel & Pensions Committee – March 6
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Sets forth provisions regarding health benefits for TRS benefit recipients and TRS dependent beneficiaries. Permits eligible benefit recipients and dependent beneficiaries to elect not to participate in the program of health benefits during the benefit recipient's annual open enrollment period. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary to re-enroll in the Department of Central Management Services program of health benefits upon showing a qualifying change in status without evidence of insurability and with no limitations on coverage for pre-existing conditions, provided that there was not a break in coverage of more than 63 days. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary who elected not to participate in the program of health benefits to re-enroll in the program of health benefits during any annual benefit choice period, without evidence of insurability. Provides that benefit recipients who elect not to participate in the program of health benefits shall be furnished with a written explanation of the requirements and limitations for the election not to participate in the program and for re-enrolling in the program. Makes a technical change.

Bill: HB 4292 (Welch-D) SCH CD-TRUSTEE OF SCH-WITHDRAW
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 24, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Trustees of Schools Article of the School Code. Allows the school board of any school district whose territory forms a part of a Class II county school unit to withdraw from the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools of the township in which the school district is located and the township treasurer, provided that the school board elects or appoints its own school treasurer. Makes related changes.

Bill: HB 4312 (Drury-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4313 (Drury-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4317 (Drury-D) LOBBYIST REGISTRATION-VARIOUS
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Cities & Villages Committee – March 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that lobbying is an activity that may be undertaken by non-attorneys. Further provides that the General Assembly declares that lobbying records should generally be available to the public, and work records related to lobbying are not shielded by the attorney-client privilege solely because the lobbyist employed by the unit of government is an attorney. Requires units of local government and school districts to register with the Secretary of State if it employs or compensates a lobbyist. Requires every lobbying entity to report billings to clients, which includes the amount billed, the client billed, and the time frame in which services were performed. Provides that lobbying is an activity that

may be undertaken by persons without any professional credential, and no professional privileges or immunities shall attach to lobbying work-product solely on the basis that such work was performed by a person with professional credential or credentials. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4321 (Drury-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4330 (Ford-D) SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the School Choice Act and amends the Illinois Lottery Law, the State Finance Act, and the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides findings and declarations of policy. Establishes the School Choice Program. Provides that under the program the custodian of a qualifying pupil is entitled to a School Choice Scholarship to pay for qualified education expenses at participating nonpublic elementary schools. Requires the principal of each public school to notify custodians of qualifying pupils of the availability of scholarships. Requires custodians to apply to the State Board of Education for a scholarship and provide documentation as to eligibility. Requires the State Board to issue a scholarship to custodians who have made proper application and to honor the scholarship when presented for payment by a nonpublic school. Provides for the amount of a scholarship. Provides that the scholarship may be renewed each year through the 8th grade so long as the pupil and custodian remain eligible. Requires the Department of the Lottery to offer a special instant scratch-off game for the funding of scholarships. Provides that the amount received under the program shall not be considered base income for purposes of Illinois' income tax. Requires the State Board to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017. Provides criminal penalties for certain violations. Requires the State Board to adopt rules to implement the Act. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2018. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4336 (Jakobsson-D) HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST
Status: PLACED on HOUSE Calendar Order of 2nd Reading – February 26, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Personnel Code, Children and Family Services Act, Illinois Youthbuild Act, Illinois Guaranteed Job Opportunity Act, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act, Interagency Coordinating Council Act, School Code, Adult Education Act, various Acts relating to the governance of

public universities in Illinois, Public Community College Act, Higher Education Student Assistance Act, Illinois Insurance Code, Pharmacy Practice Act, Structural Pest Control Act, Illinois Public Aid Code, Firearm Concealed Carry Act, Illinois Vehicle Code, and Unified Code of Corrections. Changes references relating to General Educational Development (GED) testing and certificates to high school equivalency testing and certificates. Makes technical corrections.

Bill: HB 4340 (Jakobsson-D) IL COM COL BD-EXEC DIRECTOR
Status: PLACED on HOUSE Calendar Order of 2nd Reading – February 26, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Comprehensive Healthcare Workforce Planning Act, the Illinois Century Network Act, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Changes references from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Community College Board to the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board. Makes technical corrections.

Bill: HB 4341 (Drury-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act's purpose.

Bill: HB 4342 (Drury-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act's purpose.

Bill: HB 4343 (Drury-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act's purpose.

Bill: HB 4344 (Drury-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning lists of available records.

Bill: HB 4345 (Drury-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4359 (Crespo-D) HIGHER ED-PERFORMANCE METRICS
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 28, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that beginning in Fiscal Year 2015, allocations to public universities based upon performance metrics shall not amount to less than 1% of the overall higher education budget amount for public universities from the General Revenue Fund. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4420 (Berrios-D) EARNED SICK TIME ACT
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 29, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Earned Sick Time Act. Provides that all employers that employ 20 or more employees shall provide paid sick time to their employees. Requires all employers to provide a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked by an employee, regardless of whether the employee is full-time or part-time, with a minimum of 2 days of paid sick time per calendar year. Provides for administration by the Department of Labor. Provides enforcement provisions and sets penalties. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4424 (Tryon-R) SCH CD-EXCUSE PUPILS FROM P.E.
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Elem & Secondary Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Permits a school board to excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 from engaging in physical education courses if those pupils request to be excused and are enrolled in 2 or more Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Bill: HB 4426 (Sandack-R) PROP TX-FALLING EAV

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Revenue, Property Tax Sub Committee – March 6

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that if (i) the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year is less than the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the previous levy year, or (ii) the median equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year and the 2 levy years immediately preceding the current levy year is less than the median equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the 3 levy years immediately preceding that 3-year period, 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 the rate of increase approved by the voters). Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4429 (Sandack-R) PROP TX-FALLING EAV

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Revenue, Property Tax Sub Committee – March 6

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, if the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year (excluding new property, recovered tax increment value, and property that is annexed to or disconnected from the taxing district in the current levy year) 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). Provides that a referendum to increase the extension limitation may not be conducted at a general primary or a consolidated primary election. Provides that certain supplemental information must be provided on the referendum ballot. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4430 (Sandack-R) PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE State Govt Administration , Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that contracts of \$250,000 or more between (i) the State and its political subdivisions, (ii) the State and other governments, or (iii) State governmental bodies are not exempt from the Code. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4433 (Fine-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – January 29, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning terms.

Bill: HB 4437 (Halbrook-R) OPEN MTGS-NOTIFICATION
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE State Govt Admin Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Deletes a provision which provided that if a notice or agenda is not continuously available for the required period due to actions outside of the control of the public body, then that lack of availability does not invalidate any meeting or action taken at a meeting. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4438 (Halbrook-R) OPN MTGS-REQUEST DURING MTG
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE State Govt Admin Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that if a person requests information from the corporate authorities of a public body during a meeting and if the corporate authorities of the public body do not respond to the request during the meeting, then the corporate authorities of the public body shall provide a written response to the request prior to or at the next meeting of the public body. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

Bill: HB 4450 (Cabello-R) PROP TX-LEVY REDUCTION
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 3, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2014 and concluding in taxable year 2018, the county clerk shall reduce the property taxes levied by each taxing district to a level that is not greater than that taxing district's levy in the previous taxable year. Provides that the county clerk may increase or decrease the portion of a total tax levy paid by any individual taxpayer, provided that the increase or decrease in the individual taxpayer's tax bill is based solely on a change in the equalized assessed value of the taxpayer's property. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4463 (Kosel-R) HIGHER ED-MAP GRANTS-RULES

