



# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

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Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning February 16, 2015.

In January, the new governor and legislature took office. Since that time, committees have been formed and scheduled, leadership teams have been named and offices have been moved around the State House. A large number of bills have been filed and we expect an even larger number of bills filled before the deadlines.

This week committees start to meet and consider bills sponsored by legislators. The Governor will present his budget on Wednesday, February 18. The deadline for introduction of Senate bills is February 20. The deadline for introduction of House bills is February 27.

We are trying a new report format and welcome your feedback as we want these reports to be as helpful to you as possible. Moving forward, legislation new to the report and changes in bill status will be highlighted in yellow. If you should have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

## HB 118

### Committee Hearing:

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee  
Hearing Feb 19 2015 9:00AM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** SCH CD-ELEM SCH-RECESS REQ

### House Sponsors

Rep. Mary E. Flowers

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that the Chicago Board of Education shall require that schools provide daily recess for all students in kindergarten through grade 8. Provides that a recess must be at least 10 minutes in length. Provides that if the principal determines that the weather is inclement, the principal shall direct that a recess be held indoors. Requires the principal to ensure that students are given the opportunity to engage in physical exercise during each recess. Provides that the time required for recesses is included in the minimum number of hours necessary to constitute a full day of attendance under the State aid formula provisions.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

## HB 134

**Short Description:** PEN CD-TIER III-STATE SYSTEMS

### House Sponsors

Rep. André M. Thapedi

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates a Tier III benefit package applicable to persons who first begin participating in one of the State-funded retirement systems on or after July 1, 2015. Provides for retirement benefits and certain employee contribution changes that supersede the corresponding provisions of the applicable retirement system. Provides that those retirement benefits may be annually increased or decreased in response to the retirement system's investment earnings. Changes the amount of the required State contributions and, in the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles,

## KEY LEGISLATION

- HB 170 (Currie) – Procurement
- HB 303 (McDermid) – FOIA- Severance Agreements
- HB 1529 (Dunkin) – Supplier Diversity

requires the actual employers to make contributions to amortize any unfunded liabilities arising out of their employees who are Tier III participants. Provides that, when the State's total debt service obligation for certain pension bonds has ended, any funds remaining available for the payment of that debt service shall be distributed to the 5 State-funded retirement systems, to be used to reduce their unfunded actuarial liabilities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## **HB 135**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Feb 19 2015 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack-John D. Anthony-Thomas Morrison

#### **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.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

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## **HB 143**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Feb 20 2015 9:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-DREAM CHECKOFF

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a tax checkoff for the Illinois DREAM Fund. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act to provide that moneys from the checkoff may be received by the Fund.

Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

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## HB 150

#### Committee Hearing:

Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight Hearing Feb 18 2015 9:00AM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-TERRORISM

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Charles E. Meier-Adam Brown-Bill Mitchell-Patricia R. Bellock-Dwight Kay

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as terrorism. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight

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## HB 170

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Feb 19 2015 2:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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**HB 239**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-FELONY FORFEIT REVIEW

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sam Yingling

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in any matter involving a question of whether pension benefits should be terminated because of a felony, the board of the fund or system shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. Provides that the Attorney General or the State's Attorney may contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony and may seek judicial review of the board's decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 251****Committee Hearing:**

Labor & Commerce Committee Hearing Feb 19 2015 2:00PM Stratton Building Room 413 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDU LABOR REL-AUTHORIZE STRIKE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the strike provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to the conditions that must be met in order for educational employees to engage in a strike, provides that the condition that at least three-fourths of all bargaining unit employees who are members of the exclusive bargaining representative must have affirmatively voted to authorize the strike applies to all educational employees (not just those employed in the Chicago school district). Effective July 1, 2015.



**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee

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**HB 254**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-ST SYS-FUNDING RATIO

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Provides that if and only if the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the consolidated case of In re Pension Reform Litigation, No. 118585, finds that either Public Act 98-599 is unconstitutional in its entirety or that the changes made by Public Act 98-599 to certain Sections of the Illinois Pension Code are unconstitutional, the Illinois Pension Code is amended to make changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the Judges Article, increases the funding ratio from 90% to 100%. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 303****Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Feb 19 2015 9:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Margo McDermed-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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## HB 315

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ROTH ACCOUNT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a Section relating to the self-managed plan, provides that pursuant to federal law, all employees with applicable retirement plans will be provided options to: (i) establish, (ii) contribute to, and (iii) transfer any guaranteed or vested portion of their traditional accounts, on any day, into qualified in-plan Roth accounts, without distribution. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 317

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan and Mary E. Flowers

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

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## HB 319

**Short Description:** CONCEALED CARRY-PARKING LOT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ed Sullivan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In the provision that a licensee may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, deletes language that the licensee must ensure that the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Criminal Committee

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**HB 402****Committee Hearing:**

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Feb 20 2015 9:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

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**HB 422**

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison

**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.

**Last Action**



Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee

## HB 429

**Short Description:** PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 489

**Short Description:** PEN CD-DOWNST TEACHER-SHORTAGE

### House Sponsors

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2013 to no later than June 30, 2019. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

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## HB 495

**Short Description:** ELEC-TIME OF SCH BD ELEC

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the offices of elected members of school boards, school trustees, directors of boards of school directors, trustees of county boards of school trustees, members of boards of school inspectors, and members of school boards in school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code shall be filled or shall be on the ballot at the general election in the appropriate even-numbered years (now, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years). Provides that, for elections on and after June 1, 2015, a member of a Board of School Directors, a member of an elected Board of Education, a member of a Board of School Inspectors, a trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees, or a trustee of schools, as the case may be, shall be elected at the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the term of any incumbent member, to succeed each incumbent member whose term ends before the following general election. Provides that the term of an incumbent of any of those offices serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act is extended to the first Monday in the first month following the next general election after the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act not been enacted, and the term of the successor in office shall commence on that first Monday. Makes other changes. Amends the School Code to make changes conforming to the changes to the time of election of members of school boards made by this amendatory Act. Effective June 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 1311

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PAY IT FORWARD

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes, for 5 academic years, a program to provide loans to 400 eligible students per academic year to attend a public community college or university, to be repaid, in part, according to the income of the student borrowers. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall implement and administer the program. Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury, with moneys used for the sole purpose of awarding program loans under the Act. Sets forth provisions governing the application process and loan repayment. Requires the Department to submit progress reports to the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1334****Short Description:** PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Provisions Article of 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 and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency 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 retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1402****Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thaddeus Jones

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1456**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Elaine Nekritz

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1484**

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 1529

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2442

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dwight Kay

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Dwight Kay

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## SB 11

**Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## SB 16

**Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/15/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 26

**Committee Hearing:**

Local Government Hearing Feb 18 2015 9:00AM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**



Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Local Government

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**SB 46**

**Committee Hearing:**

Licensed Activities and Pensions Hearing Feb 18 2015 3:00PM Capitol 400 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** FOOD HANDLING REGULATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Iris Y. Martinez-Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Provides that any individual seeking a food service sanitation manager certificate or a food service sanitation manager instructor certificate must receive a passing score on the examination set by the certification exam provider accredited under standards developed and adopted by the Conference for Food Protection or its successor organization (rather than a score of at least 75% on the examination).

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Licensed Activities and Pensions

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**SB 72**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**SB 89**

**Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 91**

**Short Description:** ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. David Koehler

**Synopsis As Introduced**

The amount of \$1,062,898, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for an Equalization Grant to Illinois Central College.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 775**

**Short Description:** STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFO

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Student Online Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application used primarily for higher education purposes and designed and marketed for higher education purposes shall not knowingly (1) engage in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or target advertising on any other site, service, or application when the targeting of the advertising is based upon any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application; (2) use information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of higher education purposes; (3) sell a student's information; or (4) disclose covered information, as defined in the Act,

without a student's consent. Sets forth exceptions and other provisions concerning the construction and application of the Act. Effective January 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	Senate	Assigned to Judiciary

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**SB 777**

**Committee Hearing:**

Licensed Activities and Pensions Hearing Feb 18 2015 3:00PM Capitol 400 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Licensed Activities and Pensions

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**SB 806**

**Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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2/5/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments
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**SB 1221****Short Description:** PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HR 55****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermid, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E. Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca and Natalie A. Manley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 152****Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Katherine Cloonen

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**SR 138**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HJR 20**

**Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, II-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay and Reginald Phillips

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jeanne M Ives





# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning February 23, 2015.

This week the legislative schedule shifts from its usual Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday morning schedule for committees. The Senate is taking the week off and the House meets one day later than usual to accommodate the Municipal Primary Election held on Tuesday, February 24. This week, and for the next four weeks, the House will consider bills filed by Representatives.

This Friday is the deadline for the introduction of bills in the House. Both the Senate and the House have set March 27 as the deadline for consideration of substantive bills in committees.

Legislation new to the report and changes in bill status are highlighted in yellow. If you should have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.



# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

## HB 134

**Short Description:** PEN CD-TIER III-STATE SYSTEMS

### House Sponsors

Rep. André M. Thapedi

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates a Tier III benefit package applicable to persons who first begin participating in one of the State-funded retirement systems on or after July 1, 2015. Provides for retirement benefits and certain employee contribution changes that supersede the corresponding provisions of the applicable retirement system. Provides that those retirement benefits may be annually increased or decreased in response to the retirement system's investment earnings. Changes the amount of the required State contributions and, in the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles, requires the actual employers to make contributions to amortize any unfunded liabilities arising out of their employees who are Tier III participants. Provides that, when the State's total debt service obligation for certain pension bonds has ended, any funds remaining available for the payment of that debt service shall be distributed to the 5 State-funded retirement systems, to be used to reduce their unfunded actuarial liabilities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 135

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

### House Sponsors

Rep. Ron Sandack-John D. Anthony-Thomas Morrison

### 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.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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## KEY LEGISLATION

- HB 303 (McDermid) – FOIA- Severance Agreements
- HB 1529 (Dunkin) – Supplier Diversity
- HB 2687 (Breen) – Recording at Open Meetings
- SB 1281 (Bush) – Severance Payments
- SB 1621 (McGuire) – IBHE – Exclude ICCB
- SB 1655 (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed – Exec Compensation
- SB 1656 (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed Facility Naming
- SB 1709-1712 (Rose) – MAP Grants

2/3/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee
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## HB 143

### Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Feb 26 2015 10:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL  
Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Feb 26 2015 10:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-DREAM CHECKOFF

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a tax checkoff for the Illinois DREAM Fund. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act to provide that moneys from the checkoff may be received by the Fund. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

## HB 150

**Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-TERRORISM

### House Sponsors

Rep. Charles E. Meier-Adam Brown-Bill Mitchell-Patricia R. Bellock-Dwight Kay

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as terrorism. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight

## HB 170

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading – Short Debate

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**HB 239**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-FELONY FORFEIT REVIEW

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sam Yingling

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in any matter involving a question of whether pension benefits should be terminated because of a felony, the board of the fund or system shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. Provides that the Attorney General or the State's Attorney may contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony and may seek judicial review of the board's decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 251****Committee Hearing:**

Labor & Commerce Committee Hearing Feb 25 2015 3:00PM Stratton Building Room 413 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDU LABOR REL-AUTHORIZE STRIKE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the strike provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to the conditions that must be met in order for educational employees to engage in a strike, provides that the condition that at least three-fourths of all bargaining unit employees who are members of the exclusive bargaining representative must

have affirmatively voted to authorize the strike applies to all educational employees (not just those employed in the Chicago school district). Effective July 1, 2015.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee

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## HB 254

**Short Description:** PEN CD-ST SYS-FUNDING RATIO

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Provides that if and only if the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the consolidated case of In re Pension Reform Litigation, No. 118585, finds that either Public Act 98-599 is unconstitutional in its entirety or that the changes made by Public Act 98-599 to certain Sections of the Illinois Pension Code are unconstitutional, the Illinois Pension Code is amended to make changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the Judges Article, increases the funding ratio from 90% to 100%. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 303

#### Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Feb 26 2015 8:30AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Margo McDermed-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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## HB 315

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ROTH ACCOUNT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a Section relating to the self-managed plan, provides that pursuant to federal law, all employees with applicable retirement plans will be provided options to: (i) establish, (ii) contribute to, and (iii) transfer any guaranteed or vested portion of their traditional accounts, on any day, into qualified in-plan Roth accounts, without distribution. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 317

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan and Mary E. Flowers

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

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## HB 319

**Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Feb 25 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** CONCEALED CARRY-PARKING LOT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ed Sullivan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In the provision that a licensee may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, deletes language that the licensee must ensure that the

concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Criminal Committee

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## HB 402

#### Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Feb 26 2015 10:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Feb 26 2015 10:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	To Income Tax Subcommittee

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## HB 422

#### Committee Hearing:

Personnel and Pensions Committee Hearing Feb 26 2015 12:00PM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison

#### 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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee



## HB 429

**Short Description:** PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 489

**Short Description:** PEN CD-DOWNST TEACHER-SHORTAGE

### House Sponsors

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2013 to no later than June 30, 2019. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 495

**Short Description:** ELEC-TIME OF SCH BD ELEC

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the offices of elected members of school boards, school trustees, directors of boards of school directors, trustees of county boards of school trustees, members of boards of school inspectors, and members of school boards in school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code shall be filled or shall be on the ballot at the general election in the appropriate even-numbered years (now, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years). Provides that, for elections on and after June 1, 2015, a member of a Board of School Directors, a member of an elected Board of Education, a member of a Board of School Inspectors, a trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees, or a trustee of schools, as the case may be, shall be elected at the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the term of any incumbent member, to succeed each incumbent member whose term ends before the following general election. Provides that the term of an incumbent of any of those offices serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act is extended to the first Monday in the first month following the next general election after the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act not been enacted, and the term of the successor in office shall commence on that first Monday. Makes other changes. Amends the School Code to make changes conforming to the changes to the time of election of members of school boards made by this amendatory Act. Effective June 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 1311**

**Committee Hearing:**

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Feb 26 2015 10:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL  
Finance Subcommittee Hearing Feb 26 2015 10:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PAY IT FORWARD

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes, for 5 academic years, a program to provide loans to 400 eligible students per academic year to attend a public community college or university, to be repaid, in part, according to the income of the student borrowers. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall implement and administer the program. Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury, with moneys used for the sole purpose of awarding program loans under the Act. Sets forth provisions governing the application process and loan repayment. Requires the Department to submit progress reports to the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

## HB 1334

**Short Description:** PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of 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 and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency 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 retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 1402

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY

### House Sponsors

Rep. Thaddeus Jones

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 1456

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Elaine Nekritz

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1484**

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1529**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2442

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Dwight Kay

#### 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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Dwight Kay

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## HB 2520

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Greg Harris

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated. Specifies the required time and manner of repayment. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, requires that the annuitant (1) retired prior to June 1, 2011, and (2) is a party to a civil union, marriage, or other legal relationship that is recognized as a civil union or marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act or the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after certain specified dates. Also, in the IMRF Article, extends application of a provision added by Public Act 87-850 to spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2528****Short Description: UNIV EMPLOYEE EDUC BENEFITS****House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. With respect to any contract or collective bargaining agreement entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, provides that a university is prohibited from entering into a contract or agreement that offers its employees or contractors tuition waivers, grants, scholarships, or any other higher education benefits for the children, spouses, or other family members of the employees or contractors. Provides that nothing in this prohibition prevents or diminishes the right of a child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor to borrow money for higher education expenses or apply for and be awarded a tuition waiver, grant, scholarship, or other award for higher education expenses, provided that there is no conflict of interest and no preference is given on account of the person being the child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor. Provides that nothing in this prohibition shall diminish the value of contractual rights existing before the effective date of the amendatory Act that are enjoyed by employees and contractors of the university or their children, spouses, and other family members. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2529****Short Description: HIGHER ED-ONLINE DEGREE-STUDY****House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee



## HB 2687

### Short Description: RECORDING AT OPEN MEETINGS

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Peter Breen

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the right of any person to record the proceedings at meetings required to be open under the Act includes the time before and after the meeting. Limits the recording before and after the meeting to the recording of public officials within 100 feet of the property where the meeting takes place.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 2717

### Short Description: LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (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; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 2767

### Short Description: HIGHER ED-PROP CONTROL-CAP IMP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Property Control Act and the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, with respect to public universities, the Department of Central Management Services may require a listing of equipment items only for those items valued in excess of \$5,000. Provides that the requirement that State-supported institutions of higher education submit plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board of Higher Education for approval applies only to improvements that use State funds in whole or in part. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2869**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2871**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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**HB 2881****Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2882****Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 11****Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 16**

**Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/15/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 24**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance**

110 ILCS 205/2

from Ch. 144, par. 182

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 26**

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Local Government

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**SB 46**

**Short Description:** FOOD HANDLING REGULATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Iris Y. Martinez-Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Provides that any individual seeking a food service sanitation manager certificate or a food service sanitation manager instructor certificate must receive a passing score on the examination set by the certification exam provider accredited under standards developed and adopted by the Conference for Food Protection or its successor organization (rather than a score of at least 75% on the examination).

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 3, 2015

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**SB 72**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED)

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**SB 89**

**Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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**SB 91**

**Short Description:** ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. David Koehler

**Synopsis As Introduced**

The amount of \$1,062,898, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for an Equalization Grant to Illinois Central College.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 775**

**Short Description:** STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFO

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Student Online Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application used primarily for higher education purposes and designed and marketed for higher education purposes shall not knowingly (1) engage in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or target advertising on any other site, service, or

application when the targeting of the advertising is based upon any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application; (2) use information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of higher education purposes; (3) sell a student's information; or (4) disclose covered information, as defined in the Act, without a student's consent. Sets forth exceptions and other provisions concerning the construction and application of the Act. Effective January 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Judiciary

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**SB 777**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 3, 2015

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**SB 806**

**Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**SB 1221**

**Short Description:** PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1260**

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Noland

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from 10% to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## **SB 1291**

### **Short Description: SEVERANCE PAYMENTS**

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Melinda Bush

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## **SB 1299**

### **Short Description: PENCD-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT**

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## **SB 1339**

### **Short Description: OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS**

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts,

whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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### SB 1364

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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### SB 1369

**Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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### SB 1393

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1455****Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William Delgado

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1457****Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**SB 1565****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-ILL GRANT PROGRAM**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William E. Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award grants to students in financial need who are enrolled for at least 15 credit hours in an institution of higher learning. Provides that the Commission shall receive funding for the grants through appropriations; the amount to be appropriated for the grant program each fiscal year shall equal the total amount appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund for the 2015 fiscal year; no amounts may be appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund beginning with the 2016 fiscal year other than amounts appropriated for these grants; and the amount of each grant shall equal the amount appropriated for the grant program for a given fiscal year divided by the number of applicants who qualify for a grant. Requires each grant recipient to sign an agreement under which the recipient agrees to the following terms: (1) if a grant recipient graduates from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay one-half of the total amount of grants received; (2) if a grant recipient does not graduate from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay the total amount of grants received; and (3) if the grant recipient resides in this State immediately following graduation from an institution, the Commission shall forgive, for each year of residency, one-eighth of the remaining grant amount owed. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 1583****Short Description:** STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

**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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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### SB 1593

**Short Description:** PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Matt Murphy

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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### SB 1621

**Short Description:** BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1633****Short Description: EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1655****Short Description: HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments



**SB 1656****Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 1709****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP-FOR PROFIT INST**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, removes a provision that requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to determine the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with specified criteria. Instead, prohibits the Commission from making grants to applicants enrolled at for-profit institutions. Effective July 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 1710****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1711

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-LIMIT

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that no applicant, other than a non-traditional student, is eligible for monetary award program consideration after receiving assistance for 4 academic years or, if a particular academic program requires more than 4 academic years to complete, the normal time it takes to complete the program.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1712

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REPAY

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the monetary award program, provides that, prior to receiving grant assistance for any academic year, each recipient of a grant shall be required to sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges that, within the one-year period following the termination of the academic program for which the recipient was awarded a grant, the recipient shall reside and work in this State for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years. Provides that if the recipient fails to fulfill this obligation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall require the recipient to repay, over the next 10 years, the amount of all of the grants he or she received, prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees; sets forth exceptions.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 1896

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning territory not included in a community college district.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2004

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2008

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

### Last Action

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## SB 2019

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2020

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## HR 55

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermed, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E. Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca and Natalie A. Manley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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**HR 152**

**Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 162**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Dwight Kay

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the College of DuPage covering Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 171**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SR 138**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HJR 20**

**Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, II-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit and Patricia R. Bellock

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jeanne M Ives

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**HJR 35**

**Short Description:** COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee





# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning March 2, 2015.