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 3, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, by rule, to determine standards for awarding Monetary Award Program grants and renewals based on financial need and academic qualifications. Provides that these rules must be adopted on or before January 1, 2015. Makes related changes concerning the eligibility of applicants. Provides that if grant assistance covers the cost of a course at an institution of higher learning and the student withdraws from or otherwise fails to complete the course prior to the end of the course, then the Commission shall proportionally reduce the amount of the grant awarded to the student or the Commission shall require the student to repay an equivalent amount to the Commission. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4531 (Sosnowski-R) NOTICES-ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE State Govt Admin Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that whenever a governmental unit is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by law, order of court, or contract, the governmental unit may publish the notice on an official government website instead of in a newspaper. Provides conditions concerning the availability and format of the notice web page. Repeals a Section concerning the placement of published notices on a statewide website and makes corresponding changes throughout the Act and in the Newspaper Legal Notice Act. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4559 (Smith-D) HIGHER ED-ATHLETIC UNIFORMS

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 4, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. With respect to students of a public university or community college who participate in an interscholastic, institution-sponsored, or institution-supported athletic activity, provides that if the athletes for a particular athletic activity are required to wear uniform articles of clothing, whether during practice, during competition, or at any other time, the articles of clothing must be manufactured in the United States. Provides that the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board may adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer these provisions. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4603 (Hays-R) STATE INSURANCE ENROLLEMENT

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 4, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Sets forth provisions regarding health benefits for TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries, community college benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries. Permits eligible benefit recipients and dependent beneficiaries to elect not to participate in the program of health benefits during the benefit recipient's annual open enrollment period. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary to re-enroll in the Department of Central Management Services program of health benefits upon showing a qualifying change in status without evidence of insurability and with no limitations on coverage for pre-existing conditions, provided that there was not a break in coverage of more than 63 days. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary who elected not to participate in the program of health benefits to re-enroll in the program of health benefits during any annual benefit choice period, without evidence of insurability. Provides that benefit recipients who elect not to participate in the program of health benefits shall be furnished with a written explanation of the requirements and limitations for the election not to participate in the program and for re-enrolling in the program. Further provides that the Director shall not limit re-enrollment in a manner that is inconsistent with this amendatory Act. Makes other technical changes. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4652 (Feigenholtz-D) DCFS-EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. In provisions concerning scholarships and fee waivers, provides that each year the Department of Children and Family Services shall select a minimum of 53 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) to receive scholarships and fee waivers which will enable them to attend and complete their post-secondary education at a community college, university, or college (rather than may select from among the youth under care, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been adopted or are in a guardianship placement, a maximum of 48 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) who have earned a high school

diploma from a public school district or a recognized nonpublic school or a certificate of general education development (GED), or who have met the State criteria for high school graduation). Provides that youth shall be selected from among the youth for whom the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility, youth in the KinGap program, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been adopted; and that recipients must have earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution, a General Education Development certificate or diploma, or have met the State criteria for high school graduation before the start of the school year for which they are applying for the scholarship and waiver. Provides that scholarships and fee waivers shall be available to students for at least 5 years, provided they are continuing to work toward graduation; and that unused scholarship dollars and fee waivers shall be reallocated to new recipients. Contains provisions concerning the selection committee and Department reports on measures of success.

Bill: HB 4664 (Currie-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Workplace Violence Prevention Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4689 (Fortner-R) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 5, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4719 (Kay-R) FOIA-PUBLIC BODY PENALTIES
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 5, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body that willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act, or otherwise acted in bad faith, is guilty of a business offense (rather than being subject to a civil penalty) and subject to a fine of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$5,000 for each occurrence. Provides that an individual acting on behalf of a public body who willfully and intentionally fails to comply with the Act is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and subject to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 60 days.

Bill: HB 4725 (Mautino-D) INS CD-RISK MGT SOLVENCY
Status: ASSIGNED to HOUSE Insurance Committee – February 25, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts from inspection and copying under the Act information that is exempted from disclosure under the provision concerning confidentiality of the Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Law of the Illinois Insurance Code. Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Creates a new Article which may be cited as the Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Law. Provides that an insurer shall maintain a risk management framework to assist the insurer with identifying, assessing, monitoring, managing, and reporting on its material and relevant risks and that the requirement may be satisfied if the insurance group of which the insurer is a member maintains a risk management framework applicable to the operations of the insurer. Provides that an insurer, or the insurance group of which the insurer is a member, shall regularly conduct an own risk and solvency assessment (ORSA) consistent with a process comparable to the ORSA Guidance Manual. Requires that the ORSA be conducted no less than annually but also at any time when there are significant changes to the risk profile of the insurer or the insurance group of which the insurer is a member. Provides that upon the Director of Insurance's request, and no more than once each year, an insurer shall submit to the Director an ORSA summary report or any combination of reports that together contain the information described in the ORSA Guidance Manual, applicable to the insurer and the insurance group of which it is a member. Sets forth provisions concerning the ORSA summary report and the contents of the ORSA summary report; exemption; confidentiality; and sanctions. Makes other changes. Contains a severability provision. Effective January 1, 2015.

Bill: HB 4740 (Soto-D) ENDOWMENT DONATION CREDIT
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 5, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Endow Illinois Tax Credit Act and amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Requires the Department of Revenue to authorize an income tax credit to taxpayers who provide an endowment gift to a permanent endowment fund. Sets forth procedures and criteria for authorizing the credits. Provides that the aggregate amount of all credits that the Department may authorize may not exceed \$5,000,000 in 2014, \$12,500,000 in 2015, or \$25,000,000 in 2016 and each calendar year thereafter. Provides conditions for eligibility. Requires the Department to make an annual report concerning the credits. Provides that the credit may be carried forward for 5 years. Exempts the credit from the Act's sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4749 (Turner-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Loan Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning aiding an Authority Education Loan financing program.

Bill: HB 4763 (Brown-R) INC TX-529 PLANS

Status: POSTED to HOUSE Revenue, Income Tax Sub Committee – March 6

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2015 in an amount equal to the contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to any qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, but not to exceed \$10,000 in any taxable year (now, that deduction applies only to contributions made to an in-State 529 plan). Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4764 (Brown-R) E-VERIFY-REQUIRE EMPLOYER

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Requires every employer, after hiring an employee, to verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. Provides that, in addition to any other requirement for an employer to receive a grant, loan, or performance-based incentive from any government entity, the employer shall register with and participate in the E-Verify program. Provides that before receiving the economic development incentive, the employer shall provide proof to the government entity that the employer is registered with and is participating in the E-Verify program. Provides that the State, its political subdivisions, and units of local government, including home rule units, shall require each employer to use an Employment Eligibility Verification System as a condition of receiving a government contract or a business license.

Bill: HB 4766 (Cabello-R) COUNTY CD-SCHOOL FAC TAX

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Counties Code. Modifies the format of the referendum question for counties seeking to impose a school facility occupation tax to include a brief description of the project for which the revenue from the tax will be used and a definite period of time during which the tax will be imposed

Bill: HB 4769 (Beiser-D) PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BOND-SURETY
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE State Govt Admin Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Construction Bond Act. Provides that the surety on a bond shall be a company with a certificate of authority from the Department of Insurance specifically authorizing it to execute surety bonds and a financial strength rating of at least A as rated by A.M. Best or a similar rating agency. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 4777 (Chapa LaVia-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Planning Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4794 (Riley-D) OPEN MTG-VENDOR NEGOTIATE
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Exempts from open meetings requirements negotiations of a public body when the discussion involves entering into contracts with a vendor.

Bill: HB 4894 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

Bill: HB 4895 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4897 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4898 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning lists of available records.

Bill: HB 4903 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4904 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes technical changes in a Section concerning retired teacher benefits.

Bill: HB 4908 (Durkin-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Illinois Community College Board.

Bill: HB 4909 (Durkin-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Illinois Community College Board.

Bill: HB 4910 (Durkin-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the members of the Illinois Community College Board.

Bill: HB 4911 (Durkin-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning reimbursement for a Board member's expenses.

Bill: HB 4912 (Durkin-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning terms.

Bill: HB 4913 (Durkin-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning creation of the Board.

Bill: HB 4914 (Durkin-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act's purpose.

Bill: HB 4925 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 4926 (Durkin-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: HB 5162 (Durkin-R) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Monetary Award Program.

Bill: HB 5164 (Durkin-R) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act's purpose.

Bill: HB 5243 (Durkin-R) \$BD OF HIGHER ED -TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY15 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2014.

Bill: HB 5254 (Durkin-R) \$ICCB-TECH
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 7, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY15 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2014.

Bill: HB 5323 (Franks-D) HIGHER ED-PAY IT FORWARD
Status: PLACED on HOUSE Calendar Order of 2nd Reading – February 27, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Act. Establishes a program to provide loans to eligible students to attend an institution of higher learning in this State that are to be repaid, in part, according to the income of the student borrowers. Sets forth the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund where moneys in the fund shall be kept for the sole purpose of awarding program loans under the Act. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall administer the program and by rule develop the loan application process. Sets forth provisions governing loan repayment. Requires the Department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to undertake a study to determine the practical and fiscal impacts of adopting a program in Illinois similar to Pennsylvania's Pay It Forward Pay It Back program. Provides that the study shall focus on the particular intricacies, details, and mechanics of funding, with specific regard to the proposal contained in the

language of House Bill 5323 as introduced. Provides that the Commission shall conduct a survey of similar programs within the 50 states, with specific regard to funding and programmatic practicality and feasibility. Requires the Commission to prepare a report based on the results of the study and submit its report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014. Adds repealer reference. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5431 (Sente-R) ONLINE CONCUSSION CERTIFICATE
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 11, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Provides that an association or other entity that has, as one of its purposes, promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among schools and students within this State shall develop an online certification for high school coaching personnel and athletic directors in concussion awareness and reduction of repetitive sub-concussive hits and concussions. Provides that on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, online concussion certification is mandatory for all high school coaching personnel, including the head and assistant coaches, and the athletic directors. Sets forth provisions governing certification requirements for coaching personnel and athletic directors hired before and after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the mandatory online certification program content shall be updated annually and include a video, and sets forth the topics of focus. Further provides that to pass the concussion certification, coaching personnel and athletic directors shall review the association's online material and demonstrate proficiency on the test developed by the association. Requires the certification to be renewed every 2 years. Provides that high school coaching personnel and athletic directors shall annually require their student athletes to watch the video in the online concussion certification program to increase athlete awareness of the risk of concussion and sub-concussive hits to the head. Provides that high school coaching personnel shall encourage coaches of youth sports organizations to consider this certification. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5433 (Sandack-R) COMPT - DIRECT DEPOSIT
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE State Govt. Admin Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Comptroller Act. Provides that all State payments to an entity from a payroll or retirement voluntary deduction must be made through direct deposit. Authorizes the State Comptroller to charge a fee if an entity receives a payment from a payroll or retirement voluntary deduction without using direct deposit. Requires any new entities that receive a payroll or retirement voluntary deduction to sign up for direct deposit during the application process. Further provides that the detail information associated with a State payment to an entity from a payroll or retirement voluntary deduction must be retrieved by the entity from the Comptroller's designated Internet website or an electronic alternative approved by the Comptroller. Authorizes the Comptroller to charge a processing fee if the entity requires the Comptroller to mail the detail information to it. Requires the Comptroller to provide reasonable notice to all entities impacted by these requirement. Amends the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986. Provides that if a State university

withholds moneys from a university-funded payroll for a debt, the university may also withhold certain processing charges that must be remitted to the Office of the Comptroller in a timely manner. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5553 (Halbrook-R) FOIA-PUBLIC BODY PENALTIES
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 13, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that an individual acting on behalf of a public body who willfully and intentionally fails to comply with the Act is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5570 (Cassidy-D) EMPLOYEE PAID HLTH CARE LEAVE
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 14, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Employee Paid Health Care Time Act. Provides that employees shall accrue paid health care time at a rate of not less than one hour for every 22 hours worked for an employer with 50 or more employees and at a rate of one hour for every 40 hours worked for an employer with fewer than 50 employees. Sets forth purposes for which paid health care time may be used. Applies to employers employing one or more individuals. Defines terms.

Bill: HB 5590 (Anthony-D) UNIV-IN STATE TUITION-VETERANS
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 14, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that if a person is a veteran (defined as any person who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces or any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia), then the governing board of the university shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes even if he or she is not a resident of this State. Effective July 1, 2014.

Bill: HB 5621 (Fortner-R) SCH CD-HIGH SCH COURSE REQ
Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Elem. & Secondary Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2015-2016 school year or a subsequent school year must successfully complete (i) 4 (instead of 3) years of mathematics, which may include math-intensive courses outside of traditional mathematics courses (instead of one of which must be Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content), and (ii) 3 (instead of 2) years of science, one of which must be a laboratory science. Provides that, when applicable, math-intensive courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

Bill: HB 5635 (Hurley-D) CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENTS

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that a settlement or severance agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly by a public body and an employee of the public body is a public record. Prohibits a public body from entering into confidential settlement or severance agreements with its employees. Provides that if a public body enters into a confidential settlement or severance agreement, then the agreement is void and any moneys paid to an employee under that agreement shall be forfeited to the public body. Requires each settlement or severance agreement entered into by a public body to contain a provision authorizing public disclosure of the agreement in its entirety. Defines required terms.

Bill: HB 5650 (Turner-D) STUDENT ASSISTANCE CREDITS

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each taxpayer who makes a contribution to a specified individual College Savings Pool Account or to the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund in an amount matching a contribution made in the same taxable year by an employee of the taxpayer to that Account or Fund is entitled to a credit in an amount equal to 25% of that matching contribution, but not to exceed \$800 (rather than \$500) per contributing employee per taxable year. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5776 (Demmer-R) COM COL-GREEN JOBS CERTIFICATE

Status: POSTED for HEARING to HOUSE Higher Education Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Green Jobs and Technology Act. Permits public community colleges to establish green jobs certificate programs for workers in certain industries, including the energy efficient building industry, construction and retrofitting, the renewable electrical power industry, the energy efficient vehicle industry, the biofuel industry, and sustainable product manufacturing (subject to Board of Higher Education approval as provided under the Board of Higher Education Act). Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5817 (Senger-R) PENS CD-ACTUARY-EVERY 3 YEARS

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 17, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the actuary of each of the 5 State-funded systems to conduct an investigation of the system at least once every 3 (rather than 5) years. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5818 (Senger-R) PENS CD-COST SHIFT-REFERENDUM

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 17, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that any new provision that shifts costs under either of those Articles from the State to the actual employer may not take effect until the cost shift has been approved by the affected voters at referendum. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5831 (Kay-R) BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PRO

Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 17, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Act. Establishes the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program, to be implemented and administered by the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board, with the goal of creating a model of articulation and coordination among grade K-12 schools, community colleges, and public universities that will allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board, shall determine which public universities, public community colleges, and school districts are to participate in the pilot program (in 3 areas of this State). Requires the

universities, community colleges, and school districts participating in the pilot program to coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating students from high school to community college to university to earn their baccalaureate degrees for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks. Sets forth the components of the pilot program.

Bill: HB 5834 (McAuliffe-R) BD HIGHER ED-WORKFORCE NEEDS
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board, in consultation with the Department of Labor, the Illinois Community College Board, and any other entity the Board deems appropriate, to produce an annual report regarding State workforce need projections and credential production. Sets forth the contents of the report. Sets forth when and to whom the report must be provided. Effective immediately.

Bill: HB 5835 (Cabello-R) COM COL-HIGH UNEMPLOY-TUITION
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that if a student enrolled in a community college is not a resident of the community college district but he or she is a resident of a county in this State that has a 10% or higher unemployment rate, then the student is eligible for the in-district tuition rate even though he or she is not a district resident.

Bill: HR 620 (Jakobsson-D) URGE CONGRESS-LOAN BANKRUPTCY
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – October 22, 2013

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Urges Congress to restore full bankruptcy protections to all student loans, both private and federally guaranteed, as well as other standard consumer protections.