The House and Senate revert to their normal schedule of Tuesday through Thursday this week and every following week in March until Friday, March 27. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be the final day for committees to consider substantive bills. This week, House committees will hear House bills and Senate committees will consider Senate bills.

Substantive bills are bills which create, change, or modify laws. Another way to describe a substantive bill is that it is not an appropriation bill. The appropriation process starts with the presentation of the budget by the Governor and then proceeds through the spring on a different schedule than substantive bills. Both substantive and appropriation bills must go through committee in both chambers and be approved by floor action in both chambers before the bills are presented to the Governor for his action.

Legislation new to the report and changes in bill status are highlighted in yellow. If you should have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

## HB 134

**Short Description:** PEN CD-TIER III-STATE SYSTEMS

### House Sponsors

Rep. André M. Thapedi

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates a Tier III benefit package applicable to persons who first begin participating in one of the State-funded retirement systems on or after July 1, 2015. Provides for retirement benefits and certain employee contribution changes that supersede the corresponding provisions of the applicable retirement system. Provides that those retirement benefits may be annually increased or decreased in response to the retirement system's investment earnings. Changes the amount of the required State contributions and, in the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles, requires the actual employers to make contributions to amortize any unfunded liabilities arising out of their employees who are Tier III participants. Provides that, when the State's total debt service obligation for certain pension bonds has ended, any funds remaining available for the payment of that debt service shall be distributed to the 5 State-funded retirement systems, to be used to reduce their unfunded actuarial liabilities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 135

### Committee Hearing:

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 4 2015 1:00PM  
Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

### House Sponsors

Rep. Ron Sandack-John D. Anthony-Thomas Morrison

### 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.

### Last Action

## KEY LEGISLATION

- **HB 303** (McDermid) – FOIA- Severance Agreements
- **HB 1529** (Dunkin) – Supplier Diversity
- **HB 2937** (Batinick) – Local Govt Recalls
- **HB 3135** (Wehrli) – Com Col Trustees-4 yr term
- **HB 3290** (Breen) – Com Col Severance Agreement
- **HB 3377** (Franks) – Com Col Bd of Trustees-Recall
- **HB 3593** (Ives) – Com Col Employment Contract
- **HB 3596** (Mussman) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3697** (Currie) – Com Col-Elect Trustee-Nominate
- **HB3722** (Ives) – Com Col-Audit Committee
- **HB 3998** (Ives) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3999** (Ives) – Com Col-Elec Trustee-Nominate
- **HB 4045** (Hurley) – FOIA Severance Agreements
- **HB 4134** (Sandack) – Higher Ed – Sev Package
- **HB 4135** (Sandack) – Sev Package Cap
- **HB 4136** (Sandack) – Severance-Name Right
- **SB 1291** (Bush) – Severance Payments
- **SB 1621** (McGuire) – IBHE – Exclude ICCB
- **SB 1655** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed – Exec Compensation
- **SB 1656** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed Facility Naming
- **SB 1709-1712** (Rose) – MAP Grants

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

## HB 143

### Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 5 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL  
Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Mar 5 2015 9:35AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-DREAM CHECKOFF

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a tax checkoff for the Illinois DREAM Fund. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act to provide that moneys from the checkoff may be received by the Fund. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	To Income Tax Subcommittee

## HB 150

### Committee Hearing:

Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight Hearing Mar 4 2015 8:30AM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-TERRORISM

### House Sponsors

Rep. Charles E. Meier-Adam Brown-Bill Mitchell-Patricia R. Bellock-Dwight Kay

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as terrorism. Effective immediately.

### House Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted, after September 11, 2001, of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing a Class X felony or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a Class X felony. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight

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**HB 170**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard-Carol Ammons and Monique D. Davis

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 106-000-002

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**HB 239**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-FELONY FORFEIT REVIEW

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sam Yingling

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in any matter involving a question of whether pension benefits should be terminated because of a felony, the board of the fund or system shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. Provides that the Attorney General or the State's Attorney may contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony and may seek judicial review of the board's decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 251**

**Committee Hearing:**



**Short Description:** EDU LABOR REL-AUTHORIZE STRIKE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the strike provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to the conditions that must be met in order for educational employees to engage in a strike, provides that the condition that at least three-fourths of all bargaining unit employees who are members of the exclusive bargaining representative must have affirmatively voted to authorize the strike applies to all educational employees (not just those employed in the Chicago school district). Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee

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**HB 254**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-ST SYS-FUNDING RATIO

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Provides that if and only if the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the consolidated case of In re Pension Reform Litigation, No. 118585, finds that either Public Act 98-599 is unconstitutional in its entirety or that the changes made by Public Act 98-599 to certain Sections of the Illinois Pension Code are unconstitutional, the Illinois Pension Code is amended to make changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the Judges Article, increases the funding ratio from 90% to 100%. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 303**

**Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 4 2015 8:30AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Margo McDermed-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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**HB 315**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ROTH ACCOUNT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski and Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a Section relating to the self-managed plan, provides that pursuant to federal law, all employees with applicable retirement plans will be provided options to: (i) establish, (ii) contribute to, and (iii) transfer any guaranteed or vested portion of their traditional accounts, on any day, into qualified in-plan Roth accounts, without distribution. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 317**

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan and Mary E. Flowers

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

## HB 319

### Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 3 2015 2:30PM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** CONCEALED CARRY-PARKING LOT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Ed Sullivan

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In the provision that a licensee may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, deletes language that the licensee must ensure that the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	To Firearms and Firearm Safety Subcommittee

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## HB 402

### Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 5 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL  
Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Mar 5 2015 9:35AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Martin J. Moylan and Pamela Reaves-Harris

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	To Income Tax Subcommittee

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## HB 422

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison and Carol A. Sente

### 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.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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## HB 429

**Short Description:** PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 489

**Short Description:** PEN CD-DOWNST TEACHER-SHORTAGE

### House Sponsors

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2013 to no later than June 30, 2019. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

### Last Action



Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 495

**Short Description:** ELEC-TIME OF SCH BD ELEC

### House Sponsors

Rep. Ron Sandack

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the offices of elected members of school boards, school trustees, directors of boards of school directors, trustees of county boards of school trustees, members of boards of school inspectors, and members of school boards in school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code shall be filled or shall be on the ballot at the general election in the appropriate even-numbered years (now, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years). Provides that, for elections on and after June 1, 2015, a member of a Board of School Directors, a member of an elected Board of Education, a member of a Board of School Inspectors, a trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees, or a trustee of schools, as the case may be, shall be elected at the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the term of any incumbent member, to succeed each incumbent member whose term ends before the following general election. Provides that the term of an incumbent of any of those offices serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act is extended to the first Monday in the first month following the next general election after the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act not been enacted, and the term of the successor in office shall commence on that first Monday. Makes other changes. Amends the School Code to make changes conforming to the changes to the time of election of members of school boards made by this amendatory Act. Effective June 1, 2015.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

## HB 1311

### Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 5 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

Finance Subcommittee Hearing Mar 5 2015 9:50AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PAY IT FORWARD

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes, for 5 academic years, a program to provide loans to 400 eligible students per academic year to attend a public community college or university, to be repaid, in part, according to the income of the student borrowers. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall implement and administer the program. Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury, with moneys used for the sole purpose of awarding program loans under the Act. Sets forth provisions governing the application process and loan repayment. Requires the Department to submit progress reports to the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

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**HB 1334****Short Description:** PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Provisions Article of 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 and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency 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 retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1402****Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 4 2015 9:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thaddeus Jones-Rita Mayfield

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

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**HB 1456**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Elaine Nekritz

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1484****Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy Committee Hearing Mar 4 2015 1:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy Committee

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## HB 1529

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

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## HB 2442

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dwight Kay

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2520

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Greg Harris

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated. Specifies the required time and manner of repayment. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, requires that the annuitant (1) retired prior to June 1, 2011, and (2) is a party to a civil union, marriage, or other legal relationship that is recognized as a civil union or marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act or the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after certain specified dates. Also, in the IMRF Article, extends application of a provision added by Public Act 87-850 to spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2528

**Short Description:** UNIV EMPLOYEE EDUC BENEFITS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. With respect to any contract or collective bargaining agreement entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, provides that a university is prohibited from entering into a contract or agreement that offers its employees or contractors tuition waivers, grants, scholarships, or any other higher education benefits for the children, spouses, or other family members of the employees or contractors. Provides that nothing in this prohibition prevents or diminishes the right of a child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor to borrow money for higher education expenses or apply for and be awarded a tuition waiver, grant, scholarship, or other award for higher education expenses, provided that there is no conflict of interest and no preference is given on account of the person being the child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor. Provides that nothing in this prohibition shall diminish the value of contractual rights existing before the effective date of the amendatory Act that are enjoyed by employees and contractors of the university or their children, spouses, and other family members. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2529

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-ONLINE DEGREE-STUDY

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2687

**Short Description:** RECORDING AT OPEN MEETINGS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Peter Breen

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the right of any person to record the proceedings at meetings required to be open under the Act includes the time before and after the meeting. Limits the recording before and after the meeting to the recording of public officials within 100 feet of the property where the meeting takes place.

### Last Action

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## HB 2717

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (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; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Amends the

Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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### HB 2767

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PROP CONTROL-CAP IMP

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Property Control Act and the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, with respect to public universities, the Department of Central Management Services may require a listing of equipment items only for those items valued in excess of \$5,000. Provides that the requirement that State-supported institutions of higher education submit plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board of Higher Education for approval applies only to improvements that use State funds in whole or in part. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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### HB 2869

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

#### Last Action

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### HB 2871

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

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**HB 2881**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

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**HB 2882**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

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**HB 2937****Short Description:** ELEC CD-LOCAL GOVT RECALLS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mark Batinick

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Elected Official Recall Act. Provides that non-home rule local officeholders that were elected during a general consolidated election may be recalled under the Act. Establishes petition requirements for recall elections.

**Last Action**

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**HB 2988****Short Description:** \$SURS-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3011****Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**HB 3015****Short Description:** \$ICCB-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3024****Short Description:** \$ISAC-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**HB 3077****Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the Code does not apply to procurements made by or on behalf of public institutions of higher education for supplies or services under an award made by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact for the use of members of the Compact. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

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2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3124

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER ED COMPACT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the Code does not apply to procurements made by or on behalf of public institutions of higher education for goods or services procured through a contract with a vendor approved by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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## HB 3125

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT CD-ACCREDITATION

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that this Code shall not apply to procurement expenditures necessary to secure accreditation for public institutions of higher learning. Requires each public institution of higher learning to provide the chief procurement officer with a report of contracts that are related to the procurement of certain goods and services. Requires the chief procurement officer to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly each year that shall include an annual summary of the monthly information reported to the chief procurement officer. Repeals these provisions on December 31, 2016. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

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## HB 3134

**Short Description:** LABOR AGREEMENT HEARINGS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

### 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. Provides that any contract between a public employer and an employee where the total compensation exceeds \$150,000 shall be published on the employer's website for a period of not less than 14 days prior to being signed by both the employer and the employee. Requires the public employer to hold an open public meeting on the contract in addition to posting it for 14 days if that contract is subject to board approval. Makes conforming changes in the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

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## HB 3135

**Short Description:** COM COL TRUSTEES-4 YR TERM

### House Sponsors

Rep. Grant Wehrli-Jack D. Franks-Patricia R. Bellock-Mike Fortner-Ron Sandack, Jeanne M Ives, Mark Batinick, Christine Winger, Margo McDermed, Peter Breen, Stephanie A. Kifowit and David McSweeney

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that members of the board of trustees of a community college district elected in 2017 shall be elected to serve a 2-year term and members elected in 2019 and thereafter shall be elected to serve 4-year terms (rather than members being elected to serve 6-year terms). Effective immediately.

### Last Action

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## HB 3196

**Short Description:** EDUC-POSTSECONDARY/WORKFORCE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Requires the State Superintendent of Education, the executive director of the Illinois Community College Board, the executive director of the Board of Higher Education, and the executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("Appointing Authorities") to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning competency-based high school graduation requirements, student readiness for college-level instruction, and early college credit. Requires the chief executive officers of the State agencies participating in the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee to establish and select individuals to serve

as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning career pathway endorsements and awareness, advising, and planning for postsecondary education and careers. Sets forth provisions concerning common administrative rules of the State Board of Education, Illinois Community College Board, Board of Higher Education, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission; support systems for school districts, postsecondary institutions, educators, students, and families; and implementation. Amends the School Code to make changes concerning consumer education and required high school courses. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3258

#### Short Description: HIGHER ED-LEGIS SCHOLARSHIPS

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Luis Arroyo

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a legislative scholarship task force to receive and consider applications for scholarship assistance. Requires the task force to receive and consider nominations for scholarship assistance, with a total of 8 scholarships per representative district to be awarded each year. Provides that a nominee is eligible for a scholarship if the task force finds that the nominee meets certain qualifications, including that he or she is a resident of the representative district for which a scholarship is to be awarded and that he or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a public university in this State. Provides that legislative scholarships are good for a period of not more than one year while enrolled for residence credit, are applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic year, and exempt the holder from the payment of tuition and fees. Sets forth provisions concerning application for a scholarship and renewals.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3262

#### Short Description: PROCUREMENT-EMERGENCY PURCHASE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that a copy of notice of all emergency procurements and all documents provided at a public hearing shall be included in the online electronic (now, subsequent Procurement) Bulletin. Provides that the State purchasing officer (now, the purchasing agency) shall publish information regarding the emergency procurement. Provides that the actual total cost of an emergency purchase shall be published no later than 5 calendar days after it is determined (now, before the 10th day of the next succeeding month). Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3290****Short Description:** COM COL-SEVERANCE AGREEMENT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that no State moneys from any State funds, proceeds of property tax levies, or student tuition funds may be used to pay for a severance agreement entered into by a board with an employee of the community college district. A board that pays a severance amount to a district employee greater than the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee is prohibited from increasing the district's property tax levy, tuition, or fees for a number of years as calculated as follows: the result, rounded up to the next whole number, of the total severance amount paid to the employee divided by the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3377****Short Description:** COM COL-BD OF TRUSTEES-RECALL**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows for the recall of a member of the board of trustees of a community college district through a petition and referendum and provides for a special successor election. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3408****Short Description:** PENCD-SURS-HOUSING & VEHICLES

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that "earnings" does not include amounts associated with housing allowance or vehicle allowance payable to an employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3424****Short Description:** PENC-D-ST SYS-SELF DIRECT PLAN**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the 5 State-funded retirement systems shall establish self-directed retirement plans for all active participants. Provides that, except for certain annuitants who have 30 years of service credit, an annuitant shall not receive an automatic increase in retirement annuity. Requires the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance to develop a schedule that, subject to certain requirements, increases the minimum retirement age of active participants who are ineligible to retire as of the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the Division's schedule shall also provide for the adjustment of minimum retirement ages using a matrix that (i) takes into account the current statutory retirement age for various classes of persons and service credit accrued by those persons and (ii) proportionally discounts the increase in statutory retirement ages based on proximity to the currently established minimum retirement age. Requires a participant, except for a participant who is a covered employee under the State Employee Article, to contribute 8% of his or her compensation to the plan and requires the employer to contribute 7% of the participant's compensation to the plan. Establishes a schedule for vesting in employer contributions. Beginning State fiscal year 2016, makes changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems.

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**HB 3428****Short Description:** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Carol A. Sente

**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.

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### HB 3491

**Short Description:** HIGHR ED-RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Dwight Kay

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012, the Private College Act, and the Academic Degree Act. Defines "religious institution" in these Acts. Provides that any religious institution (instead of any institution devoted entirely to the teaching of religion or theology) shall not be considered to be a private business and vocational school; makes related changes. Provides that no religious institution shall be subject to the educational requirements, standards, or demands contained in the Private College Act or the Academic Degree Act or in those Acts' administrative rules.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3520

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED SEXUAL ASSAULT INVES

#### House Sponsors

Rep. David Harris

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Investigations of Sexual Assault in Higher Education Act. Provides that municipal police with jurisdiction, or if in an unincorporated area the sheriff, shall investigate allegations of sexual assault at any public university or public community college located in this State. Provides that campus police departments shall not be involved in the investigation. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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## HB 3534

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REIMBURSE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Esther Golar

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that if an applicant is eligible for a grant under the Program but is not offered a grant due to insufficient appropriations for the Program, then the applicant is entitled to State reimbursement the following fiscal year in an amount equal to the grant amount he or she would have received had he or she been offered a grant.

### Last Action

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## HB 3575

**Short Description:** MINORITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert Rita

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with local school districts serving grades 9-12 and local community colleges, may create Minority Internship Recruitment Programs that focus on preparing minority youth for careers in law enforcement. Provides that the internships shall provide college credit for the participants. Further provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board shall determine the guidelines for the programs. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.

### Last Action

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## HB 3577

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MED ASSISTANT GRANTS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert Rita

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical

assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3593

**Short Description:** COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3596

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Michelle Mussman

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from using imprest or petty cash accounting.

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### HB 3599

**Short Description: STUDENT DISCLOSE-MENTAL HEALTH****House Sponsors**

Rep. David R. Leitch

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act. Defines terms. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall, at or near the time that an incoming student enrolls at the institution of higher learning, provide that student the opportunity to pre-authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental health information to a designated person. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall prepare a form for the purpose of such pre-authorization. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the form if he or she so desires.

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**HB 3608****Short Description: SEX OFFENDER-NO COLLEGE EMPLOY****House Sponsors**

Rep. John D. Anthony

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a sex offender as defined in the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly be employed by a public or private university, college, or community college.