Bill: HR 651 (Hays-R) URGE GOV - MEDICARE ADV HMO
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – November 5, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Urges the Governor to implement a regional HMO under the new Medicare Advantage Plan.

Bill: HR 789 (Cabello-R) GED PRICES
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 4, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Urges the Illinois Community College Board to not allow the price of taking the GED to rise above \$50.

Bill: HR 832 (Dunkin-D) COLLEGE TEXTBOOK OPTIONS
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee – February 18, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Encourages the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee, and other student leaders, college officials, faculty, college bookstores, and publishers to discuss ways that college students may be better informed of these different textbook options and how access to them can be increased, without adversely impacting any existing textbook rental or already established access or affordability programs available to Illinois students.

Bill: HR 876 (Sullivan – R) PENSION COST SHIFTING
Status: FILED with HOUSE Clerk – February 27, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Recognizes that the normal cost of pensions for State educators is the responsibility of the State and that the General Assembly should not use the current budget crisis as a reason to shift its financial responsibility for State pension costs to the local taxpayers.

Bill: SB 68 (Lightford-D) EMPLOYMENT-TECH
Status: POSTED for HEARING in SENATE Executive Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Amendment #1 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Expands the definition of "employee" to include persons working for an employer employing less than 4 people and persons performing domestic service in a private home. Increases the minimum wage to restore the minimum wage to its historic level and annually increases the minimum wage by the increase in the cost of living during the preceding year. Defines how to calculate the historic level and cost of living. Removes the ability of employers to declare an allowance for gratuities in occupations for which gratuities are customary. Deletes language pertaining to temporary or irregular employees and employees under the age of 18. Allows an employee that is paid less than the wage to which he or she is entitled to under this Act to recover double damages and interest on lost wages in a civil action. Effective immediately.

Amendment #2 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Provides for an increase in the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, \$9.50 per hour from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2106, and \$10.00 per hour from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Provides for increases thereafter based upon the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers. Effective July 1, 2014.

Amendment #3 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Provides for an increase in the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, \$9.50 per hour from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2106, and \$10.00 per hour from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Effective July 1, 2014.

Amendment #4 (Filed but, not yet adopted)

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage to \$9.25 per hour on October 1, 2014, \$10 per hour on July 1, 2015, and \$10.65 per hour on July 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 1812 (Link-D/Brauer-R) FINANCE-DEMAND DEPOSIT ACCTS

Status: PLACED on HOUSE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – February 25, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Funds Deposit Act. Provides that, in addition to other investments permitted by law, any treasurer or other custodian of public funds may deposit those funds into demand deposit accounts. Excludes those deposits from statutory requirements pertaining to the eligibility of a bank to receive or hold public deposits, and to the pledging of collateral by a bank to secure public deposits, if (i) the public agency initiates the investment at or through a bank located in Illinois and (ii) the invested public funds are at all

times fully insured by an agency or instrumentality of the federal government. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2202 (Link-D/Williams-D) SMOKE FREE CAMPUS ACT
Status: PLACED on HOUSE Calendar Order of 2nd Reading – February 20, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Smoke-Free Campus Act. Sets forth the General Assembly's findings. Provides that beginning on July 1, 2014, smoking is prohibited on each campus of a State-supported institution of higher education. Provides that on or before December 31, 2013, each State-supported institution of higher education shall establish a community task force for the purpose of coordinating with community and campus leaders for the implementation of the Act. Provides that the governing board of each State-supported institution of higher education shall implement the Act and shall promulgate all policies and regulations necessary for this purpose, including, but not limited to, disciplinary action, fines, and an appeals process. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the prohibition against smoking on each campus of a State-supported institution of higher education shall not apply to any instance in which an individual is traveling through or parked on a campus in a vehicle that is not owned by a State-supported institution of higher education.

House Committee Amendment #1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill, with the following changes. Excludes property covered under the Smoke Free Illinois Act from the definition of "campus". Makes a change to the definition of "smoke" or "smoking" with respect to products approved or certified by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Makes changes to dates. Removes the exception to the smoking prohibition for individuals parked on campus. Requires the creation and posting of a smoke-free campus map. Deletes language that provides that any State-supported institution of higher education may regulate smoking in public places, but that regulation must be no less restrictive than this Act. Adds language that provides that in case of conflict with provisions of the Smoke Free Illinois Act, the provisions of the Smoke Free Illinois Act shall control. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2553 (Cullerton-D) ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignment – March 8, 2013
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY 14 ordinary and contingent expenses.

Bill: SB 2622 (McCarter-R) WORKMAN'S COMP-TRAVEL-CAUSATION
Status: ASSIGNED to SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – January 29, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that an employee who is required to travel in connection with his or her employment and who suffers an injury while in travel status shall be eligible for benefits only if the injury arises out of and in the course of employment while he or she is actively engaged in the duties of employment. Defines "accident" and "injury". Provides that "injury" includes the aggravation of a pre-existing condition by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, but only for so long as the aggravation of the pre-existing condition continues to be the major contributing cause of the disability. Provides that an injury resulting directly or indirectly from idiopathic causes is not compensable. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2623 (McCarter-R) WORKMAN'S COMP-ARM-SHOULDER-COMP

Status: ASSIGNED to SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – January 29, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that, with respect to the computation of compensation to be paid to an employee who had previously sustained an injury resulting in payment of compensation for partial disability for injuries not involving serious and permanent disfigurement and injuries for which the Act provides a schedule of benefits, the amount of the prior award for the partial disability with respect to the same portion of the body shall be deducted. Limits cumulative awards for partial disability to 500 weeks, which shall constitute a complete loss of use of the body as a whole. Provides that injuries to the shoulder are deemed to be injuries to the arm and injuries to the hip are deemed to be injuries to the leg. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2624 (Radogno-R) WORKMAN'S COMP-VARIOUS

Status: ASSIGNED to SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – January 29, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that an employee who is required to travel in connection with his or her employment and who suffers an injury while in travel status shall be eligible for benefits only if the injury arises out of and in the course of employment while he or she is actively engaged in the duties of employment. Defines "accident" and "injury". Provides that "injury" includes the aggravation of a pre-existing condition by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, but only for so long as the aggravation of the pre-existing condition continues to be the major contributing cause of the disability. Provides that an injury resulting directly or indirectly from idiopathic causes is not compensable. Further provides that, with respect to the computation of compensation to be paid to an employee who had previously sustained an injury resulting in payment of compensation for partial disability for injuries not involving serious and permanent disfigurement and injuries for which the Act provides a schedule of benefits, the amount of the prior award for the partial disability with respect to the same portion of the body shall be deducted. Limits cumulative awards for partial disability to 500 weeks, which shall constitute a

complete loss of use of the body as a whole. Provides that no employer shall be required to pay temporary partial disability benefits to an employee who has been discharged for cause. Provides that injuries to the shoulder are deemed to be injuries to the arm and injuries to the hip are deemed to be injuries to the leg. Provides for the computation of compensation when there are multiple employers and when there is less than full-time work. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2625 (McCarter-R) WORKMAN'S COMP-MISCONDUCT
Status: ASSIGNED to SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – January 29, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that no employer shall be required to pay temporary partial disability benefits to an employee who has been discharged for cause. Provides that, following a hearing, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission may reinstate the temporary partial benefits and retroactively restore any benefits the employer should have paid if it finds the employer's discharge of the employee was not for cause. Makes technical changes. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2626 (McCarter-R) WORKMAN'S COMP-WEEKLY WAGE
Status: ASSIGNED to SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – January 29, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides for the computation of compensation when there are multiple employers and when there is less than full-time work. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2641 (Link-D) STATE INSURANCE-ENROLLMENT
Status: POSTED for HEARING to SENATE State Govt & Veterans Affairs – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Sets forth provisions regarding health benefits for TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries, community college benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries. Permits eligible benefit recipients and dependent beneficiaries to elect not to participate in the program of health benefits during the benefit recipient's annual open enrollment period. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary to re-enroll in the Department of Central Management Services program of health benefits upon showing a qualifying change in status without evidence of insurability and with no limitations on coverage for pre-existing conditions, provided that there was not a break in coverage of more than 63 days. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary who elected not to participate in the program of health benefits to re-enroll in the program of health benefits during any annual benefit choice period, without evidence of insurability. Provides that

benefit recipients who elect not to participate in the program of health benefits shall be furnished with a written explanation of the requirements and limitations for the election not to participate in the program and for re-enrolling in the program. Further provides that the Director shall not limit re-enrollment in a manner that is inconsistent with this amendatory Act. Makes other technical changes. Effective immediately.