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**HB 3661****Short Description: PEN CD-MERGE TRS SURS AND CTPF****House Sponsors**

Rep. Mike Fortner

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the State Universities, Downstate Teacher, and Chicago Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Consolidates those systems into a single retirement system under Article 15 of the Code, to be known as the Illinois Teachers' Retirement Fund. Creates a new Board for the Fund. Imposes limits on pensionable salary, and requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Changes participant contributions. Makes changes relating to State and employer funding. Shifts responsibility for a portion of the required State contribution to the actual employer and provides for

the State to make certain payments to the actual employer. Authorizes actions to enforce payments by employers. Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring the retirement system to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of a required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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### HB 3662

#### Short Description: PEN CD-ST SYS-SELF MANAGD PLAN

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Mike Fortner

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each State-funded retirement system that does not already have a self-managed plan to establish and maintain one. Authorizes participants to irrevocably elect to participate in such a plan. Provides that, for the purpose of calculating traditional benefit package benefits and contributions, the annual salary of a participant may not, except under certain circumstances, exceed certain limits. Requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Revises the schedule of contributions for participants. Shifts a portion of the employer contributions for downstate teachers and university employees from the State to the actual employer. Authorizes the boards of trustees of each of these retirement systems to triennially recalculate the normal cost of benefit plans that they offer. Defines "traditional benefit package" and "self-managed plan". Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring these retirement systems to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of the required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3692

#### Short Description: HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Katherine Cloonen

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with

the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3697

**Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

#### Last Action

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### HB 3722

**Short Description:** COM COL-AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Requires the board of trustees of each community college district to establish an audit committee. Provides that the audit committee shall have a fiduciary duty that includes, but is not limited to, assessing risk and addressing matters such as financial statement reporting, internal controls, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and board policies. Sets forth provisions concerning members of the committee, the authority of the committee and the committee's chairperson, duties of the committee's chairperson, and the powers and duties of the committee. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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## HB 3741

**Short Description:** BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PRO

### House Sponsors

Rep. Adam Brown

### 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.

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## HB 3742

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SCHOLARSHIP-CRIME

### House Sponsors

Rep. Sheri L Jesiel

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a violent crime, as defined under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

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## HB 3770

**Short Description:** \$EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$466,568,200 to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3814****Short Description:** VEH CD-COLLEGES OF CHI PLATES**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the City Colleges of Chicago Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide for the issuance of City Colleges of Chicago plates. Provides that the applicant shall pay an additional fee of \$25 for original issuance of the plates, of which \$10 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that an additional fee of \$25 shall be charged for each renewal, of which \$23 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that money in the City Colleges of Chicago Fund shall be paid as grants to the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation for the purposes of funding and expanding existing scholarship and academic assistance programs; initiating new scholarships; funding projects that support curriculum development; and funding projects that support emerging technologies that enhance the student and faculty experience.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3854****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-VET GRANT-RETURN**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jerry F. Costello, II

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Illinois Veteran Grant Program. Provides that a person is a qualified applicant for a grant if, among other qualifications, the person returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after leaving federal active duty service or, if married to a person in

continued military service stationed outside this State, returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after his or her spouse left service or was stationed within this State.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### HB 3932

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-CAMPUS POLICE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Christian L. Mitchell

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that a campus police department subject to this Act shall disclose to the public any information that a law enforcement agency would have to disclose under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### HB 3956

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-TRANSCRIPT FEE-WAIVE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Requires a university or community college to waive its fee for the receipt or transmission of a transcript for each veteran, member of the Armed Forces of the United States, member of the Reserve components thereof, or member of the Illinois National Guard who resides in this State and has been admitted to the institution. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### HB 3972

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG



**House Sponsors**

Rep. Norine Hammond

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Provides that as a condition of receiving or renewing a grant, a recipient must agree to meet with a higher education institution's academic and financial advisors twice a semester. Requires the institution to report to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission on whether the recipient is meeting this condition. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3974**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-QUALIFY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Reginald Phillips

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Makes changes concerning definitions. Provides that, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, an applicant who is a freshman dependent college student is required to achieve at least an ACT college entrance exam composite score of 18 or a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in high school in order to be eligible for a grant.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3998**

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

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**HB 3999****Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4005****Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-POLICE DISABILITY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jay Hoffman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a police officer receiving a disability benefit who remains unable to perform the duties of a police officer may obtain other employment, including other employment under SURS, without termination of the disability benefit due to that other employment, but subject to any applicable reduction in the disability benefit. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4045****Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Frances Ann Hurley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "settlement agreement" and "severance agreement".

Provides that a settlement agreement or 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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### HB 4134

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACKAGE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Ron Sandack

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that if the board of trustees of a community college district issues a monetary severance package to a district employee using State funds, the exact amount of that monetary severance package shall be deducted from the next disbursement from the State Comptroller to that district. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### HB 4135

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACK CAP

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Ron Sandack

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package approved by the board of trustees of a community college district after the effective date of this amendatory Act for a district employee is limited to one year of salary and one year of benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 4136

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE-NAME RIGHT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Ron Sandack

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package for an employee of a community college district approved after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not include naming rights to any physical property on campus grounds. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## SB 11

**Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

### House Sponsors

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy-Litesa E. Wallace)

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## SB 16

**Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/15/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 24**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 26**

**Committee Hearing:**

Local Government Hearing Mar 4 2015 9:00AM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Local Government

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**SB 46**

**Short Description:** FOOD HANDLING REGULATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Iris Y. Martinez-Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Provides that any individual seeking a food service sanitation manager certificate or a food service sanitation manager instructor certificate must receive a passing score on the examination set by the certification exam provider accredited under standards developed and adopted by the Conference for Food Protection or its successor organization (rather than a score of at least 75% on the examination).

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 3, 2015

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**SB 72**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED)

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**SB 89**

**Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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**SB 91**

**Short Description:** ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. David Koehler

**Synopsis As Introduced**

The amount of \$1,062,898, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for an Equalization Grant to Illinois Central College.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 775**

**Short Description:** STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFO

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Student Online Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application used primarily for higher education purposes and designed and marketed for higher education purposes shall not knowingly (1) engage in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or target advertising on any other site, service, or application when the targeting of the advertising is based upon any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application; (2) use information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of higher education purposes; (3) sell a student's information; or (4) disclose covered information, as defined in the Act, without a student's consent. Sets forth exceptions and other provisions concerning the construction and application of the Act. Effective January 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Judiciary

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**SB 777**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was

received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 3, 2015

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**SB 806**

**Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 1221**

**Short Description:** PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments



## SB 1260

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael Noland

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 1291

**Short Description:** SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Melinda Bush

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

## SB 1299

**Short Description:** PENCD-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1339**

**Short Description:** OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1364**

**Committee Hearing:**

Agriculture Hearing Mar 5 2015 8:30AM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than

scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Agriculture

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**SB 1369**

**Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1393**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 1455

**Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. William Delgado

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1457

**Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

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2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1563

**Short Description:** CRIM CD ARMED OFFENDER

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. William E. Brady

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Enhances the penalties for certain violations of the statutes concerning unlawful use or possession of weapons by felons, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a street gang member. Changes the minimum term of imprisonment for being an armed habitual criminal from 6 years to 10 years, and the maximum term of imprisonment from 30 years to 45 years. Makes unlawful sale or delivery of firearms on the premises of any school, school conveyance, or public housing residential property a nonprobationable Class 3 felony for which a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years shall be imposed (rather than a probationable Class 3 felony). Makes use of a stolen firearm in the commission of a forcible felony a nonprobationable Class 2 felony for which a mandatory

term of imprisonment of not less than 3 years and not more than 7 years shall be imposed (rather than a probationable Class 2 felony). Provides that the maximum term of imprisonment for unlawful sale or delivery of firearms to a felon or for possession of a stolen firearm is 10 years. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to make a conforming changes.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## **SB 1565**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-ILL GRANT PROGRAM

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William E. Brady

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award grants to students in financial need who are enrolled for at least 15 credit hours in an institution of higher learning. Provides that the Commission shall receive funding for the grants through appropriations; the amount to be appropriated for the grant program each fiscal year shall equal the total amount appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund for the 2015 fiscal year; no amounts may be appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund beginning with the 2016 fiscal year other than amounts appropriated for these grants; and the amount of each grant shall equal the amount appropriated for the grant program for a given fiscal year divided by the number of applicants who qualify for a grant. Requires each grant recipient to sign an agreement under which the recipient agrees to the following terms: (1) if a grant recipient graduates from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay one-half of the total amount of grants received; (2) if a grant recipient does not graduate from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay the total amount of grants received; and (3) if the grant recipient resides in this State immediately following graduation from an institution, the Commission shall forgive, for each year of residency, one-eighth of the remaining grant amount owed. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## **SB 1583**

**Short Description:** STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

#### **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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1593**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1621**

**Short Description:** BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1633**

**Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1655**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 1656

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 1709

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP-FOR PROFIT INST

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, removes a provision that requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to determine the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with specified criteria. Instead, prohibits the Commission from making grants to applicants enrolled at for-profit institutions. Effective July 1, 2016.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 1710

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG



**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1711**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-LIMIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that no applicant, other than a non-traditional student, is eligible for monetary award program consideration after receiving assistance for 4 academic years or, if a particular academic program requires more than 4 academic years to complete, the normal time it takes to complete the program.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1712**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REPAY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the monetary award program, provides that, prior to receiving grant assistance for any academic year, each recipient of a grant shall be required to sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges that, within the one-year period following the termination of the academic program for which the recipient was awarded a grant, the recipient shall reside and work in this State for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years. Provides that if the recipient fails to fulfill this obligation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall require the recipient to repay, over the next 10 years, the amount of all of the grants he or she received, prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus

interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees; sets forth exceptions.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1896**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning territory not included in a community college district.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2004**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2008**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2019**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2020**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HR 55**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermid, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E.

Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley and Laura Fine

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

#### **House Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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## **HR 152**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 4 2015 9:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

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## **HR 162**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Dwight Kay

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the College of DuPage covering Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 171**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 187**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. David McSweeney-Bill Mitchell

**Synopsis As Introduced**

States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SR 138**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HJR 20**

**Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, II-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermid, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Patricia R. Bellock and Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HJR 35**

**Short Description:** COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee





# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning March 9, 2015.

The House and Senate continue the normal schedule of Tuesday through Thursday committee hearings this week until Friday, March 27, the deadline for bills to be voted out of committee.

After a bill has been filed in either chamber, it first goes to Rules committee in the House or Assignments in the Senate. That committee serves as a “traffic cop” that assigns a bill to a substantive committee where it can be heard. The assignment process is followed by the posting process. Not every bill assigned to a committee is immediately or automatically posted for hearing. Sometimes the posting process might take a week or more. Plus the sponsor might decide not to call the bill for hearing this week and wait for the committee hearing next week. Therefore, the committee process can be a bit of a guessing game.

The House has 45 standing committees, 5 appropriation committees, 2 task forces, and 25 subcommittees. The Senate has 24 standing committees, 2 appropriation committees, and 26 subcommittees.

# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

## HB 134

**Short Description:** PEN CD-TIER III-STATE SYSTEMS

### House Sponsors

Rep. André M. Thapedi

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates a Tier III benefit package applicable to persons who first begin participating in one of the State-funded retirement systems on or after July 1, 2015. Provides for retirement benefits and certain employee contribution changes that supersede the corresponding provisions of the applicable retirement system. Provides that those retirement benefits may be annually increased or decreased in response to the retirement system's investment earnings. Changes the amount of the required State contributions and, in the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles, requires the actual employers to make contributions to amortize any unfunded liabilities arising out of their employees who are Tier III participants. Provides that, when the State's total debt service obligation for certain pension bonds has ended, any funds remaining available for the payment of that debt service shall be distributed to the 5 State-funded retirement systems, to be used to reduce their unfunded actuarial liabilities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 135

### Committee Hearing:

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM  
Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

### House Sponsors

Rep. Ron Sandack-John D. Anthony-Thomas Morrison

### 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.

## KEY LEGISLATION

- **HB 303** (McDermid) – FOIA- Severance Agreements
- **HB 1529** (Dunkin) – Supplier Diversity
- **HB 2937** (Batinick) – Local Govt Recalls
- **HB 3135** (Wehrli) – Com Col Trustees-4 yr term
- **HB 3290** (Breen) – Com Col Severance Agreement
- **HB 3377** (Franks) – Com Col Bd of Trustees-Recall
- **HB 3593** (Ives) – Com Col Employment Contract
- **HB 3596** (Mussman) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3697** (Currie) – Com Col-Elect Trustee-Nominate
- **HB3722** (Ives) – Com Col-Audit Committee
- **HB 3998** (Ives) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3999** (Ives) – Com Col-Elec Trustee-Nominate
- **HB 4045** (Hurley) – FOIA Severance Agreements
- **HB 4134** (Sandack) – Higher Ed – Sev Package
- **HB 4135** (Sandack) – Sev Package Cap
- **HB 4136** (Sandack) – Severance-Name Right
- **SB 1291** (Bush) – Severance Payments
- **SB 1621** (McGuire) – IBHE – Exclude ICCB
- **SB 1655** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed – Exec Compensation
- **SB 1656** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed Facility Naming
- **SB 1709-1712** (Rose) – MAP Grants



#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

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## HB 150

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 3:30PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-TERRORISM

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Charles E. Meier-Adam Brown-Bill Mitchell-Patricia R. Bellock-Dwight Kay

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as terrorism. Effective immediately.

#### House Committee Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted, after September 11, 2001, of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing a Class X felony or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a Class X felony. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Re-assigned to Higher Education Committee

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## HB 170

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard-Carol Ammons and Monique D. Davis

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Steven M. Landek)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to State Government and Veterans Affairs

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**HB 239**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-FELONY FORFEIT REVIEW

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sam Yingling

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in any matter involving a question of whether pension benefits should be terminated because of a felony, the board of the fund or system shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. Provides that the Attorney General or the State's Attorney may contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony and may seek judicial review of the board's decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 251****Committee Hearing:**

Labor & Commerce Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDU LABOR REL-AUTHORIZE STRIKE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the strike provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to the conditions that must be met in order for educational employees to engage in a strike, provides that the condition that at least three-fourths of all bargaining unit employees who are members of the exclusive bargaining representative must have affirmatively voted to authorize the strike applies to all educational employees (not just those employed in the Chicago school district). Effective July 1, 2015.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee

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## HB 254

**Short Description:** PEN CD-ST SYS-FUNDING RATIO

### House Sponsors

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

### Synopsis As Introduced

Provides that if and only if the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the consolidated case of In re Pension Reform Litigation, No. 118585, finds that either Public Act 98-599 is unconstitutional in its entirety or that the changes made by Public Act 98-599 to certain Sections of the Illinois Pension Code are unconstitutional, the Illinois Pension Code is amended to make changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the Judges Article, increases the funding ratio from 90% to 100%. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 303

### Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Margo McDermed-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-Frances Ann Hurley, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Steven Andersson, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Patrick J. Verschoore, Fred Crespo, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Linda Chapa LaVia, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Mike Smiddy and Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**House Committee Amendment 1**

Provides that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public, subject to redaction as allowed by the Act. Deletes language providing 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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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**HB 315**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ROTH ACCOUNT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski and Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a Section relating to the self-managed plan, provides that pursuant to federal law, all employees with applicable retirement plans will be provided options to: (i) establish, (ii) contribute to, and (iii) transfer any guaranteed or vested portion of their traditional accounts, on any day, into qualified in-plan Roth accounts, without distribution. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 317**

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan and Mary E. Flowers

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 319****Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 10 2015 2:30PM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** CONCEALED CARRY-PARKING LOT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ed Sullivan and Daniel V. Beiser

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In the provision that a licensee may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, deletes language that the licensee must ensure that the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	To Firearms and Firearm Safety Subcommittee

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**HB 402****Committee Hearing:**

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL  
Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:35AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Martin J. Moylan, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Daniel V. Beiser, Kenneth Dunkin and Natalie A. Manley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	To Income Tax Subcommittee

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**HB 422**

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison and Carol A. Sente

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 429**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

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1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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## HB 489

**Short Description:** PEN CD-DOWNST TEACHER-SHORTAGE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2013 to no later than June 30, 2019. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 495

**Short Description:** ELEC-TIME OF SCH BD ELEC

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the offices of elected members of school boards, school trustees, directors of boards of school directors, trustees of county boards of school trustees, members of boards of school inspectors, and members of school boards in school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code shall be filled or shall be on the ballot at the general election in the appropriate even-numbered years (now, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years). Provides that, for elections on and after June 1, 2015, a member of a Board of School Directors, a member of an elected Board of Education, a member of a Board of School Inspectors, a trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees, or a trustee of schools, as the case may be, shall be elected at the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the term of any incumbent member, to succeed each incumbent member whose term ends before the following general election. Provides that the term of an incumbent of any of those offices serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act is extended to the first Monday in the first month following the next general election after the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act not been enacted, and the term of the successor in office shall commence on that first Monday. Makes other changes. Amends the School Code to make changes conforming to the changes to the time of election of members of school boards made by this amendatory Act. Effective June 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

## HB 819

### Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan – Rep. Mary Flowers

#### Synopsis As Introduced

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

#### House Committee Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act and the Public Community College Act. Requires each community college district to offer at least one program of study in an academic or technical field that leads to a bachelor of arts or science degree awarded by the community college. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to permit a community college district to offer such a program.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

## HB 1311

#### Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL  
 Finance Subcommittee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:50AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

### Short Description: HIGHER ED-PAY IT FORWARD

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes, for 5 academic years, a program to provide loans to 400 eligible students per academic year to attend a public community college or university, to be repaid, in part, according to the income of the student borrowers. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall implement and administer the program. Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury, with moneys used for the sole purpose of awarding program loans under the Act. Sets forth provisions governing the application process and loan repayment. Requires the Department to submit progress reports to the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action



Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

## HB 1321

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

### House Sponsors

Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

### Synopsis As Introduced

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

### House Committee Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally certified by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

## HB 1334

**Short Description:** PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of 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 and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency 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 retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 1402

#### Committee Hearing:

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Thaddeus Jones-Rita Mayfield

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

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## HB 1456

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Elaine Nekritz

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 1484

### Committee Hearing:

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

### House Sponsors

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

### 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.

### House Committee Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally certified by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	House	Re-assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

## HB 1529

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

### House Sponsors

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin, Kelly M. Cassidy, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Christian L. Mitchell, Michael J. Zalewski, La Shawn K. Ford and Luis Arroyo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

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**HB 2442****Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dwight Kay

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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**HB 2520**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Greg Harris

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated. Specifies the required time and manner of repayment. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, requires that the annuitant (1) retired prior to June 1, 2011, and (2) is a party to a civil union, marriage, or other legal relationship that is recognized as a civil union or marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act or the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after certain specified dates. Also, in the IMRF Article, extends application of a provision added by Public Act 87-850 to spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2528