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

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: (1) deletes a provision that permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary to re-enroll in the Department of Central Management Services program of health benefits upon showing a qualifying change in status without evidence of insurability and with no limitations on coverage for pre-existing conditions, provided that there was not a break in coverage of more than 63 days; and (2) provides that the changes of the amendatory Act impact only those benefit recipients and dependent beneficiaries who are enrolled or had been enrolled in the program of health benefits before the effective date of the amendatory Act. Makes other technical changes. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2643 (Silverstein-D) EMERGENCY MED SERVICES-SPEC EVENTS
Status: ASSIGNED to SENATE Local Government Committee – January 29, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Adds a Division addressing emergency medical services at special events. Provides that, in counties of 100,000 or more, emergency medical services shall be provided at special events at which 2,500 or more persons are projected to be in attendance in the same place at the same time. Requires additional emergency medical personnel and resources when the projected number of attendees exceeds certain thresholds. Defines terms.

Bill: SB 2666 (Stadelman-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – January 21, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the School Code's construction.

Bill: SB 2683 (Bivins-D) ETHICS-PARTISAN APPOINTEES
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – January 21, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that, for purposes of determining the partisanship of any person who is appointed by the Governor to an office that either requires specific partisanship or limits the number of appointees from a single political party that may be appointed, the vote of that person in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment shall determine their partisanship for that person's term of office. Provides that a person who did not vote, or who voted but did not request a partisan ballot, in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment or who voted but requested partisan ballots for 2 or more different political parties in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment shall be deemed an independent for purposes of determining partisanship for that person's term of office.

Bill: SB 2699 (Delgado-D) ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT

Status: POSTPONED in SENATE Higher Education Committee – Feb 19, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that a student who takes a College Board Advanced Placement examination and receives a score of 3 or higher on the examination is entitled to receive postsecondary level course credit at a public institution of higher education. Requires each public institution of higher education to comply with the same standard of awarding course credit to any student receiving a score of 3 or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination and applying the credit to meet a corresponding course requirement for degree completion at that institution of higher education. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2711 (Sullivan-D) FINANCE-STATE BD OF EDU-GRANTS

Status: PLACED on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - February 20, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act. Permits the State Board of Education to make payments for grants provided by the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Education, or any other federal agency for any fiscal year without regard to the fact that the services being compensated for by such payment may have been rendered in a prior fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2014.

Bill: SB 2728 (Frerichs-D) IL COM COL BD-EXEC DIRECTOR

Status: PLACED on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - February 20, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Comprehensive Healthcare Workforce Planning Act, the Illinois Century Network Act, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Changes references from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Community College Board to the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board. Makes technical corrections.

Bill: SB 2729 (Frerichs-D) HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST
Status: PLACED on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - February 20, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Personnel Code, Children and Family Services Act, Illinois Youthbuild Act, Illinois Guaranteed Job Opportunity Act, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act, Interagency Coordinating Council Act, School Code, Adult Education Act, various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois, Public Community College Act, Higher Education Student Assistance Act, Illinois Insurance Code, Pharmacy Practice Act, Structural Pest Control Act, Illinois Public Aid Code, Firearm Concealed Carry Act, Illinois Vehicle Code, and Unified Code of Corrections. Changes references relating to General Educational Development (GED) testing and certificates to high school equivalency testing and certificates. Makes technical corrections.

Bill: SB 2747 (Bivins-D) SCHOOL SECURITY TASK FORCE
Status: REFERRED to HOUSE Rules Committee - February 27, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act and the School Code. Creates the School Security and Standards Task Force within the State Board of Education to study the security of schools in this State, make recommendations, and draft minimum standards for use by schools to make them more secure and to provide a safer learning environment for the children of this State. Sets forth provisions concerning the membership of the Task Force, meetings of the Task Force, State Board support for the Task Force, and the duties of the Task Force. Provides that, on or before January 1, 2015, the Task Force shall submit a report to the General Assembly and the Governor on specific recommendations for changes to the current law or other legislative measures. Provides that, on or before January 1, 2015, the Task Force shall submit a report to the State Board on specific recommendations for model security plan policies for schools to access and use as a guideline, which report is exempt from inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that the Task Force is abolished and these provisions are repealed on July 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2763 (Sandoval-D) STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC
Status: POSTED for HEARING to SENATE Public Health Committee – March 4

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Directs the Department of Public Health to create the State Employee Health Clinic pilot program to provide on-site health care services to persons covered under the Act, with funds appropriated for the purpose. Provides that, in operating the State Employee Health Clinic, objectives of the Department of Public Health shall include, but are not limited to, cost reduction through early diagnosis, preventative care, and the proactive use of medical services by State employees. Requires the State Employee Health Clinic to provide services to eligible persons without any co-payment or other fee-for-services. Requires the Department of Public Health to operate the State Employee Health Clinic with one location in Chicago and another in Springfield. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall by rule provide for the administration and operation of the State Employee Health Clinic. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall conduct a biennial comprehensive assessment of the State Employee Health Clinic's operations, health resources, and service needs, including, but not limited to, facilities, clinical services, staffing levels, and finances. Requires these assessments to be compiled into a report to be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before July 1, 2017. Repeals the pilot program on July 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2015.

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

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: SB 2765 (Righter-R) EIU-TUITION WAIVER LIMIT
Status: POSTED for HEARING TO SENATE Higher Education Committee – March 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Eastern Illinois University Law. Makes changes in provisions concerning the tuition waiver limitation pilot program. Removes language referring to the program as a pilot program, terminating the program after the 2015-2016 academic year, and repealing the provisions on July 1, 2019. Provides for an institutional tuition waiver limitation of 10% in the fourth year of the program and thereafter (instead of 10% in the fourth year of the pilot program). Requires the Board of Trustees to report to the Board of Higher Education every 2 years instead of annually.

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

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. Changes the name of the program from the tuition waiver limitation program to the tuition affordability discount program. Changes certain references from waivers to discounts; makes related changes.

Bill: SB 2768 (Althoff-R) GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – January 30, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Contains only a short title provision.

Bill: SB 2769 (Althoff-R) ORGAN DONOR LEAVE-BLOOD DONORS

Status: PLACED on SENATE Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – February 25, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Organ Donor Leave Act. Allows the Director of Central Management Services to set, by administrative rule, the amount of compensated time that an employee may use to donate blood. Acknowledges that technology may advance at a rate that outpaces the General Assembly's ability to address those advances legislatively. Provides that, to the extent that the Act may not expressly apply to those technological advances, the Act should nonetheless be interpreted to further the declared policy of the Act. Defines the terms "blood" and "organ". Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2777 (Sullivan-D) FOIA-SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSONS

Status: SENT to SENATE Exec Sub Committee on Operations – February 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. To the list of records exempt from inspection and copying, adds records requested by persons committed to or detained by the Department of Human Services under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act if those materials: (i) are available in the library of the facility where the individual is confined; (ii) include records from staff members' personnel files, staff rosters, or other staffing assignment information; or (iii) are available through an administrative request to the Department of Human Services. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2784 (Raoul-D) INTERNET SCREENING LIBRARIES

Status: SENT to SENATE Executive Sub Committee on Civil Rights – January 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Internet Screening in Public Libraries Act. Provides that each public library must have a technology protection measure to prevent the display on a public computer of any visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. Allows a public library to disable the technology protection measure for an adult engaged in legitimate research or some other lawful purpose. Requires the State Librarian to adopt rules to implement and administer the Act. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Internet Screening in Public Libraries Fund. Provides that fines under the Act are to be deposited into the Fund. Requires the State Librarian to use amounts in the Fund, subject to appropriation, to implement

and administer the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

Bill: SB 2788 (Munoz-D) GAMING BD-CHICAGO LICENSE
Status: ASSIGNED to SENATE Exec Sub Committee on Gaming – February 27, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Riverboat Gambling Act. Adds to the duties of the Illinois Gaming Board the retention of the Chicago Police Department as security personnel and the conducting of investigations, searches and seizures, arrests, and other duties imposed under the Act if an owners license is awarded that allows for the conduct of gambling within the City of Chicago. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2789 (Munoz-D) EARNED SICK TIME ACT
Status: POSTED for HEARING to SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – March 5
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Earned Sick Time Act. Provides that all employers that employ 20 or more employees shall provide paid sick time to their employees. Requires all employers to provide a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked by an employee, regardless of whether the employee is full-time or part-time, with a minimum of 2 days of paid sick time per calendar year. Provides for administration by the Department of Labor. Provides enforcement provisions and sets penalties. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2827 (Biss-D) LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – January 30, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Makes technical changes in a Section concerning veteran's and educational preference.

Bill: SB 2843 (Althoff-R) LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – January 30, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Building Commission Act. Makes a technical change to a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: SB 2846 (Haine-D) PRIVATE COLLEGE-RELIGIOUS DEG

Status: POSTED for HEARING to SENATE Higher Education Committee – March 4

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private College Act and the Academic Degree Act. Provides that a nonprofit institution owned, controlled, and operated and maintained by a bona fide church, religious denomination, or religious organization comprised of multi-denominational members of the same well-recognized religion, lawfully operating as a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to the Religious Corporation Act, is exempt from the Acts if (i) the education is limited to instruction in the principles of that church, religious denomination, or religious organization or to courses offered for the purpose of training the adherents of that church, religious denomination, or religious organization in the care of the sick in accordance with its religious tenets and (ii) the diploma or degree is limited to evidence of completion of that education and the meritorious recognition upon which any honorary degree is conferred is limited to the principles of that church, religious denomination, or religious organization. Sets forth requirements and prohibitions concerning the awarding of degrees and diplomas by such an institution. Requires the institution to annually file with the Board of Higher Education evidence to demonstrate its status as a nonprofit religious corporation under the Religious Corporation Act. Effective July 1, 2014.

Bill: SB 2873 (Jones-D) EDUCATION-TECH

Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 7, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Campus Press Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: SB 2926 (Biss-D) FOIA-RECORDS ON WEBSITE

Status: SENT to SENATE Exec Sub Committee on Govt Operations– February 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body is not required to copy and make available for public inspection a public record that is published on the public body's website if the public body's Freedom of Information officer certifies that the online record is a true and accurate copy of the original record maintained by the public body. Provides that the Freedom of Information officer shall notify

the person requesting the public record that it is available online. Provides that if the person requesting the public record is unable to access the record online, the public body is then required to copy and make available the public record. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 2946 (Frerichs-D) GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 4, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning employee benefits.

Bill: SB 3017 (Silverstein-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: POSTED for HEARING to SENATE Higher Educ Committee – March 4
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning terms.

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

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Prohibits a public university from using State aid provided directly to the university to fund an academic entity, provide funds for membership in an academic entity, or fund travel or lodging for any employee to attend a meeting of an academic entity if the academic entity has issued a public resolution or other official statement or undertaken an official action boycotting a country that is a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development or higher education institutions located in that country. Provides that the university is not eligible for State aid during the academic year in which the university is in violation of this prohibition. Sets forth exceptions to the prohibition. Provides that nothing in these provisions shall limit the attendance by any employee of the university at an event of an academic entity that boycotts a country that is a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development or higher education institutions located in that country, and attendance at meetings of any such academic entity must not be used by the university with regard to employment decisions. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3033 (Frerichs-D) SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT
Status: POSTPONED in SENATE Education Committee – February 26, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to annually confer with the Illinois Community College Board to: (i) identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages; (ii) notify school districts of these identified industries and occupations; and (iii) approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages. Provides that beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the State Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants to school districts for each pupil in the school district who obtained a diploma if the school district has an industry-recognized certification program and the pupil successfully completed the program. Further provides that if the funds appropriated in any fiscal year are insufficient to pay the full amount of the incentive grant, the State Board of Education shall prorate the amount of its payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant. Effective July 1, 2015.

Bill: SB 3037 (Althoff-R) MIN WAGE-OVERTIME-EXEMPTION

Status: POSTED for SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends provisions of the Minimum Wage Law exempting certain employees employed in a bona fide executive, administrative or professional capacity, including any radio or television announcer, news editor, or chief engineer from certain overtime provisions of the Law. Deletes language requiring a minimum salary, specified in a federal regulation, to be paid to an employee in order for that employee to qualify as an exempt executive, administrative, or professional employee

Bill: SB 3105 (Collins-D) EMPLOYMT-GRNDPARNT FAMLY LEAVE

Status: POSTED for SENATE Labor & Commerce Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Illinois Family Care Provider Act. Provides that an employer must provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid family medical leave to an employee during any 12-month period in connection with one or more of the following: (i) the birth or adoption of a grandchild, in order for the employee to care for such grandchild; (ii) the placement of a grandchild with the employee for adoption or foster care; or (iii) a serious health condition of a grandchild, in order for the employee to care for such grandchild, or a serious health condition of a grandparent, in order for the employee to care for such grandparent. Contains provisions concerning employee benefits and prohibited acts. Authorizes an employee to file a civil action for enforcement. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3183 (Kotowski-D) EDUCATION-TECH

Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 11, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Planning Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: SB 3184 (Kotowski-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 11, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Planning Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: SB 3185 (Kotowski-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 11, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Planning Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: SB 3211 (Radogno-R) STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 11, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Treasurer Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a college savings pool.

Bill: SB 3260 (Frerichs-D) INCOME TX-STUDENT LOANS
Status: SENT to SENATE Revenue Sub Committee on Tax Credits – February 27, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction in an amount equal to the difference between the total amount of interest paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year on any qualified education loan and the amount of the deduction claimed by the taxpayer under a provision of the Internal Revenue Code for the same loan. Provides that the deduction is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3269 (Biss-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Planning Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill: SB 3273 (Holmes-D) FOIA-EXEMPTIONS – ERECORDS

Status: SENT to SENATE Revenue Sub Committee on Govt Operations – February 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Changes the definition of "commercial purpose" to mean the purpose or intent to use (rather than "the use of") any part of a public record or records, or information derived from public records, in any form for sale, resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or services or to otherwise further a commercial, trade, or profit interest or enterprise, as those terms are commonly understood. Provides that a public body may make its records available through any publicly accessible electronic means and may respond to a request by notifying the requester that the record is available through its Internet website or other publicly accessible electronic means. Provides procedures in the event that the requester is unwilling or unable to access the record electronically. Provides that a public body is not required to respond to a request for records to be used for a commercial purpose and makes corresponding changes. Provides that a person who knowingly obtains a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose after being requested to do so by the public body is liable to the public body for a civil penalty equal to 3 times the cost of time, materials, equipment, and personnel expended by the public body in copying or producing the record and for any attorney's fees and other costs incurred by the public body in collecting the penalty. Exempts from disclosure under the Act records relating to all employee performance reviews and personnel evaluations and records and all complaints and investigatory material relating to a public body's adjudication of employee grievances or disciplinary cases. Exempts from disclosure records relating to litigation of a civil or criminal nature to which the public body is or may be a party or to which an officer or employee of the public, as a consequence of the person's office or employment, is or may be a party. Provides that the Attorney General must make available on the website of the Office of the Attorney General a copy of each binding opinion, each advisory opinion, and, for any instance in which the Attorney General resolves a request for review by mediation or by means other than the issuance of a binding opinion, each nonbinding opinion or other correspondence or document that constitutes the final decision by the Attorney General in resolving that request for review.