### Committee Hearing:

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol Building Room 118  
Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** UNIV EMPLOYEE EDUC BENEFITS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. With respect to any contract or collective bargaining agreement entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, provides that a university is prohibited from entering into a contract or agreement that offers its employees or contractors tuition waivers, grants, scholarships, or any other higher education benefits for the children, spouses, or other family members of the employees or contractors. Provides that nothing in this prohibition prevents or diminishes the right of a child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor to borrow money for higher education expenses or apply for and be awarded a tuition waiver, grant, scholarship, or other award for higher education expenses, provided that there is no conflict of interest and no preference is given on account of the person being the child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor. Provides that nothing in this prohibition shall diminish the value of contractual rights existing before the effective date of the amendatory Act that are enjoyed by employees and contractors of the university or their children, spouses, and other family members. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

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## HB 2529

### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 3:30PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-ONLINE DEGREE-STUDY

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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## HB 2687

### Committee Hearing:

Cities & Villages Committee Hearing Mar 10 2015 2:30PM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** RECORDING AT OPEN MEETINGS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Peter Breen

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the right of any person to record the proceedings at meetings required to be open under the Act includes the time before and after the meeting. Limits the recording before and after the meeting to the recording of public officials within 100 feet of the property where the meeting takes place.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Cities & Villages Committee

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## HB 2717

**Committee Hearing:**

Counties & Townships Committee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (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; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee

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**HB 2767**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PROP CONTROL-CAP IMP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Property Control Act and the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, with respect to public universities, the Department of Central Management Services may require a listing of equipment items only for those items valued in excess of \$5,000. Provides that the requirement that State-supported institutions of higher education submit plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board of Higher Education for approval applies only to improvements that use State funds in whole or in part. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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## HB 2869

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2871

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2881

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady



**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2882**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2937**

**Short Description:** ELEC CD-LOCAL GOVT RECALLS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mark Batinick and Martin J. Moylan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Elected Official Recall Act. Provides that non-home rule local officeholders that were elected during a general consolidated election may be recalled under the Act. Establishes petition requirements for recall elections.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 2988

**Short Description:** \$SURS-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3011

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3015

**Short Description:** \$ICCB-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3024**

**Short Description:** \$ISAC-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3077**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the Code does not apply to procurements made by or on behalf of public institutions of higher education for supplies or services under an award made by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact for the use of members of the Compact. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3124

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER ED COMPACT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the Code does not apply to procurements made by or on behalf of public institutions of higher education for goods or services procured through a contract with a vendor approved by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2015	House	Tabled

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## HB 3125

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT CD-ACCREDITATION

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that this Code shall not apply to procurement expenditures necessary to secure accreditation for public institutions of higher learning. Requires each public institution of higher learning to provide the chief procurement officer with a report of contracts that are related to the procurement of certain goods and services. Requires the chief procurement officer to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly each year that shall include an annual summary of the monthly information reported to the chief procurement officer. Repeals these provisions on December 31, 2016. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3134

**Short Description:** LABOR AGREEMENT HEARINGS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**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. Provides that any contract between a public employer and an employee where the total compensation exceeds \$150,000 shall be published on the employer's website for a period of not less than 14 days prior to being signed by both the employer and the employee. Requires the public employer to hold an open public meeting on the contract in addition to posting it for 14 days if that contract is subject to board approval. Makes conforming changes in the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3135**

**Short Description:** COM COL TRUSTEES-4 YR TERM

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Grant Wehrli-Jack D. Franks-Patricia R. Bellock-Mike Fortner-Ron Sandack, Jeanne M Ives, Mark Batinick, Christine Winger, Margo McDermed, Peter Breen, Stephanie A. Kifowit, David McSweeney, Martin J. Moylan and Deborah Conroy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that members of the board of trustees of a community college district elected in 2017 shall be elected to serve a 2-year term and members elected in 2019 and thereafter shall be elected to serve 4-year terms (rather than members being elected to serve 6-year terms). Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3196**

**Short Description:** EDUC-POSTSECONDARY/WORKFORCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Requires the State Superintendent of Education

the executive director of the Illinois Community College Board, the executive director of the Board of Higher Education, and the executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("Appointing Authorities") to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning competency-based high school graduation requirements, student readiness for college-level instruction, and early college credit. Requires the chief executive officers of the State agencies participating in the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning career pathway endorsements and awareness, advising, and planning for postsecondary education and careers. Sets forth provisions concerning common administrative rules of the State Board of Education, Illinois Community College Board, Board of Higher Education, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission; support systems for school districts, postsecondary institutions, educators, students, and families; and implementation. Amends the School Code to make changes concerning consumer education and required high school courses. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## **HB 3258**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-LEGIS SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Luis Arroyo

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a legislative scholarship task force to receive and consider applications for scholarship assistance. Requires the task force to receive and consider nominations for scholarship assistance, with a total of 8 scholarships per representative district to be awarded each year. Provides that a nominee is eligible for a scholarship if the task force finds that the nominee meets certain qualifications, including that he or she is a resident of the representative district for which a scholarship is to be awarded and that he or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a public university in this State. Provides that legislative scholarships are good for a period of not more than one year while enrolled for residence credit, are applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic year, and exempt the holder from the payment of tuition and fees. Sets forth provisions concerning application for a scholarship and renewals.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## **HB 3262**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-EMERGENCY PURCHASE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that a copy of notice of all emergency procurements and all documents provided at a public hearing shall be included in the online electronic (now, subsequent Procurement) Bulletin. Provides that the State purchasing officer (now, the purchasing agency) shall publish information regarding the emergency procurement. Provides that the actual total cost of an emergency purchase shall be published no later than 5 calendar days after it is determined (now, before the 10th day of the next succeeding month). Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3290**

**Short Description:** COM COL-SEVERANCE AGREEMENT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that no State moneys from any State funds, proceeds of property tax levies, or student tuition funds may be used to pay for a severance agreement entered into by a board with an employee of the community college district. A board that pays a severance amount to a district employee greater than the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee is prohibited from increasing the district's property tax levy, tuition, or fees for a number of years as calculated as follows: the result, rounded up to the next whole number, of the total severance amount paid to the employee divided by the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3377**

**Short Description:** COM COL-BD OF TRUSTEES-RECALL

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows for the recall of a member of the board of trustees of a

community college district through a petition and referendum and provides for a special successor election. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## **HB 3408**

**Short Description:** PENCD-SURS-HOUSING & VEHICLES

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that "earnings" does not include amounts associated with housing allowance or vehicle allowance payable to an employee. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## **HB 3424**

**Short Description:** PENCD-ST SYS-SELF DIRECT PLAN

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the 5 State-funded retirement systems shall establish self-directed retirement plans for all active participants. Provides that, except for certain annuitants who have 30 years of service credit, an annuitant shall not receive an automatic increase in retirement annuity. Requires the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance to develop a schedule that, subject to certain requirements, increases the minimum retirement age of active participants who are ineligible to retire as of the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the Division's schedule shall also provide for the adjustment of minimum retirement ages using a matrix that (i) takes into account the current statutory retirement age for various classes of persons and service credit accrued by those persons and (ii) proportionally discounts the increase in statutory retirement ages based on proximity to the currently established minimum retirement age. Requires a participant, except for a participant who is a covered employee under the State Employee Article, to contribute 8% of his or her compensation to the plan and requires the employer to contribute 7% of the participant's compensation to the plan. Establishes a schedule for vesting in employer contributions. Beginning State fiscal year 2016, makes changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems.



**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3428**

**Short Description:** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Carol A. Sente-Linda Chapa LaVia-William Davis-Elizabeth Hernandez-Esther Golar, Elaine Nekritz, David Harris and Kenneth Dunkin

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3491**

**Short Description:** HIGHR ED-RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dwight Kay

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012, the Private College Act, and the Academic Degree Act. Defines "religious institution" in these Acts. Provides that any religious institution (instead of any institution devoted entirely to the teaching of religion or theology) shall not be considered to be a private business and vocational school; makes related changes. Provides that no religious institution shall be subject to the educational requirements, standards, or demands contained in the Private College Act or the Academic Degree Act or in those Acts' administrative rules.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3520

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED SEXUAL ASSAULT INVES

### House Sponsors

Rep. David Harris

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Investigations of Sexual Assault in Higher Education Act. Provides that municipal police with jurisdiction, or if in an unincorporated area the sheriff, shall investigate allegations of sexual assault at any public university or public community college located in this State. Provides that campus police departments shall not be involved in the investigation. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3534

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REIMBURSE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Esther Golar

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that if an applicant is eligible for a grant under the Program but is not offered a grant due to insufficient appropriations for the Program, then the applicant is entitled to State reimbursement the following fiscal year in an amount equal to the grant amount he or she would have received had he or she been offered a grant.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3575

**Short Description:** MINORITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with local school districts serving grades 9-12 and local community colleges, may create Minority Internship Recruitment Programs that focus on preparing minority youth for careers in law enforcement. Provides that the internships shall provide college credit for the participants. Further provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board shall determine the guidelines for the programs. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3577**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MED ASSISTANT GRANTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3593**

**Short Description:** COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3596**

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michelle Mussman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from using imprest or petty cash accounting.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3599**

**Short Description:** STUDENT DISCLOSE-MENTAL HEALTH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. David R. Leitch

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act. Defines terms. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall, at or near the time that an incoming student enrolls at the institution of higher learning, provide that student the opportunity to pre-authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental health information to a designated person. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall prepare a form for the purpose of such pre-authorization. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the form if he or she so desires.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3608**

**Short Description:** SEX OFFENDER-NO COLLEGE EMPLOY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. John D. Anthony

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a sex offender as defined in the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly be employed by a public or private university, college, or community college.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3661**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-MERGE TRS SURS AND CTPF

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mike Fortner

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the State Universities, Downstate Teacher, and Chicago Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Consolidates those systems into a single retirement system under Article 15 of the Code, to be known as the Illinois Teachers' Retirement Fund. Creates a new Board for the Fund. Imposes limits on pensionable salary, and requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Changes participant contributions. Makes changes relating to State and employer funding. Shifts responsibility for a portion of the required State contribution to the actual employer and provides for the State to make certain payments to the actual employer. Authorizes actions to enforce payments by employers. Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring the retirement system to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of a required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3662

**Short Description:** PEN CD-ST SYS-SELF MANAGD PLAN

### House Sponsors

Rep. Mike Fortner

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each State-funded retirement system that does not already have a self-managed plan to establish and maintain one. Authorizes participants to irrevocably elect to participate in such a plan. Provides that, for the purpose of calculating traditional benefit package benefits and contributions, the annual salary of a participant may not, except under certain circumstances, exceed certain limits. Requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Revises the schedule of contributions for participants. Shifts a portion of the employer contributions for downstate teachers and university employees from the State to the actual employer. Authorizes the boards of trustees of each of these retirement systems to triennially recalculate the normal cost of benefit plans that they offer. Defines "traditional benefit package" and "self-managed plan". Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring these retirement systems to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of the required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3692

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION

### House Sponsors

Rep. Katherine Cloonen

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident.

and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3697

**Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3722

**Short Description:** COM COL-AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Requires the board of trustees of each community college district to establish an audit committee. Provides that the audit committee shall have a fiduciary duty that includes, but is not limited to, assessing risk and addressing matters such as financial statement reporting, internal controls, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and board policies. Sets forth provisions concerning members of the committee, the authority of the committee and the committee's chairperson, duties of the committee's chairperson, and the powers and duties of the committee. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

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## HB 3741

**Short Description:** BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PRO

### House Sponsors

Rep. Tom Demmer

### 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.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3742

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SCHOLARSHIP-CRIME

### House Sponsors

Rep. Sheri L Jesiel-Keith Wheeler

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a violent crime, as defined under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee



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## HB 3770

**Short Description:** \$EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$466,568,200 to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3814

**Short Description:** VEH CD-COLLEGES OF CHI PLATES

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the City Colleges of Chicago Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide for the issuance of City Colleges of Chicago plates. Provides that the applicant shall pay an additional fee of \$25 for original issuance of the plates, of which \$10 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that an additional fee of \$25 shall be charged for each renewal, of which \$23 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that money in the City Colleges of Chicago Fund shall be paid as grants to the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation for the purposes of funding and expanding existing scholarship and academic assistance programs; initiating new scholarships; funding projects that support curriculum development; and funding projects that support emerging technologies that enhance the student and faculty experience.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3854

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-VET GRANT-RETURN

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jerry F. Costello, II

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Illinois Veteran Grant Program. Provides that a person is a qualified applicant for a grant if, among other qualifications, the person returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after leaving federal active duty service or, if married to a person in continued military service stationed outside this State, returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after his or her spouse left service or was stationed within this State.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3932

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-CAMPUS POLICE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Christian L. Mitchell

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that a campus police department subject to this Act shall disclose to the public any information that a law enforcement agency would have to disclose under the Freedom of Information Act.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 3956

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-TRANSCRIPT FEE-WAIVE

### House Sponsors

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community

College Act. Requires a university or community college to waive its fee for the receipt or transmission of a transcript for each veteran, member of the Armed Forces of the United States, member of the Reserve components thereof, or member of the Illinois National Guard who resides in this State and has been admitted to the institution. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### **HB 3972**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Norine Hammond

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Provides that as a condition of receiving or renewing a grant, a recipient must agree to meet with a higher education institution's academic and financial advisors twice a semester. Requires the institution to report to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission on whether the recipient is meeting this condition. Effective July 1, 2015.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### **HB 3974**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-QUALIFY

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Reginald Phillips

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Makes changes concerning definitions. Provides that, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, an applicant who is a freshman dependent college student is required to achieve at least an ACT college entrance exam composite score of 18 or a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in high school in order to be eligible for a grant.

#### **Last Action**

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2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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## HB 3998

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3999

**Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 4005

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-POLICE DISABILITY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jay Hoffman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a police officer receiving a disability benefit who remains unable to perform the duties of a police officer may obtain other employment, including other employment under SURS, without termination of the disability benefit due to that other employment, but subject to any applicable reduction in the disability benefit. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4045**

**Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Frances Ann Hurley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "settlement agreement" and "severance agreement". Provides that a settlement agreement or 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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4134**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACKAGE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that if the board of trustees of a community college district issues a monetary severance package to a district employee using State funds, the exact amount of that monetary severance package shall be deducted from the next

disbursement from the State Comptroller to that district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4135**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACK CAP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package approved by the board of trustees of a community college district after the effective date of this amendatory Act for a district employee is limited to one year of salary and one year of benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4136**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE-NAME RIGHT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package for an employee of a community college district approved after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not include naming rights to any physical property on campus grounds. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## SB 11

**Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy-Litesa E. Wallace and Monique D. Davis)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## SB 16

**Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Criminal Law

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## SB 24

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 26****Committee Hearing:**

Local Government Hearing Mar 11 2015 9:00AM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Local Government

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**SB 72**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED)



## SB 89

**Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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## SB 91

**Short Description:** ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. David Koehler

**Synopsis As Introduced**

The amount of \$1,062,898, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for an Equalization Grant to Illinois Central College.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 775

**Short Description:** STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFO

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connolly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Student Online Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application used primarily for higher education purposes and designed and marketed for higher education purposes shall not knowingly (1) engage in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or target advertising on any other site, service, or application when the targeting of the advertising is based upon any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application; (2) use information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of higher education purposes; (3) sell a student's information; or (4) disclose covered information, as defined in the Act, without a student's consent. Sets forth exceptions and other provisions concerning the construction and application of the Act. Effective January 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Judiciary

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**SB 777**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 5, 2015

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**SB 806****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Mar 10 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford and Steve Stadelman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 1221**

**Short Description:** PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1260**

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Noland

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1291**

**Short Description:** SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Melinda Bush and Steve Stadelman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 1299**

**Short Description:** PENCD-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

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**SB 1339****Committee Hearing:**

Executive Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the

meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1364**

**Committee Hearing:**

Agriculture Hearing Mar 12 2015 8:30AM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Agriculture

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**SB 1369**

**Committee Hearing:**

Executive Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1393**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1455**

**Committee Hearing:**

Education Hearing Mar 10 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William Delgado

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Education

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**SB 1457**

**Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Mar 10 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 1563**

**Short Description:** CRIM CD ARMED OFFENDER

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William E. Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Enhances the penalties for certain violations of the statutes concerning unlawful use or possession of weapons by felons, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a street gang member. Changes the minimum term of imprisonment for being an armed habitual criminal from 6 years to 10 years, and the maximum term of imprisonment from 30 years to 45 years. Makes unlawful sale or delivery of firearms on the premises of any school, school conveyance, or public housing residential property a nonprobationable Class 3 felony for which a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years shall be imposed (rather than a probationable Class 3 felony). Makes use of a stolen firearm in the commission of a forcible felony a nonprobationable Class 2 felony for which a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 3 years and not more than 7 years shall be imposed (rather than a probationable Class 2 felony). Provides that the maximum term of imprisonment for unlawful sale or delivery of firearms to a felon or for possession of a stolen firearm is 10 years. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to make a conforming changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on CLEAR Compliance

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**SB 1565**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-ILL GRANT PROGRAM

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William E. Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award grants to students in financial need who are enrolled for at least 15 credit hours in an institution of higher

learning. Provides that the Commission shall receive funding for the grants through appropriations; the amount to be appropriated for the grant program each fiscal year shall equal the total amount appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund for the 2015 fiscal year; no amounts may be appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund beginning with the 2016 fiscal year other than amounts appropriated for these grants; and the amount of each grant shall equal the amount appropriated for the grant program for a given fiscal year divided by the number of applicants who qualify for a grant. Requires each grant recipient to sign an agreement under which the recipient agrees to the following terms: (1) if a grant recipient graduates from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay one-half of the total amount of grants received; (2) if a grant recipient does not graduate from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay the total amount of grants received; and (3) if the grant recipient resides in this State immediately following graduation from an institution, the Commission shall forgive, for each year of residency, one-eighth of the remaining grant amount owed. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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### SB 1583

#### Committee Hearing:

State Government and Veterans Affairs Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Terry Link-Melinda Bush, Kimberly A. Lightford, Thomas Cullerton and William Delgado

#### 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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to State Government and Veterans Affairs

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### SB 1593

**Short Description:** PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED

#### Senate Sponsors



Sen. Matt Murphy

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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### SB 1621

**Short Description:** BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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### SB 1633

**Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been

convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1655

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1656

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before

the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1709**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP-FOR PROFIT INST

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, removes a provision that requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to determine the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with specified criteria. Instead, prohibits the Commission from making grants to applicants enrolled at for-profit institutions. Effective July 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1710**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1711

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-LIMIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that no applicant, other than a non-traditional student, is eligible for monetary award program consideration after receiving assistance for 4 academic years or, if a particular academic program requires more than 4 academic years to complete, the normal time it takes to complete the program.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1712

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REPAY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the monetary award program, provides that, prior to receiving grant assistance for any academic year, each recipient of a grant shall be required to sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges that, within the one-year period following the termination of the academic program for which the recipient was awarded a grant, the recipient shall reside and work in this State for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years. Provides that if the recipient fails to fulfill this obligation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall require the recipient to repay, over the next 10 years, the amount of all of the grants he or she received, prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees; sets forth exceptions.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 1896

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning territory not included in a community college district.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1931**

**Short Description:** NIU-BOARD MEETINGS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Northern Illinois University Law. Provides that meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at least once each quarter on the campus of Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois or on any other University-owned campus (instead of University-owned property) located in this State.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2004**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2008**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2019**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2020**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HR 55**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermed, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E.

Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley and Laura Fine

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

#### **House Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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## **HR 152**

**Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen, Carol A. Sente and Michelle Mussman

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	House	Resolution Adopted

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## **HR 162**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Dwight Kay and Kathleen Willis

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the College of DuPage covering Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 171**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 187**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. David McSweeney-Dwight Kay-Jay Hoffman-C.D. Davidsmeyer-Jerry F. Costello, II, Bill Mitchell, Brandon W. Phelps, Terri Bryant, Deborah Conroy, Charles E. Meier, Patrick J. Verschoore, Adam Brown, Barbara Wheeler, Thomas Bennett, David Reis, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Emanuel Chris Welch, Mike Smiddy, John D. Cavaletto, Norine Hammond, Michael Unes, Raymond Poe, Sue Scherer, Donald L. Moffitt and Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee



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**HR 241****Short Description:** ICCB-RECONSIDER GED CONTRACT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Requests that the Illinois Community College Board reconsider the contract it holds with the GED Testing Service with regard to high school equivalency testing, evaluate the results of other companies that provide high school equivalency testing versus historic data concerning the Test of General Educational Development, and study the feasibility of other companies providing high school equivalency testing in this State or having this State implement its own high school equivalency testing by looking at how other, comparable states administer high school equivalency testing.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

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**SR 138****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HJR 11****Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUCATION/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Alignment, which will conduct a thorough review of the existing curriculum and how it assists in workforce development, make recommendations to implement alterations to the current curriculum, and consider the long-term implications and outcomes of the new curriculum.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

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**HJR 20**

**Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, II-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Patricia R. Bellock and Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HJR 35**

**Short Description:** COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dan Brady and Adam Brown

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee



# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

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Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning March 16, 2015.

This week, the House and Senate will be busy with committee hearings leading up to the March 27 deadline for bills to be voted out of committee. With just two weeks to go, the activity level will increase significantly as sponsors try to pass as many bills as possible out of committee.

Each year, hundreds of “shell” bills are filed. Sometimes called “vehicle” or “technical” bills, these bills have no content. Shell bills wait for content to be added by amendment. Most of the bills are filed by the legislative leaders and are “just in case” they might be needed during the process. These leader vehicles are heavily used during the final days of the legislative session. Other shell bills are filed by members in the hope that language can be developed during the session. The shell bills create a significant challenge because, until the amendment is filed, there is no way to know what the bill may try to do. Therefore, we must pay close attention to all amendments filed during this time period.

To make reading this report easier, information highlighted in yellow indicates an action taken on the bill since last week. Please contact us with any questions or if you would like additional information.

# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

**HB 134**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-TIER III-STATE SYSTEMS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. André M. Thapedi

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates a Tier III benefit package applicable to persons who first begin participating in one of the State-funded retirement systems on or after July 1, 2015. Provides for retirement benefits and certain employee contribution changes that supersede the corresponding provisions of the applicable retirement system. Provides that those retirement benefits may be annually increased or decreased in response to the retirement system's investment earnings. Changes the amount of the required State contributions and, in the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles, requires the actual employers to make contributions to amortize any unfunded liabilities arising out of their employees who are Tier III participants. Provides that, when the State's total debt service obligation for certain pension bonds has ended, any funds remaining available for the payment of that debt service shall be distributed to the 5 State-funded retirement systems, to be used to reduce their unfunded actuarial liabilities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 135**

**Position: Monitor**

**Committee Hearing:**

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 1:00PM  
Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack-John D. Anthony-Thomas Morrison

**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.

## KEY LEGISLATION

- **HB 303** (McDermid) – FOIA- Severance Agreements
- **HB 1529** (Dunkin) – Supplier Diversity
- **HB 2937** (Batinick) – Local Govt Recalls
- **HB 3135** (Wehrli) – Com Col Trustees-4 yr term
- **HB 3290** (Breen) – Com Col Severance Agreement
- **HB 3377** (Franks) – Com Col Bd of Trustees-Recall
- **HB 3593** (Ives) – Com Col Employment Contract
- **HB 3596** (Mussman) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3697** (Currie) – Com Col-Elect Trustee-Nominate
- **HB3722** (Ives) – Com Col-Audit Committee
- **HB 3998** (Ives) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3999** (Ives) – Com Col-Elec Trustee-Nominate
- **HB 4045** (Hurley) – FOIA Severance Agreements
- **HB 4134** (Sandack) – Higher Ed – Sev Package
- **HB 4135** (Sandack) – Sev Package Cap
- **HB 4136** (Sandack) – Severance-Name Right
- **SB 688** (Lightford) – Supplier Diversity
- **SB 1291** (Bush) – Severance Payments
- **SB 1621** (McGuire) – IBHE – Exclude ICCB
- **SB 1655** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed – Exec Compensation
- **SB 1656** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed Facility Naming
- **SB 1709-1712** (Rose) – MAP Grants



#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

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#### HB 150

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-TERRORISM

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Charles E. Meier-Adam Brown-Bill Mitchell-Patricia R. Bellock-Dwight Kay and Natalie A. Manley

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as terrorism. Effective immediately.

#### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted, after September 11, 2001, of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing a Class X felony or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a Class X felony. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	House	Remains in Higher Education Committee

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#### HB 170

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard-Carol Ammons and Monique D. Davis

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Steven M. Landek)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to State Government and Veterans Affairs

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**HB 239****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-FELONY FORFEIT REVIEW**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sam Yingling

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in any matter involving a question of whether pension benefits should be terminated because of a felony, the board of the fund or system shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. Provides that the Attorney General or the State's Attorney may contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony and may seek judicial review of the board's decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 251****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Labor & Commerce Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 1:00PM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDU LABOR REL-AUTHORIZE STRIKE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the strike provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to the conditions that must be met in order for educational employees to engage in a strike, provides that the condition that at least three-fourths of all bargaining unit employees who are members of the exclusive bargaining representative must have affirmatively voted to authorize the strike applies to all educational employees (not just those employed in the Chicago school district). Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2015	House	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee

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**HB 254****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-ST SYS-FUNDING RATIO**House Sponsors**

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Provides that if and only if the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the consolidated case of In re Pension Reform Litigation, No. 118585, finds that either Public Act 98-599 is unconstitutional in its entirety or that the changes made by Public Act 98-599 to certain Sections of the Illinois Pension Code are unconstitutional, the Illinois Pension Code is amended to make changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the Judges Article, increases the funding ratio from 90% to 100%. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 303****Position: Monitor****Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Margo McDermid-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-Frances Ann Hurley, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Steven Andersson, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Patrick J. Verschoore, Fred Crespo, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Linda Chapa LaVia, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Mike Smiddy and Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

#### House Committee Amendment 1

Provides that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public, subject to redaction as allowed by the Act. Deletes language providing 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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading – Short Debate

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## HB 315

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ROTH ACCOUNT

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Joe Sosnowski and Thomas Morrison

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a Section relating to the self-managed plan, provides that pursuant to federal law, all employees with applicable retirement plans will be provided options to: (i) establish, (ii) contribute to, and (iii) transfer any guaranteed or vested portion of their traditional accounts, on any day, into qualified in-plan Roth accounts, without distribution. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 317

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan and Mary E. Flowers

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 319****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 17 2015 3:00PM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** CONCEALED CARRY-PARKING LOT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ed Sullivan and Daniel V. Beiser

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In the provision that a licensee may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, deletes language that the licensee must ensure that the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	To Firearms and Firearm Safety Subcommittee

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**HB 402****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 19 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Mar 19 2015 9:35AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Martin J. Moylan, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Daniel V. Beiser, Kenneth Dunkin and Natalie A. Manley and Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	To Income Tax Subcommittee

## HB 403

**Position: Monitor**

### Committee Hearing:

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 118  
Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** UNIV-TUITION WAIVERS-REPEAL

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Luis Arroyo

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Provides that provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver do not apply to students enrolled at a State university after the 2015-2016 academic year. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/13/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

## HB 422

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison and Carol A. Sente

### Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Michael Connelly)

### 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.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## HB 429

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 489

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-DOWNST TEACHER-SHORTAGE

### House Sponsors

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2013 to no later than June 30, 2019. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 495****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** ELEC-TIME OF SCH BD ELEC**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the offices of elected members of school boards, school trustees, directors of boards of school directors, trustees of county boards of school trustees, members of boards of school inspectors, and members of school boards in school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code shall be filled or shall be on the ballot at the general election in the appropriate even-numbered years (now, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years). Provides that, for elections on and after June 1, 2015, a member of a Board of School Directors, a member of an elected Board of Education, a member of a Board of School Inspectors, a trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees, or a trustee of schools, as the case may be, shall be elected at the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the term of any incumbent member, to succeed each incumbent member whose term ends before the following general election. Provides that the term of an incumbent of any of those offices serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act is extended to the first Monday in the first month following the next general election after the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act not been enacted, and the term of the successor in office shall commence on that first Monday. Makes other changes. Amends the School Code to make changes conforming to the changes to the time of election of members of school boards made by this amendatory Act. Effective June 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 819****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan – Rep. Mary Flowers

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**House Committee Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act and the Public Community College Act. Requires each community college district to offer at least one program of study in an academic or technical field that leads to a bachelor of arts or science degree awarded by the community college. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to permit a community college district to offer such a program.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

## HB 1311

**Position: Monitor**

### Committee Hearing:

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 19 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

Finance Subcommittee Hearing Mar 19 2015 9:50AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PAY IT FORWARD

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes, for 5 academic years, a program to provide loans to 400 eligible students per academic year to attend a public community college or university, to be repaid, in part, according to the income of the student borrowers. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall implement and administer the program. Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury, with moneys used for the sole purpose of awarding program loans under the Act. Sets forth provisions governing the application process and loan repayment. Requires the Department to submit progress reports to the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

## HB 1321

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

### House Sponsors

Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

### Synopsis As Introduced

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

### House Committee Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally certified by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

**HB 1334****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Provisions Article of 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 and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency 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 retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 1402****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL – House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thaddeus Jones-Rita Mayfield

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may

meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Further amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Requires each public university to offer a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a public university to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

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## **HB 1456**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Elaine Nekritz

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## **HB 1484**

**Position: Monitor**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1 – House Committee Amendment 2

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

#### **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.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally certified by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require the school district's high schools, if any, to inform all 11th and 12th grade students of dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities at public community colleges for qualified students.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	House	Re-assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

## **HB 1490**

**Position: Monitor**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

Youth & Young Adults Hearing Mar 19 2015 11:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** YOUNG ADULT STATE EMPLOYMENT

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Act. Contains a Purposes Section. Defines terms. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall: develop and implement plans to increase the number of young adult community members employed by State government, including those at supervisory, technical, professional, and managerial levels; prepare a Young Adult Community State Employment Plan; annually report to the General Assembly each State agency's activities that implement the Plan; and assist State agencies with training programs to meet their affirmative action and equal employment opportunity goals. Provides that each State agency shall implement programs under the Plan to increase the number of young adult community members employed by the State and report annually to the Department its activities that implement the Plan. Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Advisory Council, consisting of 11 members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a subject matter expert on the young adult community. Provides that members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses from appropriated funds. Includes other provisions. Effective immediately.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Commission on Young Adult Employment Act. Contains provisions concerning the appointment, term, and reimbursement of members of the Commission on Young Adult Employment. Provides that the University of Illinois shall provide administrative support to the Commission. Provides that the Commission shall identify issues concerning the readiness and ability of young adults to find employment after graduating from college or otherwise completing their education that may be addressed by the current and future General Assemblies. Provides that the Commission shall consult with State agencies, community stakeholders, other universities and institutions of higher education, and local school boards. Provides that the Commission shall file annual reports setting forth its findings and recommendations. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Youth & Young Adults

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**HB 1529****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin, Kelly M. Cassidy, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Christian L. Mitchell, Michael J. Zalewski, La Shawn K. Ford and Luis Arroyo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

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**HB 2442****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dwight Kay

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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**HB 2520****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND**House Sponsors**

Rep. Greg Harris

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated. Specifies the required time and manner of repayment. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, requires that the annuitant (1) retired prior to June 1, 2011, and (2) is a party to a civil union, marriage, or other legal relationship that is recognized as a civil union or marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act or the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after certain specified dates. Also, in the IMRF Article, extends application of a provision added by Public Act 87-850 to spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2528****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 118  
Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** UNIV EMPLOYEE EDUC BENEFITS

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Michael W. Tryon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. With respect to any contract or collective bargaining agreement entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, provides that a university is prohibited from entering into a contract or agreement that offers its employees or contractors tuition waivers, grants, scholarships, or any other higher education benefits for the children, spouses, or other family members of the employees or contractors. Provides that nothing in this prohibition prevents or diminishes the right of a child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor to borrow money for higher education expenses or apply for and be awarded a tuition waiver, grant, scholarship, or other award for higher education expenses, provided that there is no conflict of interest and no preference is given on account of the person being the child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor. Provides that nothing in this prohibition shall diminish the value of contractual rights existing before the effective date of the amendatory Act that are enjoyed by employees and contractors of the university or their children, spouses, and other family members. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

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**HB 2529**

**Position: Monitor**

**Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-ONLINE DEGREE-STUDY

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Michael W. Tryon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

**HB 2687****Position: Oppose****Committee Hearing:**

Cities &amp; Villages Committee Hearing Mar 17 2015 3:00PM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** RECORDING AT OPEN MEETINGS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the right of any person to record the proceedings at meetings required to be open under the Act includes the time before and after the meeting. Limits the recording before and after the meeting to the recording of public officials within 100 feet of the property where the meeting takes place.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	House	To Local Government Subcommittee

**HB 2717****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Counties &amp; Townships Committee Hearing Mar 19 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (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; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee

## HB 2767

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PROP CONTROL-CAP IMP

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Property Control Act and the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, with respect to public universities, the Department of Central Management Services may require a listing of equipment items only for those items valued in excess of \$5,000. Provides that the requirement that State-supported institutions of higher education submit plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board of Higher Education for approval applies only to improvements that use State funds in whole or in part. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

## HB 2869

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 2871****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 2881****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 2882****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2937****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** ELEC CD-LOCAL GOVT RECALLS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mark Batinick and Martin J. Moylan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Elected Official Recall Act. Provides that non-home rule local officeholders that were elected during a general consolidated election may be recalled under the Act. Establishes petition requirements for recall elections.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 2988****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$SURS-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee



**HB 3011****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3015****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$ICCB-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3024****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$ISAC-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3077

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the Code does not apply to procurements made by or on behalf of public institutions of higher education for supplies or services under an award made by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact for the use of members of the Compact. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3124

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER ED COMPACT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the Code does not apply to procurements made by or on behalf of public institutions of higher education for goods or services procured through a contract with a vendor approved by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2015	House	Tabled

**HB 3125****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PROCUREMENT CD-ACCREDITATION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that this Code shall not apply to procurement expenditures necessary to secure accreditation for public institutions of higher learning. Requires each public institution of higher learning to provide the chief procurement officer with a report of contracts that are related to the procurement of certain goods and services. Requires the chief procurement officer to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly each year that shall include an annual summary of the monthly information reported to the chief procurement officer. Repeals these provisions on December 31, 2016. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 3134****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Labor &amp; Commerce Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LABOR AGREEMENT HEARINGS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**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. Provides that any contract between a public employer and an employee where the total compensation exceeds \$150,000 shall be published on the employer's website for a period of not less than 14 days prior to being signed by both the employer and the employee. Requires the public employer to hold an open public meeting on the contract in addition to posting it for 14 days if that contract is subject to board approval. Makes conforming changes in the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee

**HB 3135****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** COM COL TRUSTEES-4 YR TERM**House Sponsors**

Rep. Grant Wehrli-Jack D. Franks-Patricia R. Bellock-Mike Fortner-Ron Sandack, Jeanne M Ives, Mark Batinick, Christine Winger, Margo McDermed, Peter Breen, Stephanie A. Kifowit, David McSweeney, Martin J. Moylan and Deborah Conroy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that members of the board of trustees of a community college district elected in 2017 shall be elected to serve a 2-year term and members elected in 2019 and thereafter shall be elected to serve 4-year terms (rather than members being elected to serve 6-year terms). Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

**HB 3196****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUC-POSTSECONDARY/WORKFORCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Requires the State Superintendent of Education, the executive director of the Illinois Community College Board, the executive director of the Board of Higher Education, and the executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("Appointing Authorities") to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning competency-based high school graduation requirements, student readiness for college-level instruction, and early college credit. Requires the chief executive officers of the State agencies participating in the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning career pathway endorsements and awareness, advising, and planning for postsecondary education and careers. Sets forth provisions concerning common administrative rules of the State Board of Education, Illinois Community College Board, Board of Higher Education, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission; support systems for school districts, postsecondary institutions, educators, students, and families; and implementation. Amends the School Code to make changes concerning consumer education and required high school courses. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**3/10/2015****House****Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee****HB 3258****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:****Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-LEGIS SCHOLARSHIPS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Luis Arroyo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a legislative scholarship task force to receive and consider applications for scholarship assistance. Requires the task force to receive and consider nominations for scholarship assistance, with a total of 8 scholarships per representative district to be awarded each year. Provides that a nominee is eligible for a scholarship if the task force finds that the nominee meets certain qualifications, including that he or she is a resident of the representative district for which a scholarship is to be awarded and that he or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a public university in this State. Provides that legislative scholarships are good for a period of not more than one year while enrolled for residence credit, are applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic year, and exempt the holder from the payment of tuition and fees. Sets forth provisions concerning application for a scholarship and renewals.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
<b>3/10/2015</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Assigned to Higher Education Committee</b>

**HB 3262****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:****State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL****Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-EMERGENCY PURCHASE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that a copy of notice of all emergency procurements and all documents provided at a public hearing shall be included in the online electronic (now, subsequent Procurement) Bulletin. Provides that the State purchasing officer (now, the purchasing agency) shall publish information regarding the emergency procurement. Provides that the actual total cost of an emergency purchase shall be published no later than 5 calendar days after it is determined (now, before the 10th day of the next succeeding month). Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

**HB 3290**

**Position: Oppose**

**Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** COM COL-SEVERANCE AGREEMENT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that no State moneys from any State funds, proceeds of property tax levies, or student tuition funds may be used to pay for a severance agreement entered into by a board with an employee of the community college district. A board that pays a severance amount to a district employee greater than the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee is prohibited from increasing the district's property tax levy, tuition, or fees for a number of years as calculated as follows: the result, rounded up to the next whole number, of the total severance amount paid to the employee divided by the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

**HB 3377**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** COM COL-BD OF TRUSTEES-RECALL

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows for the recall of a member of the board of trustees of a community college district through a petition and referendum and provides for a special successor election. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