Bill: SB 3291 (McConnaughay-R) LOCAL GOVERNMENT-POST RECORDS

Status: SENT to SENATE Revenue Sub Committee on Govt Operations – February 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government or a school district located in a county with a population of 100,000 or more shall have a website containing the following information for the current calendar year: (1) contact information for elected and appointed officials; (2) notice of and

materials prepared for regular and emergency meetings; (3) procedures for requesting information from the unit of local government or school district; and (4) public notices. Provides that any citizen who is a resident of the unit of local government or school district may bring a mandamus or injunction action to compel the unit of local government or school district to comply with the Internet posting requirements. Provides a posting in perpetuity clause. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Contains a severability clause. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3292 (McConnaughay-R) LOCAL GOVERNMENT-POST RECORDS

Status: SENT to SENATE Revenue Sub Committee on Govt Operations – February 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government or a school district located in a county with a population of 100,000 or more shall have a website containing the following information for the current calendar year: (1) annual budget; (2) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (3) financial reports and audits; (4) information concerning employee compensation; (5) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (6) a debt disclosure report; and (7) a pension liability debt disclosure report. Provides that any citizen who is a resident of the unit of local government or school district may bring a mandamus or injunction action to compel the unit of local government or school district to comply with the Internet posting requirements. Provides a posting in perpetuity clause. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Contains a severability clause. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3293 (McConnaughay-R) LOCAL GOVERNMENT-POST RECORDS

Status: SENT to SENATE Revenue Sub Committee on Govt Operations – February 27, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government or a school district located in a county with a population of 100,000 or more shall have a website containing the following information for the current calendar year: (1) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (2) contracts with lobbying firms; (3) rules governing the award of contracts; (4) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (5) campaign contributions made by a vendor; and (6) all vendor disclosures of relationships to any employee of that unit of local government or school district. Provides that any citizen who is a resident of the unit of local government or school district may bring a mandamus or injunction action to compel the unit of local government or school district to comply with the Internet posting requirements. Provides a posting in perpetuity clause. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Contains a severability clause. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3306 (Rose-R) HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT APPLY

Status: POSTED for HEAIRNG to SENATE Higher Educ Committee – March 4

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall, twice a year (instead of each year), receive and consider applications for grant assistance. Provides that the first application period for grants for the next academic year shall be open to all eligible students and the second application period shall occur immediately before commencement of the academic year and shall be open only to non-traditional students and traditional students who missed the first application deadline due to unforeseen circumstances, as defined by the Commission. Requires the Commission to apportion grant funds between persons who applied during the first application period and person who applied during the second application period, in such manner as the Commission shall determine. Effective immediately.

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

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall, twice a year (instead of each year), receive and consider applications for grant assistance. Provides that the first application period for grants for the next academic year shall be open to all eligible students and the second application period shall occur no earlier than July 15 and shall be open only to (i) public community college students or (ii) public university students who missed the first application deadline for good cause shown, as defined by the Commission. Requires the Commission to apportion grant funds between persons who applied during the first application period and person who applied during the second application period, in such manner as the Commission shall determine. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3309 (Tarrant-D) PENS CD-MISTAKE IN BENEFIT
Status: POSTED for HEARING in SENATE Executive Committee – March 5

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if a fund or system mistakenly sets any benefit at an incorrect amount, it shall recalculate the benefit as soon as may be practicable after the mistake is discovered. Sets forth specific requirements regarding when a benefit is mistakenly set too low and when a benefit is mistakenly set too high. Amends the Downstate Firefighters and Cook County Forest Preserve Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the amount of any overpayment of any pension or benefit due to fraud, misrepresentation, or error may be deducted from future payments to the recipient.

Bill: SB 3441 (McGuire-D) HIGHER ED-DISTANCE LEARNING
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Distance Learning Act. Provides that in recent years, distance education offered by institutions of higher learning has been increasing, with such distance education being offered on an interstate basis by many institutions. Provides that the provision of distance education is declared to affect the public safety and welfare and shall be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. Provides that the Board of Higher Education is authorized to participate in a state authorization reciprocity agreement on behalf of this State. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall be the lead agency in coordinating interstate reciprocity for distance learning for participating institutions in this State. Sets forth provisions governing agreements where Illinois is the home state or the reciprocal state. Provides that this Act applies only to distance learning programs and authorizes the Board of Higher Education to adopt rules for the execution of its powers and duties under the Act. Creates the Distance Learning Fund to supplement support for the administration and enforcement of the Act. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Distance Learning Fund.

Bill: SB 3451 (Frerichs-D) HIGHER ED-PAY FORWARD-PAYBACK
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to create a pilot program called Pay Forward, Pay Back to replace the current system of charging undergraduate students tuition and fees and other educational expenses at a public institution of higher education. Requires the Board to identify one public institution of higher education to participate in the pilot program. Provides that the pilot program shall (1) allow undergraduate students to attend the institution without paying for tuition and fees, books and supplies, and room and board; (2) provide that, in lieu of paying, students must sign binding contracts to pay to the State of Illinois or the institution, for a specified number of years, a certain percentage of the student's annual adjusted gross income as soon as he or she earns an income after graduation from the institution, but in no event may payments begin to be made more than 10 years after graduation from the institution; (3) specify the number of years and the percentage of annual adjusted gross income for contracts and base the specifications on research to date; (4) guarantee graduation from the institution within 4 years after enrollment if the student makes sufficient educational progress and does not change his or her academic major or major concentration; and (5) establish an immediate funding source for the first 15 to 20 years of the pilot program and include the establishment of a revolving fund to deposit payments made under the pilot program. Requires the Board to submit reports to the General Assembly.

Bill: SB 3452 (Frerichs-D) HIGHER ED-PAY FORWARD-PAYBACK
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to create a pilot program called Pay Forward, Pay Back to replace the current system of charging students tuition and fees for enrollment at public institutions of higher education. Requires the Board to identify one or more public institutions of higher education to participate in the pilot program. Provides that the pilot program shall (1) allow students to enroll in an institution without paying tuition or fees; (2) provide that, in lieu of paying tuition or fees, students must sign binding contracts to pay to the State of Illinois or the institution a certain percentage of the student's annual adjusted gross income upon graduation from the institution for a specified number of years; (3) specify the number of years and the percentage of annual adjusted gross income for contracts at each participating institution and base the specifications on research to date; and (4) establish an immediate funding source for the first 15 to 20 years of the pilot program and include the establishment of a revolving fund to deposit payments made under the pilot program. Allows the pilot program to vary by institution depending on certain factors and requires the Board to submit reports to the General Assembly.

Bill: SB 3481 (Reznin-R) UNION PENSION NOTIFICATION
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Requires the Illinois Labor Relations Board to notify employees covered under the Act when a bill or amendment that underfunds or misses a pension payment is introduced or filed and does not comply with the payment plan under current law. Provides that this notification must be sent by e-mail to employees covered under the Act within 5 days of the introduction or filing of the bill or amendment. Provides that the notification shall include information regarding who filed witness slips in favor of, in opposition to, or neutral towards the bill or amendment. Requires the Illinois Public Labor Relations Board to post data on its Internet website regarding current, past, and future pension funding, as well as other related pension data, using reports provided by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. Adds corresponding provisions in the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3511 (McGuire-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act's purpose.

Bill: SB 3519 (Biss-D) EDUCATION-TECH
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Monetary Award Program.