**HB 3408****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PENCD-SURS-HOUSING & VEHICLES**House Sponsors**

Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that "earnings" does not include amounts associated with housing allowance or vehicle allowance payable to an employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 3424****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PENCD-ST SYS-SELF DIRECT PLAN**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the 5 State-funded retirement systems shall establish self-directed retirement plans for all active participants. Provides that, except for certain annuitants who have 30 years of service credit, an annuitant shall not receive an automatic increase in retirement annuity. Requires the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance to develop a schedule that, subject to certain requirements, increases the minimum retirement age of active participants who are ineligible to retire as of the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the Division's schedule shall also provide for the adjustment of minimum retirement ages using a matrix that (i) takes into account the current statutory retirement age for various classes of persons and service credit accrued by those persons and (ii) proportionally discounts the increase in statutory retirement ages based on proximity to the currently established minimum retirement age. Requires a participant, except for a participant who is a covered employee under the State Employee Article, to contribute 8% of his or her compensation to the plan and requires the employer to contribute 7% of the participant's compensation to the plan. Establishes a schedule for vesting in employer contributions. Beginning State fiscal year 2016, makes changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 3428****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

**Short Description:** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Carol A. Sente-William Davis-Linda Chapa LaVia-Esther Golar-Emanuel Chris Welch, Elaine Nekritz, David Harris, Kenneth Dunkin, Michael W. Tryon, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Monique D. Davis, Rita Mayfield, Camille Y. Lilly, Mary E. Flowers, Christian L. Mitchell and Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

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**HB 3491**

**Position: Monitor**

**Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHR ED-RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dwight Kay

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012, the Private College Act, and the Academic Degree Act. Defines "religious institution" in these Acts. Provides that any religious institution (instead of any institution devoted entirely to the teaching of religion or theology) shall not be considered to be a private business and vocational school; makes related changes. Provides that no religious institution shall be subject to the educational requirements, standards, or demands contained in the Private College Act or the Academic Degree Act or in those Acts' administrative rules.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee



**HB 3520****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Cities &amp; Villages Committee Hearing Mar 17 2015 3:00PM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED SEXUAL ASSAULT INVES**House Sponsors**

Rep. David Harris

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Investigations of Sexual Assault in Higher Education Act. Provides that municipal police with jurisdiction, or if in an unincorporated area the sheriff, shall investigate allegations of sexual assault at any public university or public community college located in this State. Provides that campus police departments shall not be involved in the investigation. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Cities & Villages Committee

**HB 3534****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REIMBURSE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Esther Golar

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that if an applicant is eligible for a grant under the Program but is not offered a grant due to insufficient appropriations for the Program, then the applicant is entitled to State reimbursement the following fiscal year in an amount equal to the grant amount he or she would have received had he or she been offered a grant.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

**HB 3575****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Youth &amp; Young Adults Hearing Mar 19 2015 11:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** MINORITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with local school districts serving grades 9-12 and local community colleges, may create Minority Internship Recruitment Programs that focus on preparing minority youth for careers in law enforcement. Provides that the internships shall provide college credit for the participants. Further provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board shall determine the guidelines for the programs. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Youth & Young Adults

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**HB 3577****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MED ASSISTANT GRANTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita and Al Riley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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**HB 3593****Position: Oppose****Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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**HB 3596**

**Position: Oppose**

### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michelle Mussman

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from using imprest or petty cash accounting.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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**HB 3599**

**Position: Monitor**

### Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** STUDENT DISCLOSE-MENTAL HEALTH

### House Sponsors

Rep. David R. Leitch and Sara Feigenholtz

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act. Defines terms. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall, at or near the time that an incoming student enrolls at the institution of higher learning, provide that student the opportunity to pre-authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental health information to a designated person. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall prepare a form for

the purpose of such pre-authorization. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the form if he or she so desires.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

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## HB 3608

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 17 2015 3:00PM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** SEX OFFENDER-NO COLLEGE EMPLOY

#### House Sponsors

Rep. John D. Anthony

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a sex offender as defined in the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly be employed by a public or private university, college, or community college.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Criminal Committee

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## HB 3661

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-MERGE TRS SURS AND CTPF

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Mike Fortner

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the State Universities, Downstate Teacher, and Chicago Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Consolidates those systems into a single retirement system under Article 15 of the Code, to be known as the Illinois Teachers' Retirement Fund. Creates a new Board for the Fund. Imposes limits on pensionable salary, and requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Changes participant contributions. Makes changes relating to State and employer funding. Shifts responsibility for a portion of the required State contribution to the actual employer and provides for the State to make certain payments to the actual employer. Authorizes actions to enforce payments by employers. Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring the retirement system to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of a required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 3662****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-ST SYS-SELF MANAGD PLAN**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mike Fortner

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each State-funded retirement system that does not already have a self-managed plan to establish and maintain one. Authorizes participants to irrevocably elect to participate in such a plan. Provides that, for the purpose of calculating traditional benefit package benefits and contributions, the annual salary of a participant may not, except under certain circumstances, exceed certain limits. Requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Revises the schedule of contributions for participants. Shifts a portion of the employer contributions for downstate teachers and university employees from the State to the actual employer. Authorizes the boards of trustees of each of these retirement systems to triennially recalculate the normal cost of benefit plans that they offer. Defines "traditional benefit package" and "self-managed plan". Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring these retirement systems to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of the required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/26/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HB 3692****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen-Robert W. Pritchard-Elizabeth Hernandez

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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**HB 3697****Position: Support****Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 3722****Position: Oppose****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** COM COL-AUDIT COMMITTEE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Requires the board of trustees of each community college district

to establish an audit committee. Provides that the audit committee shall have a fiduciary duty that includes, but is not limited to, assessing risk and addressing matters such as financial statement reporting, internal controls, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and board policies. Sets forth provisions concerning members of the committee, the authority of the committee and the committee's chairperson, duties of the committee's chairperson, and the powers and duties of the committee. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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#### HB 3741

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PRO

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Tom Demmer

#### 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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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#### HB 3742

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SCHOLARSHIP-CRIME

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Sheri L Jesiel-Keith Wheeler

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a violent crime, as defined under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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**HB 3770****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$466,568,200 to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

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**HB 3814****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 10:00AM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** VEH CD-COLLEGES OF CHI PLATES**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the City Colleges of Chicago Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide for the issuance of City Colleges of Chicago plates. Provides that the applicant shall pay an additional fee of \$25 for original issuance of the plates, of which \$10 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that an additional fee of \$25 shall be charged for each renewal, of which \$23 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that money in the City Colleges of Chicago Fund shall be paid as grants to the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation for the purposes of funding and expanding existing scholarship



and academic assistance programs; initiating new scholarships; funding projects that support curriculum development; and funding projects that support emerging technologies that enhance the student and faculty experience.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee

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#### HB 3854

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-VET GRANT-RETURN

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jerry F. Costello, II

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Illinois Veteran Grant Program. Provides that a person is a qualified applicant for a grant if, among other qualifications, the person returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after leaving federal active duty service or, if married to a person in continued military service stationed outside this State, returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after his or her spouse left service or was stationed within this State.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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#### HB 3932

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-CAMPUS POLICE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Christian L. Mitchell

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that a campus police department subject to this Act shall disclose to the public any information that a law enforcement agency would have to disclose under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee

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#### HB 3956

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-TRANSCRIPT FEE-WAIVE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Requires a university or community college to waive its fee for the receipt or transmission of a transcript for each veteran, member of the Armed Forces of the United States, member of the Reserve components thereof, or member of the Illinois National Guard who resides in this State and has been admitted to the institution. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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#### HB 3972

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Norine Hammond

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Provides that as a condition of receiving or renewing a grant, a recipient must agree to meet with a higher education institution's academic and financial advisors twice a semester. Requires the institution to report to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission on whether the recipient is meeting this condition. Effective July 1, 2015.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

## HB 3974

**Position: Monitor**

### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-QUALIFY

### House Sponsors

Rep. Reginald Phillips

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Makes changes concerning definitions. Provides that, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, an applicant who is a freshman dependent college student is required to achieve at least an ACT college entrance exam composite score of 18 or a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in high school in order to be eligible for a grant.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

## HB 3998

**Position: Oppose**

### Committee Hearing:

Community College Access & Affordability Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 4:00PM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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**HB 3999****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 4005****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-POLICE DISABILITY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jay Hoffman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a police officer receiving a disability benefit who remains unable to perform the duties of a police officer may obtain other employment, including other employment under SURS, without termination of the disability benefit due to that other employment, but subject to any applicable reduction in the disability benefit. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4045****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Frances Ann Hurley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "settlement agreement" and "severance agreement". Provides that a settlement agreement or 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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4134**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACKAGE

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that if the board of trustees of a community college district issues a monetary severance package to a district employee using State funds, the exact amount of that monetary severance package shall be deducted from the next disbursement from the State Comptroller to that district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4135**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACK CAP

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package approved by the board of trustees of a community college district after the effective date of this amendatory Act for a district employee is limited to one year of salary and one year of benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4136****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE-NAME RIGHT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package for an employee of a community college district approved after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not include naming rights to any physical property on campus grounds. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/27/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 11****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy-Litesa E. Wallace and Monique D. Davis)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## SB 16

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Criminal Law

## SB 24

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire

### Synopsis As Introduced

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

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

## SB 26

**Position: Monitor**

### Committee Hearing:

Local Government Hearing Mar 18 2015 9:00AM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Postponed - Local Government

## SB 72

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Kyle McCarter

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED)

## SB 89

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Terry Link

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

## SB 91

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

### Senate Sponsors



Sen. David Koehler

#### Synopsis As Introduced

The amount of \$1,062,898, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for an Equalization Grant to Illinois Central College.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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#### SB 688

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Kwame Raoul-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Michael Noland, Steve Stadelman, William Delgado and Iris Y. Martinez-Andy Manar

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading February 19, 2015

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#### SB 775

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFO

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael Connelly-Pamela J. Althoff

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Student Online Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application used primarily for higher education purposes and designed and marketed for higher education purposes shall not knowingly (1) engage in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or target advertising on any other site, service, or application when the targeting of the advertising is based upon any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application; (2) use information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of higher education purposes; (3) sell a student's information; or (4) disclose covered information, as defined in the Act, without a student's consent. Sets forth exceptions and other provisions concerning the construction and application of the Act. Effective January 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Judiciary

**SB 777****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 5, 2015

**SB 806****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Mar 17 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford and Steve Stadelman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

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**SB 1221****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1260****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Noland

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 1291****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Melinda Bush and Steve Stadelman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

**SB 1299****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PENC-D-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

**SB 1334****Position: Oppose****Committee Hearing:**

Executive Hearing Mar 18 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** REGULATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Iris Y. Martinez

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Weights and Measures Act. Makes a technical change to the Section containing the short title.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Deletes a reference to the Weights and Measures Act. Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Removes provisions concerning a business concern. Defines relevant terms. Makes corresponding changes. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education that manages professional service contracts shall adopt policies and implementation procedures for increasing the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to not less than 20% of State contracts. Provides that the Business Enterprise Council shall file an annual report with the Governor and the General Assembly no later than March 1 of each year. Provides that the annual report shall include a summary detailing expenditures (currently, State appropriations). Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	Senate	Postponed - Executive

## SB 1339

Position: Monitor

**Short Description:** OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

#### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each public body to post video of its meetings on the public body's official website within 24 hours after the scheduled beginning of the meeting. Provides that the posting requirements do not apply to portions of a meeting that are closed under the Act. Requires each public body to retain the video of each meeting on its official website for a period of 2 years after the meeting date or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes or transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each public body must post its meeting agenda on its official website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, except in the case of an emergency meetings. Provides that the failure of a public body to provide video or to post meeting agendas due to technical difficulties shall not invalidate any meeting or any actions taken at the meeting. Effective January 1, 2016.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 17, 2015

## SB 1364

Position: Monitor

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	Senate	Assigned to Agriculture

**SB 1369****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison and Dan Duffy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions similar to the introduced bill with the following changes: Defines "late term executive appointee". Provides that late term executive appointees shall serve no longer than 60 days into the term of office of the succeeding Governor. Provides that late term executive appointees may be retained by appointment, contract, or employment after the 60th day only if the public body takes official action at an open meeting of that public body after the succeeding Governor has taken office. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 17, 2015

**SB 1393****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 1455****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Education Hearing Mar 17 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William Delgado

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Postponed - Education

**SB 1457****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 12, 2015

**SB 1565****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-ILL GRANT PROGRAM**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William E. Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award grants to students in financial need who are enrolled for at least 15 credit hours in an institution of higher learning. Provides that the Commission shall receive funding for the grants through appropriations; the amount to be appropriated for the grant program each fiscal year shall equal the total amount appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund for the 2015 fiscal year; no amounts may be appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund beginning with the 2016 fiscal year other than amounts appropriated for these grants; and the amount of each grant shall equal the amount appropriated for the grant program for a given fiscal year divided by the number of applicants who qualify for a grant. Requires each grant recipient to sign an agreement under which the recipient agrees to the following terms: (1) if a grant recipient graduates from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay one-half of the total amount of grants received; (2) if a grant recipient does not graduate from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay the total amount of grants received; and (3) if the grant recipient resides in this State immediately following graduation from an institution, the Commission shall forgive, for each year of residency, one-eighth of the remaining grant amount owed. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 1583****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link-Melinda Bush, Kimberly A. Lightford, Thomas Cullerton and William Delgado

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**3/12/2015****Senate****Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 17, 2015****SB 1593****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy-Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

**SB 1621****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

**SB 1633****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS

**Senate Sponsors**  
Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**SB 1655**

**Position: Oppose**

**Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Mar 17 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 1656**

**Position: Oppose**

**Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Mar 17 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 1709****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP-FOR PROFIT INST

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, removes a provision that requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to determine the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with specified criteria. Instead, prohibits the Commission from making grants to applicants enrolled at for-profit institutions. Effective July 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**SB 1710****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

**SB 1711****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-LIMIT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that no applicant, other than a non-traditional student, is eligible for monetary award program consideration after receiving assistance for 4 academic years or, if a particular academic program requires more than 4 academic years to complete, the normal time it takes to complete the program.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

**SB 1712****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REPAY**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the monetary award program, provides that, prior to receiving grant assistance for any academic year, each recipient of a grant shall be required to sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges that, within the one-year period following the termination of the academic program for which the recipient was awarded a grant, the recipient shall reside and work in this State for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years. Provides that if the recipient fails to fulfill this obligation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall require the recipient to repay, over the next 10 years, the amount of all of the grants he or she received, prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees; sets forth exceptions.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

**SB 1896****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning territory not included in a community college district.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 1931****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** NIU-BOARD MEETINGS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Northern Illinois University Law. Provides that meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at least once each quarter on the campus of Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois or on any other University-owned campus (instead of University-owned property) located in this State.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2004****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2008****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2019****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2020****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2040****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$IL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2069****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$SURS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2099****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED & IL MATH & SCI**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## HR 55

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermed, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E. Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley and Laura Fine

### Synopsis As Introduced

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

### House Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

## HR 152

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH

### House Sponsors

Rep. Katherine Cloonen, Carol A. Sente and Michelle Mussman

### Synopsis As Introduced

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	House	Resolution Adopted



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**HR 162****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Dwight Kay, Kathleen Willis and Carol A. Sente

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the College of DuPage covering Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 171****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 187****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT**House Sponsors**

Rep. David McSweeney-Dwight Kay-Jay Hoffman-C.D. Davidsmeyer-Jerry F. Costello, II, Bill Mitchell, Brandon W. Phelps, Terri Bryant, Deborah Conroy, Charles E. Meier, Patrick J. Verschoore, Adam Brown, Barbara Wheeler, Thomas Bennett, David Reis, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Emanuel Chris Welch, Mike Smiddy, John D.

Cavaletto, Norine Hammond, Michael Unes, Raymond Poe, Sue Scherer, Donald L. Moffitt, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Michael P. McAuliffe, John M. Cabello and Tom Demmer

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### **HR 241**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ICCB-RECONSIDER GED CONTRACT

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Requests that the Illinois Community College Board reconsider the contract it holds with the GED Testing Service with regard to high school equivalency testing, evaluate the results of other companies that provide high school equivalency testing versus historic data concerning the Test of General Educational Development, and study the feasibility of other companies providing high school equivalency testing in this State or having this State implement its own high school equivalency testing by looking at how other, comparable states administer high school equivalency testing.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### **SR 138**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

## HJR 11

**Position: Monitor**

### Committee Hearing:

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 18 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUCATION/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Alignment, which will conduct a thorough review of the existing curriculum and how it assists in workforce development, make recommendations to implement alterations to the current curriculum, and consider the long-term implications and outcomes of the new curriculum.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

## HJR 20

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, Il-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Patricia R. Bellock and Peter Breen

### Synopsis As Introduced

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HJR 35****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dan Brady and Adam Brown

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HJR 52****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED COMM'N ON WORKFORCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kelly Burke-Norine Hammond

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Resolves that the Board of Higher Education establish a Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce to ensure that the State has an educated workforce to meet the needs of business and industry.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Kelly Burke

# ICCTA ACTION ALERT

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March 27, 2015

ICCTA needs your assistance with several procurement-related bills that are working through the Illinois General Assembly this spring.

## **SENATE BILL 1334**

**Senate Bill 1334**, sponsored by Sen. James Clayborne, would require community colleges to adopt policies and implement procedures for increasing the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to 20% of the amount spent on construction and professional services, including (but not limited to) insurance services, investment management services, information technology services, accounting services, and legal services. The bill would also require significant reporting requirements under the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Community colleges are not part of BEP currently.

Here is a [link to SB 1334](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09900SB1334sam001&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=87815&DocNum=1334&GAID=13&Session) (the substance of the bill is Amendment 1):

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09900SB1334sam001&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=87815&DocNum=1334&GAID=13&Session>

Because we interpret the bill's content to require new administrative and reporting responsibilities for community colleges and because the bill could interfere with current professional services relationships, ICCTA opposed the bill in committee. ICCTA has been asked to begin discussions about the bill with the sponsor and others after the Easter/Passover break.

After you have had an opportunity to review this alert (and the bill/amendment), we would appreciate hearing from you about the consequences of this bill for your college and your current policies and practice in this area. Your opinion and information will be most helpful as we prepare to discuss this bill and negotiate its content.

## **SENATE BILL 688**

ICCTA has spent several weeks discussing another bill as well. **Senate Bill 688**, sponsored by Sen. Kimberly Lightford, has gone through several versions as a result of negotiation. It is similar to the bill above in that it requires each community college to establish policies to increase the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities. In addition, each college would be required to name a person as a single point of contact for minority businesses, and each college would be required to report on the college's outreach to attract more minority business. Finally, each college would be required to report the spending to businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in both dollars amount and as a percentage of total spending. However, the reporting is anticipated to be much simpler (a single page). No goals are required in this amendment, but the sponsor has inferred that she would like to see goals set at some point in the future.

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A copy of the latest version of SB 688 is attached. Please note that the attached [amendment](#) has not been filed and is only being used for discussion purposes.

Here is a [link to SB 688](#):

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&SessionId=88&GA=99&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=688&GAID=13&LegID=84912&SpecSess=&Session>

As with SB 1334, we would appreciate hearing from you about the consequences of SB 688. Your opinion will be most helpful as we prepare to discuss this legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Monaghan, Tom Ryder or Jessica Nardulli. We appreciate your help.

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# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning April 13, 2015.

The Illinois General Assembly's spring break is over. Legislators return to Springfield this week to focus on the FY'16 budget, which they hope to have in place by the scheduled adjournment of May 31. Each chamber now has two weeks to pass bills out of their original house before the next deadline of April 24. Most of that action will be floor session in each chamber, but newly filed amendments may require committee action.

The number of bills still active is much smaller than the number of bills originally filed – 4,200 in the House and 2,128 in the Senate. However, plenty of vehicle bills are still in play, and new amendments make lobbyists very nervous. With only a one hour posting requirement, an amendment could be filed, heard in committee, adopted by floor action and passed on Third Reading within a matter of a few hours on a single day. So the filing and content of amendments will require constant vigilance.

To make reading this report easier, information highlighted in yellow indicates an action taken on the bill since last week. Please contact us with any questions or if you would like additional information.

# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

**HB 170**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard-Carol Ammons and Monique D. Davis

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Steven M. Landek)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to State Government and Veterans Affairs

**HB 303**

**Position: Monitor**

**Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Margo McDermid-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-Frances Ann Hurley, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Steven Andersson, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Patrick J. Verschoore, Fred Crespo, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Linda Chapa LaVia, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Mike Smiddy and Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**House Committee Amendment 1**

Provides that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public,

## KEY LEGISLATION

- **HB 303** (McDermid) – FOIA- Severance Agreements
- **HB 1529** (Dunkin) – Supplier Diversity
- **HB 2937** (Batinick) – Local Govt Recalls
- **HB 3135** (Wehrli) – Com Col Trustees-4 yr term
- **HB 3290** (Breen) – Com Col Severance Agreement
- **HB 3377** (Franks) – Com Col Bd of Trustees-Recall
- **HB 3593** (Ives) – Com Col Employment Contract
- **HB 3596** (Mussman) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3697** (Currie) – Com Col-Elect Trustee-Nominate
- **HB3722** (Ives) – Com Col-Audit Committee
- **HB 3998** (Ives) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 3999** (Ives) – Com Col-Elec Trustee-Nominate
- **HB 4045** (Hurley) – FOIA Severance Agreements
- **HB 4134** (Sandack) – Higher Ed – Sev Package
- **HB 4135** (Sandack) – Sev Package Cap
- **HB 4136** (Sandack) – Severance-Name Right
- **SB 688** (Lightford) – Supplier Diversity
- **SB 1291** (Bush) – Severance Payments
- **SB 1621** (McGuire) – IBHE – Exclude ICCB
- **SB 1655** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed – Exec Compensation
- **SB 1656** (T. Cullerton) – Higher Ed Facility Naming
- **SB 1709-1712** (Rose) – MAP Grants



subject to redaction as allowed by the Act. Deletes language providing 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.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill and House Amendment No. 1, and deletes language providing that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading – Short Debate

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### **HB 403**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** UNIV-TUITION WAIVERS-REPEAL

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Luis Arroyo

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Provides that provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver do not apply to students enrolled at a State university after the 2015-2016 academic year. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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### **HB 422**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison and Carol A. Sente

#### **Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Michael Connelly)

#### **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.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

#### HB 819

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2015 10:30AM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan – Rep. Mary Flowers

#### Synopsis As Introduced

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

#### House Committee Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act and the Public Community College Act. Requires each community college district to offer at least one program of study in an academic or technical field that leads to a bachelor of arts or science degree awarded by the community college. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to permit a community college district to offer such a program.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

#### HB 821

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2015 10:30AM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Student Immunization Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning immunization reports.

#### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities, public community colleges, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institutions to adopt a comprehensive policy to address student allegations of sexual violence, domestic

violence, dating violence, and stalking. Requires each higher education institution, upon being notified of a violation of the comprehensive policy, to provide the student survivor with a concise notification of the survivor's rights and options. Requires each higher education institution to provide students with access to confidential advisors to provide emergency and ongoing support to survivors of sexual violence. Requires each higher education institution to adopt one procedure to resolve complaints of student violations of the comprehensive policy. Sets forth provisions concerning campus training, education, and awareness. Amends the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Requires each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution (instead of just public institutions of higher education) to either establish their own campus-wide task force or participate in a regional task force; makes other changes concerning the task forces. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, with respect to programs to improve human relations, to require an annual (rather than monthly) report to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General concerning racial, ethnic, or religious intimidation and sexual harassment cases and to require each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution to provide an annual report concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure with respect to privileged communications between a confidential advisor and a student survivor pertaining to an incident of sexual violence. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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## HB 1402

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Thaddeus Jones-Rita Mayfield

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Further amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Requires each public university to offer a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a public university to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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## HB 1456

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Elaine Nekritz

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1484**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

**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.

**House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require the school district's high schools, if any, to inform all 11th and 12th grade students of dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities at public community colleges for qualified students.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 1490**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** YOUNG ADULT STATE EMPLOYMENT

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Act. Contains a Purposes Section. Defines terms. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall: develop and implement plans to

increase the number of young adult community members employed by State government, including those at supervisory, technical, professional, and managerial levels; prepare a Young Adult Community State Employment Plan; annually report to the General Assembly each State agency's activities that implement the Plan; and assist State agencies with training programs to meet their affirmative action and equal employment opportunity goals. Provides that each State agency shall implement programs under the Plan to increase the number of young adult community members employed by the State and report annually to the Department its activities that implement the Plan. Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Advisory Council, consisting of 11 members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a subject matter expert on the young adult community. Provides that members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses from appropriated funds. Includes other provisions. Effective immediately.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Commission on Young Adult Employment Act. Contains provisions concerning the appointment, term, and reimbursement of members of the Commission on Young Adult Employment. Provides that Chicago State University shall provide administrative support to the Commission. Provides that the Commission shall identify issues concerning the readiness and ability of young adults to find employment after graduating from college or otherwise completing their education that may be addressed by the current and future General Assemblies. Provides that the Commission shall consult with State agencies, community stakeholders, other universities and institutions of higher education, and local school boards. Provides that the Commission shall file annual reports setting forth its findings and recommendations. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 3rd Reading - Short Debate

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### **HB 1529**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin, Kelly M. Cassidy, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Christian L. Mitchell, Michael J. Zalewski, La Shawn K. Ford and Luis Arroyo

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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### **HB 2717**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (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; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the introduced bill with the following changes: Moves the new Section from the Local Records Act to the Open Meetings Act. Provides that posting specified data on the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal shall meet the posting requirements for that data. Modifies the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to make conforming changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Standard Debate

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**HB 2869****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2871****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2881****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2882****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 2937

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** ELEC CD-LOCAL GOVT RECALLS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Mark Batinick and Martin J. Moylan

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Local Government Elected Official Recall Act. Provides that non-home rule local officeholders that were elected during a general consolidated election may be recalled under the Act. Establishes petition requirements for recall elections.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

## HB 2988

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$SURS-TECH

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

### Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 3011

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

### Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.



**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3015****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$ICCB-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3024****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$ISAC-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3196****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUC-POSTSECONDARY/WORKFORCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Requires the State Superintendent of Education

the executive director of the Illinois Community College Board, the executive director of the Board of Higher Education, and the executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("Appointing Authorities") to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning competency-based high school graduation requirements, student readiness for college-level instruction, and early college credit. Requires the chief executive officers of the State agencies participating in the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning career pathway endorsements and awareness, advising, and planning for postsecondary education and careers. Sets forth provisions concerning common administrative rules of the State Board of Education, Illinois Community College Board, Board of Higher Education, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission; support systems for school districts, postsecondary institutions, educators, students, and families; and implementation. Amends the School Code to make changes concerning consumer education and required high school courses. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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#### HB 3262

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-EMERGENCY PURCHASE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that a copy of notice of all emergency procurements and all documents provided at a public hearing shall be included in the online electronic (now, subsequent Procurement) Bulletin. Provides that the State purchasing officer (now, the purchasing agency) shall publish information regarding the emergency procurement. Provides that the actual total cost of an emergency purchase shall be published no later than 5 calendar days after it is determined (now, before the 10th day of the next succeeding month). Effective July 1, 2015.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

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#### HB 3428

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Carol A. Sente-William Davis-Linda Chapa LaVia-Esther Golar-Emanuel Chris Welch, Elaine Nekritz, David Harris, Kenneth Dunkin, Michael W. Tryon, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Monique D. Davis, Rita Mayfield, Camille Y. Lilly, Mary E. Flowers, Christian L. Mitchell, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Jack D. Franks, Barbara Wheeler, Silvana Tabares, Will Guzzardi, Robert F. Martwick, Michelle Mussman, Deborah Conroy, Cynthia Soto, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Kathleen Willis, Ron Sandack, Ed Sullivan, Sheri L Jesiel, Mike Smiddy, Katherine Cloonen, Greg Harris, Charles E. Meier, Arthur Turner, Litesa E. Wallace, Sue Scherer,

Anthony DeLuca, Sam Yingling, Anna Moeller, Steven Andersson, Robyn Gabel, Stephanie A. Kifowit, John D'Amico and Pamela Reaves-Harris

### 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.

### Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)

HB 3428 could potentially decrease the amount of tuition revenue received by the public institutions by enabling students who obtain a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement examination to bypass costs associated with earning those credits.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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## HB 3575

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** MINORITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### House Sponsors

Rep. Robert Rita-Litesa E. Wallace-Martin J. Moylan

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with local school districts serving grades 9-12 and local community colleges, may create Minority Internship Recruitment Programs that focus on preparing minority youth for careers in law enforcement. Provides that the internships shall provide college credit for the participants. Further provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board shall determine the guidelines for the programs. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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## HB 3577

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MED ASSISTANT GRANTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita and Al Riley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 3593****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 3599****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** STUDENT DISCLOSE-MENTAL HEALTH**House Sponsors**

Rep. David R. Leitch-Sara Feigenholtz-Greg Harris-Elaine Nekritz-Ron Sandack and Kelly Burke

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act. Defines terms. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall, at or near the time that an incoming student enrolls at the institution of higher learning, provide that student the opportunity to pre-authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental

health information to a designated person. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall prepare a form for the purpose of such pre-authorization. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the form if he or she so desires.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that an institution of higher learning may disclose a student's mental information if a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner makes a determination that the student poses a clear danger (rather than a clear and present danger) to himself, herself, or others to protect the student or other person against a clear, imminent risk of serious physical or mental injury or disease or death being inflicted upon the person or by the student on himself, herself, or another. Provides that the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner shall notify the designated person that the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner has made a determination that the student poses a clear, imminent danger (rather than a clear and present danger) to himself, herself, or others. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy and supporting procedures (rather than just a policy) to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the authorization form if he or she so desires.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

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### **HB 3608**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SEX OFFENDER-NO COLLEGE EMPLOY

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. John D. Anthony

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a sex offender as defined in the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly be employed by a public or private university, college, or community college.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	House	To Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Registration Subcommittee

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### **HB 3692**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen-Robert W. Pritchard-Elizabeth Hernandez-John D. Anthony

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for

tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

**Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)**

HB 3692, once enacted, will ensure that veterans will be eligible for all Federal benefits that could total as much as \$30 million, as specified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' Section 702 compliance.

**State Debt Impact Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)**

HB 3692 would not change the amount of authorization for any type of State-issued or State-supported bond, and, therefore, would not affect the level of State indebtedness.

**Balanced Budget Note (Office of Management and Budget)**

This bill does not have an anticipated budget impact to the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 3697**

**Position: Support**

**Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3770**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$466,568,200 to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

**HB 3932****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-CAMPUS POLICE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Christian L. Mitchell-David McSweeney and Monique D. Davis

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that a campus police department subject to this Act shall disclose to the public any information that a law enforcement agency would have to disclose under the Freedom of Information Act.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that information and records in the custody or possession of a campus police department shall be open to inspection or copying in the same manner as public records under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides the records that are and are not subject to inspection and copying. Provides that when a person requests records, a campus police department shall make records available for public inspection in the same manner and according to the same timelines required under the Freedom of Information Act. Requires each campus police department to designate one or more employees to act as open records officers. Provides that when a request is made to inspect or copy a record that contains information that would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information, the campus police department may redact the information subject to the exemptions. Provides that any person denied access to inspect or copy any record required to be open to inspection or copying by a campus police department may file suit for injunctive or declaratory relief in the circuit court for the county where the campus police department is located.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

**HB 3998****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months

of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 4134**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACKAGE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that if the board of trustees of a community college district issues a monetary severance package to a district employee using State funds, the exact amount of that monetary severance package shall be deducted from the next disbursement from the State Comptroller to that district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 4135**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACK CAP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package approved by the board of trustees of a community college district after the effective date of this amendatory Act for a district employee is limited to one year of salary and one year of benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**SB 11**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT



**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy-Litesa E. Wallace and Monique D. Davis)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 16****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Criminal Law

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**SB 26****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison and Gary Forby

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Recodifies a Section concerning internet posting requirements from the Local Records Act to the Open Meetings Act including and adds new language requiring all public bodies that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to

their website. Amends the local Records Act to repeal the recodified Section.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Arrived in House

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#### SB 72

**Position: Monitor**

#### Committee Hearing:

Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED) Hearing Apr 14 2015 2:01PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Kyle McCarter

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED)

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#### SB 89

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Terry Link

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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**SB 688****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Kwame Raoul-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Michael Noland, Steve Stadelman, William Delgado and Iris Y. Martinez-Andy Manar

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading February 19, 2015

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**SB 760****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally accredited by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 25, 2015

**SB 777****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 5, 2015

**SB 806****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford and Steve Stadelman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 25, 2015

**SB 1221****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

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#### SB 1260

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael Noland

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that the Act may be cited as the Tax Modernization Act. Makes changes concerning the services that are defined as sales at retail under the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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#### SB 1291

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Melinda Bush and Steve Stadelman

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

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**SB 1299****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PENCD-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

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**SB 1334****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** REGULATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Weights and Measures Act. Makes a technical change to the Section containing the short title.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Deletes a reference to the Weights and Measures Act. Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Removes provisions concerning a business concern. Defines relevant terms. Makes corresponding changes. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education that manages professional service contracts shall adopt policies and implementation procedures for increasing the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to not less than 20% of State contracts. Provides that the Business Enterprise Council shall file an annual report with the Governor and the General Assembly no later than March 1 of each year. Provides that the

annual report shall include a summary detailing expenditures (currently, State appropriations). Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 24, 2015

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#### SB 1339

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

#### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each public body to post video of its meetings on the public body's official website within 24 hours after the scheduled beginning of the meeting. Provides that the posting requirements do not apply to portions of a meeting that are closed under the Act. Requires each public body to retain the video of each meeting on its official website for a period of 2 years after the meeting date or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes or transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each public body must post its meeting agenda on its official website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, except in the case of an emergency meetings. Provides that the failure of a public body to provide video or to post meeting agendas due to technical difficulties shall not invalidate any meeting or any actions taken at the meeting. Effective January 1, 2016.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 19, 2015

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#### SB 1369

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Julie A. Morrison and Dan Duffy

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation

without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions similar to the introduced bill with the following changes: Defines "late term executive appointee". Provides that late term executive appointees shall serve no longer than 60 days into the term of office of the succeeding Governor. Provides that late term executive appointees may be retained by appointment, contract, or employment after the 60th day only if the public body takes official action at an open meeting of that public body after the succeeding Governor has taken office. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 19, 2015

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### **SB 1393**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett and Gary Forby

#### **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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following change: provides that the State Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants to community colleges in which students are able to enroll in a certification program. Effective July 1, 2016.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 26, 2015

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### **SB 1455**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William Delgado

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**



Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that one of the State assessments for high school students shall include tests in the areas of English language arts, reading, mathematics, and science for the purpose of student application or admissions to public institutions of higher education.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 26, 2015

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### **SB 1457**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Thomas Cullerton

#### **House Sponsors**

(Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia)

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Arrived in House

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### **SB 1526**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROP TX-DISTRICT NOTIFICATION

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire-Pamela J. Althoff

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that in all cases where a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more is sought, the party filing the petition must state in the initial complaint the valuation that is sought. Requires the board of review to provide notice of the petition to all municipalities, school districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts that have a revenue interest in the property at least 14 days prior to the hearing on the complaint. Removes a provision concerning serving a copy of the petition to all taxing districts. Provides that in any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant

did not provide notice to the board of review that a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more was being sought, the Property Tax Appeal Board shall have no jurisdiction to issue any decision that would result in a change of \$100,000 or more. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. In provisions requiring the board of review to notify municipalities, school districts, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts of petitions seeking a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more, provides that the board of review shall also provide notice of the petition to any other taxing district that has a revenue interest in the property, so long as the district files a written request to receive such notice with the clerk of the board of review. Removes a provision concerning any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant did not provide notice to the board of review. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 14, 2015

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### **SB 1583**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link-Melinda Bush, Kimberly A. Lightford, Thomas Cullerton and William Delgado

#### **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.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 25, 2015

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### **SB 1593**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy-Pamela J. Althoff

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

#### SB 1621

Position: Support

Short Description: BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

#### SB 1633

Position: Monitor

Short Description: EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X

felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

**SB 1655****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Provides that the value of a severance agreement entered into by a board of trustees may not be greater than one year's base salary of the applicable employee. Removes provisions allowing a petition to be filed objecting to a community college severance agreement and allowing the General Assembly to disapprove a university severance agreement.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

**SB 1656****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Removes provisions that require the board of trustees of a community college district to immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor and that allow a petition to be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

**SB 1710**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Monetary Award Program.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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**SB 2004****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2008****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2019****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments
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**SB 2020****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2040****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$IL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2069****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$SURS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2099****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED & IL MATH & SCI**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HR 55****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermid, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E. Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley Laura Fine and Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**House Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of Resolutions

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**HR 152****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH



**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen, Carol A. Sente and Michelle Mussman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	House	Resolution Adopted

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**HR 162****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Dwight Kay, Kathleen Willis and Carol A. Sente

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the College of DuPage covering Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 171****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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**HR 187****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. David McSweeney-Dwight Kay-Jay Hoffman-C.D. Davidsmeyer-Jerry F. Costello, II, Bill Mitchell, Brandon W. Phelps, Terri Bryant, Deborah Conroy, Charles E. Meier, Patrick J. Verschoore, Adam Brown, Barbara Wheeler, Thomas Bennett, David Reis, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Emanuel Chris Welch, Mike Smiddy, John D. Cavaletto, Norine Hammond, Michael Unes, Raymond Poe, Sue Scherer, Donald L. Moffitt, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Michael P. McAuliffe, John M. Cabello, Tom Demmer, Al Riley, Randy Frese and Carol Ammons

**Synopsis As Introduced**

States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 241**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ICCB-RECONSIDER GED CONTRACT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Requests that the Illinois Community College Board reconsider the contract it holds with the GED Testing Service with regard to high school equivalency testing, evaluate the results of other companies that provide high school equivalency testing versus historic data concerning the Test of General Educational Development, and study the feasibility of other companies providing high school equivalency testing in this State or having this State implement its own high school equivalency testing by looking at how other, comparable states administer high school equivalency testing.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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**HR 275**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ST FUNDS-COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Resolves that State funding for the College of DuPage should be reduced by \$1,525,736.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## SR 138

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael Connelly

### Synopsis As Introduced

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

## HJR 11

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Alignment, which will conduct a thorough review of the existing curriculum and how it assists in workforce development, make recommendations to implement alterations to the current curriculum, and consider the long-term implications and outcomes of the new curriculum.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

## HJR 20

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, II-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Patricia R. Bellock and Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HJR 35****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Dan Brady and Adam Brown

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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**HJR 52****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED COMM'N ON WORKFORCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kelly Burke-Norine Hammond and Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Resolves that the Board of Higher Education establish a Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce to ensure that the State has an educated workforce to meet the needs of business and industry.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SJR 20****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Andy Manar

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce within the Board of Higher Education.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments



# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

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Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois Community College Trustees Association* for the week beginning April 20, 2015.