Bill: SB 3527 (Barickman-D) HIGHER ED-PREPAID TUITION-CERTIFY
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Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act. Requires public institutions of higher education to certify the future costs of tuition and mandatory fees at the public institution of higher education. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3528 (Barickman-D) PREPAID TUITION CONTRACTS-END
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Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Treasurer Act and the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act. With respect to the College Savings Pool, provides that for accounts opened on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the State Treasurer may receive moneys paid into the pool by the Illinois Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, which shall be permitted to match, dollar for dollar, with limitations, annual contributions made to an account. Provides that Illinois prepaid tuition contracts may not be entered into on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that only annuities may be purchased under the Illinois prepaid tuition program. Provides that the purchaser of a contract entered into before the effective date of the amendatory Act may (i) retain funds under the contract, (ii) transfer the cash value of the contract to the College Savings Pool, (iii) cash out of the contract pursuant to the contract's terms, or (iv) transfer funds into an annuity. Effective immediately.

Bill: SB 3549 (McCarter-R) PENS CD-FUNDING GOAL
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014
Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. With respect to the 5 State-funded retirement systems: Provides a new funding formula for State contributions, with a funding goal of 100% for fiscal years 2016 through 2047 and 90% thereafter. Provides that no additional service credit may be accrued and no automatic increase in a retirement annuity shall be received. Provides that the pensionable salary of an active participant may not exceed that individual's pensionable salary as of the

effective date. Provides that State-funded retirement systems shall establish self-directed retirement plans for all active participants and all employees hired on or after the effective date. Provides that all active participants shall have the option of participating in a self-directed retirement plan. Provides that these changes are controlling over any other law. In the Sections that were amended by Public Act 98-599, deletes the changes made by Public Act 98-599.

Bill: SB 3555 (Oberweis-R) PENS CD-STATE SYS-CREDITS-FUNDING
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Shifts the required State contributions under the State Universities and Downstate Teacher retirement systems to the actual employers, beginning in State fiscal year 2016. With respect to the 5 State-funded retirement systems: Provides a new funding formula for State and employer contributions, with a 100% funding goal through 2045 (determined using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method) and a 90% funding goal thereafter. Provides that no additional service credit may be accrued and no automatic increase in a retirement annuity shall be received. Provides that the pensionable salary of an active participant may not exceed that individual's pensionable salary as of the effective date. Provides that State-funded retirement systems shall establish self-directed retirement plans for all active participants and all employees hired on or after the effective date. Provides that all active participants shall have the option of participating in a self-directed retirement plan. Provides that these changes are controlling over any other law. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Includes a nonacceleration provision.

Bill: SR 903 (Martinez-D) LATINO ACADEMIC STUDY
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – February 5, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Directs the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to work along with the Illinois Latino Family Commission to develop a self-study guide on the current status and achievement levels for Latino students that will be distributed to all public universities and community colleges throughout the State of Illinois.

Bill: SJR 49 (Frerichs-D) HIGHER ED PLA TASK FORCE
Status: REFERRED to SENATE Committee on Assignments – January 28, 2014

Position:

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Prior Learning Assessment Task Force under the direction of the Board of Higher Education.

2014 ICCTA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

by Jessica Nardulli

When the legislative session began in January, the House bills were heard in House committees and then on the House floor, and Senate bills were heard in Senate committees and then on the Senate floor. This week marks the beginning of the second half of the legislative session. It is the Senate's turn to consider House bills that have passed the House, and the House is considering the Senate bills that have passed the Senate – essentially, we repeat the process in the second chamber. The legislators have a few short weeks to negotiate and debate the legislation before they must take final action and vote on whether to send the bills to the Governor. Adjournment is scheduled for May 31. It is important to keep in mind that if any amendments are added in the second chamber, the bill must go through the first chamber again in order to approve the changes.

Typically, during the final week of session, the legislators will take up the big issues. This year, those issues most likely will revolve around \$\$\$dollar signs\$\$\$. Those issues could include, but of course are not limited to, the following:

- ❖ Will the temporary income tax increase (from 3.5% in 2011 to 5% set to expire January 1, 2015) be made permanent?
 - If yes, the budget is anticipated to be level as compared to FY14 appropriations.
 - If not, however, the budget will have to suffer major cuts – a “doomsday” scenario.

Both the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board have testified before appropriations committees on the impact to community colleges under both scenarios. The Governor's proposed budget depends on the extension of the temporary tax increase. The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate have expressed their support for the extension, but it remains to be seen if they can get the votes.

- ❖ Will a progressive tax replace Illinois' current flat tax structure, which will require a constitutional amendment on the November ballot?
- ❖ Will Illinois see an increase in the minimum wage?
- ❖ Will there be some “technical corrections” to remedy a “drafting error” in the pension reform legislation, as urged by SURS?
- ❖ Will there be a re-write of Illinois' tax code? This session has seen numerous hearings on Illinois' current tax policy. Members of the House are examining possible reforms to remedy Illinois' slow economic growth.

Other issues we are following include:

SB 3306: MAP Funds to Dislocated Workers

Sen. Chapin Rose has crafted a two year pilot program that would enable dislocated workers (generally someone receiving unemployment benefits; was self-employed but is now unemployed; or a displaced homemaker) to apply for MAP funds after the enrollment period closes, but prior to the beginning of that academic year. ICCTA worked closely with the sponsor and actively supported this measure, which will bring more MAP funds to community colleges. The bill passed the Senate 55-0 and is sponsored by Rep. Sue Scherer in the House.

SB 2363: Regulating Contracting Policies & Practices at Illinois Community Colleges

Sen. Iris Martinez would like community colleges to comply with state (instead of local government) standards when selecting architects and engineers for projects. This would remove their sole source authority when they have ongoing, satisfactory relationships with contractors. ICCTA opposes this measure because it would interfere with long standing design firm contractual services. This bill has not moved this year, but ICCTA continues to watch for any developments.

HB 4910: Private-Public Partnerships between Community Colleges and Manufacturers

Rep. David McSweeney is encouraging the creation of private-public partnerships between community colleges, manufacturers, labor unions, school districts, high schools, workforce investment boards, and others. ICCTA educated the sponsor about all the positive working relationships community colleges currently have with manufacturers. As a result, the sponsor was convinced to move away from his original mandatory language to the current permissive nature of the bill. This bill passed the House 107-0 and is sponsored by Sen. Michael Connelly in the Senate.

HB 5323 / SB 3451: Pay It Forward

Two different bills, sponsored by Rep. Jack Franks and Sen. Michael Frerichs, support a program commonly referred to as "Pay It Forward" to provide loans to eligible students who would pay back those loans according to that student's income. Rep. Franks has changed his bill to be a study of the idea, modeled off of Pennsylvania's program, to determine the practical and fiscal impact in Illinois. Sen. Frerichs' proposal is currently in the form of a pilot program at just one public institution, with repayment not to begin until 10 years after graduation. Sen. Frerichs has also recognized problems with the proposal and promised to hold the bill until he drafts an amendment.

PENSION LAWSUIT UPDATE

The pension reform issues are now being heard before the courts. Five lawsuits have been filed that contest the constitutionality of the pension reform bill that was passed last spring. One lawsuit was filed in Chicago, one in Champaign and three in Sangamon County. The Supreme Court ordered all of the cases consolidated to Sangamon County. The Attorney General is required to file answers to all of the cases before May 15.

The University of Illinois and SURS have asked the legislature to change the law as it pertains to money purchase option for SURS employees. A drafting error in the pension reform law has caused many SURS employees to consider retirement earlier than anticipated. Universities and community colleges have many employees who might rush to retirement leaving many vacancies to be filled before school begins in the fall of 2014.

Additionally the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) recently passed a resolution asking that the pension reform law be stayed. A stay is a court order that maintains the status quo and does not allow the law to become effective until the court has decided the issue. SERS wants the courts to decide the issues before they spend the time and money to change their system. Their point is to make the changes only once rather than to change now only to have the courts declare part or all of the law unconstitutional which would require a different set of changes to be implemented. Interestingly, Governor Quinn was quoted during a press conference as agreeing that a stay was appropriate.