This week is deadline week for House bills to move out of the House and Senate bills to move out of the Senate. Next week, each chamber will start over again with committee hearings on bills from the opposite chamber. The House will consider Senate bills and the Senate will consider House bills. Six weeks remain until the scheduled adjournment of May 31.

There are two phrases used often around the legislature: (1) “no issue is ever dead in the General Assembly;” and (2) “deadlines are just suggestions.” This week will offer many examples of both. Bills that died in committee before the break may reappear as amendments. Ideas never introduced as bills may appear as amendments. Later this week, sponsors who could not get enough votes to pass their bill will ask for (and receive) an extension to the Friday deadline. In the upcoming weeks, each chamber will be dealing with a combination of bills with extended deadlines and other bills moving through the normal process. Deadlines are only suggestions.

Please contact us with any questions or if you would like additional information.



# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

**HB 170**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard-Carol Ammons and Monique D. Davis

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Steven M. Landek)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to State Government and Veterans Affairs

**HB 303**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Margo McDermid-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-Frances Ann Hurley, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Steven Andersson, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Patrick J. Verschoore, Fred Crespo, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Linda Chapa LaVia, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Mike Smiddy, Peter Breen, Keith Wheeler, Monique D. Davis and David McSweeney

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Pamela J. Althoff)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

## KEY LEGISLATION

- **HB 303** (McDermid) – FOIA- Severance Agreements
- **HB 3593** (Ives) – Com Col Employment Contract
- **HB 3697** (Currie) – Com Col-Elect Trustee-Nominate
- **HB 3998** (Ives) – Com Col-Imprest Accounting
- **HB 4134** (Sandack) – Higher Ed – Sev Package
- **HB 4135** (Sandack) – Sev Package Cap
- **HB 4136** (Sandack) – Severance-Name Right
- **SB 688** (Lightford) – Supplier Diversity
- **SB 1334** (Clayborne) – Supplier Diversity
- **SB 1621** (McGuire) – IBHE – Exclude ICCB
- **SB 1709-1712** (Rose) – MAP Grants

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Provides that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public, subject to redaction as allowed by the Act. Deletes language providing 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.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill and House Amendment No. 1, and deletes language providing that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HB 403****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** UNIV-TUITION WAIVERS-REPEAL**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Luis Arroyo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Provides that provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver do not apply to students enrolled at a State university after the 2015-2016 academic year. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 422****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison and Carol A. Sente

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Michael Connelly)



**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

**HB 811****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Scott Drury

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Changes the definition of "school student record" to include within the definition information by which a student may be personally identified. Sets forth provisions allowing disclosure of school student data to researchers at an accredited post-secondary educational institution or an organization conducting research if specified requirements are met.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

**HB 819****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**House Committee Amendment No. 1 – TABLED**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act and the Public Community College Act. Requires each community college district to offer at least one program of study in an academic or technical field that leads to a bachelor of arts or science degree awarded by the community college. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to permit a community college district to offer such a program.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate **

## HB 821

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michelle Mussman, Michael J. Zalewski, Emanuel Chris Welch, Elizabeth Hernandez, Kathleen Willis, Mary E. Flowers, Barbara Wheeler, Ann Williams, Silvana Tabares, Laura Fine, Cynthia Soto, Rita Mayfield, Frances Ann Hurley, Deborah Conroy and Stephanie A. Kifowit

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College Student Immunization Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning immunization reports.

### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities, public community colleges, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institutions to adopt a comprehensive policy to address student allegations of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Requires each higher education institution, upon being notified of a violation of the comprehensive policy, to provide the student survivor with a concise notification of the survivor's rights and options. Requires each higher education institution to provide students with access to confidential advisors to provide emergency and ongoing support to survivors of sexual violence. Requires each higher education institution to adopt one procedure to resolve complaints of student violations of the comprehensive policy. Sets forth provisions concerning campus training, education, and awareness. Amends the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Requires each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution (instead of just public institutions of higher education) to either establish their own campus-wide task force or participate in a regional task force; makes other changes concerning the task forces. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, with respect to programs to improve human relations, to require an annual (rather than monthly) report to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General concerning racial, ethnic, or religious intimidation and sexual harassment cases and to require each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution to provide an annual report concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure with respect to privileged communications between a confidential advisor and a student survivor pertaining to an incident of sexual violence. Effective immediately.

### House Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities, public community colleges, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institutions to adopt a comprehensive policy to address student allegations of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Requires each higher education institution, upon being notified of a violation of the comprehensive policy, to provide the student survivor with a concise notification of the survivor's rights and options. Requires each higher education institution to provide students with access to confidential advisors to provide emergency and ongoing support to survivors of sexual violence. Requires each higher education institution to adopt one procedure to resolve complaints of student violations of the comprehensive policy. Sets forth provisions concerning campus training, education, and awareness. Amends the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Requires each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution (instead of just public institutions of higher education) to either establish their own campus-wide task force or participate in a regional task force; makes other changes concerning the task forces. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, with respect to programs to improve human relations, to require an annual (rather than monthly) report to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General concerning racial, ethnic, or religious intimidation and sexual harassment cases and to require each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education

institution to provide an annual report concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure with respect to privileged communications between a confidential advisor and a student survivor pertaining to an incident of sexual violence. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate **

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## HB 1402

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Thaddeus Jones-Rita Mayfield

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Further amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Requires each public university to offer a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a public university to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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## HB 1456

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Elaine Nekritz

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HB 1484

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

### House Sponsors

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

### 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.

### House Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require the school district's high schools, if any, to inform all 11th and 12th grade students of dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities at public community colleges for qualified students.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

## HB 1490

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** YOUNG ADULT STATE EMPLOYMENT

### House Sponsors

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Deborah Conroy-Mary E. Flowers-Emanuel Chris Welch and Camille Y. Lilly

### Senate Sponsors

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### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Act. Contains a Purposes Section. Defines terms. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall: develop and implement plans to increase the number of young adult community members employed by State government, including those at supervisory, technical, professional, and managerial levels; prepare a Young Adult Community State Employment Plan; annually report to the General Assembly each State agency's activities that implement the Plan; and assist State agencies with training programs to meet their affirmative action and equal employment opportunity goals. Provides that each State agency shall implement programs under the Plan to increase the number of young adult community members employed by the State and report annually to the Department its activities that implement the Plan. Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Advisory Council, consisting of 11 members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a subject matter expert on the young adult community. Provides that members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses from appropriated funds. Includes other provisions. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Commission on Young Adult Employment Act. Contains provisions concerning the appointment, term, and reimbursement of members of the Commission on Young Adult Employment. Provides that Chicago State University shall provide administrative support to the Commission. Provides that the Commission shall identify issues concerning the readiness and ability of young adults to find employment after graduating from college or otherwise completing their education that may be addressed by the current and future General Assemblies. Provides that the Commission shall consult with State agencies, community stakeholders, other universities and institutions of higher education, and local school boards. Provides that the Commission shall file annual reports setting forth its findings and recommendations. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/15/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of First Reading April 16, 2015

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**HB 1529****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kenneth Dunkin, Kelly M. Cassidy, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Christian L. Mitchell, Michael J. Zalewski, La Shawn K. Ford and Luis Arroyo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 1744****Position: Support****Short Description:** STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. John D. Cavaletto

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title of the Code.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Provides for the conveyance to Kaskaskia College of the real

property on which the Department of Agriculture's Centralia Animal Disease Laboratory was located, restricting the use of the property to educational purposes. Provides that, if Kaskaskia College ceases to exist or if the real property is used for any purposes other than educational purposes, the property shall revert to the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/17/2015	House	Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 105-000-000

**HB 2148****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** FINANCE-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Avery Bourne-Anthony DeLuca

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Provides that the unused portion of federal funds received either as reimbursement or as direct payments (currently, only direct payments) for a capital facilities project shall remain in the Capital Development Board Contributory Trust Fund. Removes a provision concerning the federal funds received as reimbursement for the completed construction of a capital facilities project shall be deposited in the General Obligation Bond Retirement and Interest Fund. Amends the Capital Development Bond Act. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/15/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

**HB 2568****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** BUILDING COMM'N-STATE AGENCIES**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Building Commission Act. Provides that, at least 30 days prior to filing rules pertaining to the adoption or amendment of any statewide code pertaining to building construction, each State agency must provide notice to the Illinois Building Commission. Provides that the Commission must identify the proposed code, by the title and edition, or by the amendment, to the public on the Internet. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

**HB 2717****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (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; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the introduced bill with the following changes: Moves the new Section from the Local Records Act to the Open Meetings Act. Provides that posting specified data on the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal shall meet the posting requirements for that data. Modifies the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to make conforming changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Standard Debate

**HB 2869****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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**HB 2871****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2881****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2882****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.



**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2937****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** ELEC CD-LOCAL GOVT RECALLS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mark Batinick and Martin J. Moylan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Elected Official Recall Act. Provides that non-home rule local officeholders that were elected during a general consolidated election may be recalled under the Act. Establishes petition requirements for recall elections.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 2988****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$SURS-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3011****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3015****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$ICCB-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3024****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$ISAC-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3262****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-EMERGENCY PURCHASE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. John J. Cullerton)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that a copy of notice of all emergency procurements and all documents provided at a public hearing shall be included in the online electronic (now, subsequent Procurement) Bulletin. Provides that the State purchasing officer (now, the purchasing agency) shall publish information regarding the emergency procurement. Provides that the actual total cost of an emergency purchase shall be published no later than 5 calendar days after it is determined (now, before the 10th day of the next succeeding month). Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**HB 3428****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Carol A. Sente-Esther Golar-Mike Fortner-Linda Chapa LaVia-Mark Batinick, Elaine Nekritz, David Harris, Kenneth Dunkin, Michael W. Tryon, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Monique D. Davis, Rita Mayfield, Camille Y. Lilly, Mary E. Flowers, Christian L. Mitchell, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Jack D. Franks, Barbara Wheeler, Silvana Tabares, Will Guzzardi, Robert F. Martwick, Michelle Mussman, Deborah Conroy, Cynthia Soto, Martin J. Moylan, Kathleen Willis, Ron Sandack, Ed Sullivan, Sheri L Jesiel, Mike Smiddy, Katherine Cloonen, Greg Harris, Charles E. Meier, Arthur Turner, Litesa E. Wallace, Sue Scherer, Sam Yingling, Anna Moeller, Steven Andersson, Robyn Gabel, Stephanie A. Kifowit, John D'Amico, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Terri Bryant, Sara Feigenholtz, Daniel J. Burke, Keith Wheeler, Margo McDermed, Christine Winger, William Davis, Patricia R. Bellock and Emanuel Chris Welch

**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.

**Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)**

HB 3428 could potentially decrease the amount of tuition revenue received by the public institutions by enabling students who obtain a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement examination to bypass costs associated with earning those credits.

**State Mandates Fiscal Note (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)**

This bill does not create a State mandate.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Requires the Illinois Articulation Initiative, through its Major panels and General Education panels, to review each of the College Board Advanced Placement examinations and assign codes for transfer. Provides that all courses, Advanced Placement or otherwise, assigned codes for transfer through the Illinois Articulation Initiative must be guaranteed transfer credit as an individual course and not be required to be part of a package of courses. Provides that public institutions of higher education that offer a corresponding course for a particular Advanced Placement examination are required to accept a student's score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement

examination for postsecondary level course credit as a part of their general education degree requirements, if applicable, or for an elective credit if not. Provides that if a public institution of higher education does not offer a corresponding course for a particular Advanced Placement examination, then the institution shall award, at a minimum, elective postsecondary level course credit toward general education degree requirements for those students who receive a score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement examination. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/17/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 3575**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** MINORITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita-Litesa E. Wallace-Martin J. Moylan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with local school districts serving grades 9-12 and local community colleges, may create Minority Internship Recruitment Programs that focus on preparing minority youth for careers in law enforcement. Provides that the internships shall provide college credit for the participants. Further provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board shall determine the guidelines for the programs. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 3577**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MED ASSISTANT GRANTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita and Al Riley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**HB 3593****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

**HB 3599****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** STUDENT DISCLOSE-MENTAL HEALTH**House Sponsors**

Rep. David R. Leitch-Sara Feigenholtz-Greg Harris-Elaine Nekritz-Ron Sandack, Kelly Burke, Litesa E. Wallace, Keith P. Sommer and Tim Butler

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. David Koehler)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act. Defines terms. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall, at or near the time that an incoming student enrolls at the institution of higher learning, provide that student the opportunity to pre-authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental health information to a designated person. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall prepare a form for the purpose of such pre-authorization. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the form if he or she so desires.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that an institution of higher learning may disclose a student's mental information if a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner makes a determination that the student poses a clear danger (rather than a clear and present danger) to himself, herself, or others to protect the student or other person against a clear, imminent risk of serious physical or mental injury or disease or death being inflicted upon the person or by the student on himself, herself, or another. Provides that the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner shall notify the designated person that the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner has made a

determination that the student poses a clear, imminent danger (rather than a clear and present danger) to himself, herself, or others. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy and supporting procedures (rather than just a policy) to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the authorization form if he or she so desires.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**HB 3608****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** SEX OFFENDER-NO COLLEGE EMPLOY**House Sponsors**

Rep. John D. Anthony

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a sex offender as defined in the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly be employed by a public or private university, college, or community college.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	House	To Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Registration Subcommittee

**HB 3692****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen-Robert W. Pritchard-Elizabeth Hernandez-John D. Anthony, Daniel V. Beiser, Laura Fine, Linda Chapa LaVia, Jerry F. Costello, II, Michael P. McAuliffe, Luis Arroyo, Mark Batinick, Avery Bourne, John D'Amico, C.D. Davidsmeyer, La Shawn K. Ford, Jack D. Franks, Randy Frese, Robert F. Martwick, Emily McAsey, Donald L. Moffitt, Martin J. Moylan, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Brian W. Stewart, Michael Unes, Patrick J. Verschoore and Christine Winger

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

**Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)**

HB 3692, once enacted, will ensure that veterans will be eligible for all Federal benefits that could total as much as \$30 million, as specified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' Section 702 compliance.

**State Debt Impact Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)**

HB 3692 would not change the amount of authorization for any type of State-issued or State-supported bond, and, therefore, would not affect the level of State indebtedness.

**Balanced Budget Note (Office of Management and Budget)**

This bill does not have an anticipated budget impact to the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**HB 3697**

**Position: Support**

**Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3770**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$466,568,200 to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

## HB 3897

**Position: Support**

**Short Description:** ISAC-STUDENT MEMBER-SCHOLARSHP

### House Sponsors

Rep. Chad Hays-Norine Hammond

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Removes the prohibition on allowing the student member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive a scholarship or grant pursuant to the Act during his or her term of office with the Commission. Effective immediately.

### House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: Includes the recognized advisory committee of students of the Illinois Community College Board (rather than the Illinois Student Association and the Organization of Community College Students) in the list of student organizations from which the student member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission may be nominated. Provides that a student appointee's status on the Commission may not be considered in determining his or her eligibility for programs administered by the Commission. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/17/2015	House	Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 105-000-000

## HB 3932

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-CAMPUS POLICE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Christian L. Mitchell-David McSweeney and Monique D. Davis

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that a campus police department subject to this Act shall disclose to the public any information that a law enforcement agency would have to disclose under the Freedom of Information Act.

### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that information and records in the custody or possession of a campus police department shall be open to inspection or copying in the same manner as public records under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides the records that are and are not subject to inspection and copying. Provides that when a person requests records, a campus police department shall make records available for public inspection in the same manner and according to the same timelines required under the Freedom of Information Act. Requires each campus police department to designate one or more employees to act as open records officers. Provides that when a request is made to inspect or copy a record that contains information that would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information, the campus police department may redact the information subject to the exemptions. Provides that any person denied access to inspect or copy any record required to be open to inspection or copying by a campus police department may file suit for injunctive or declaratory relief in the circuit court for the county where



the campus police department is located.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 3998**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 4134**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACKAGE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that if the board of trustees of a community college district issues a monetary severance package to a district employee using State funds, the exact amount of that monetary severance package shall be deducted from the next disbursement from the State Comptroller to that district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 4135**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACK CAP

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package approved by the board of trustees of a community college district after the effective date of this amendatory Act for a district employee is limited to one year of salary and one year of benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**SB 11**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy-Litesa E. Wallace and Monique D. Davis)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 16**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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**SB 26****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison and Gary Forby

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Carol A. Sente)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Recodifies a Section concerning internet posting requirements from the Local Records Act to the Open Meetings Act including and adds new language requiring all public bodies that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website. Amends the local Records Act to repeal the recodified Section.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SB 72****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED)

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**SB 89****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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**SB 221****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Political Events on College Campuses Act. Provides that first priority for the use of campus facilities shall be given to regularly scheduled public university or community college activities and that, in reviewing conflicting requests to use public university or community college facilities, primary consideration shall be given to activities specifically related to the public university or community college's mission. Provides that public university and community college facilities may be used for political activities. Provides examples of political activities. Sets forth provisions concerning the restrictions of the use of public university and community college facilities for political activities.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 14, 2015

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**SB 223****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning employee rights.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides for the issuance of grants to exonerated persons. Provides that recipients of grants issued by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to be eligible for a grant. Provides that recipients are entitled to either payment for the course of study needed for them to obtain a high school equivalency certificate or 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees, provided that the recipients are maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Allows the funds from the grant to be used for obtaining a high school equivalency certificate or pursuing undergraduate or graduate study. Provides that benefits shall be administered by and paid out of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide applicant for a grant without the requirement of demonstrating financial need to qualify for the benefits.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides for the issuance of grants to exonerated persons, subject to appropriation. Provides that recipients of grants issued by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to be eligible for a grant. Provides that recipients are entitled to either payment for the course of study needed for them to obtain a high school equivalency certificate or 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees, provided that the recipients are maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Allows the funds from the grant to be used for obtaining a high school equivalency certificate or pursuing undergraduate or graduate study. Provides that benefits shall be administered by and paid out of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide applicant for a grant without the requirement of demonstrating financial need to qualify for the benefits.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 21, 2015

**SB 225**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that, beginning 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of a new board of trustees of a community college district, no addendum to modify and amend an employee agreement between a district and another party may be agreed to or executed, nor may an employment contract be made and entered into between the board of an established district and another party. Provides that if the current board must take such action at any time during the 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of the new board due to a reasonable emergency (a defined term), then that action must be terminated within 30 days after the first organizational meeting, unless the new board, by resolution, reaffirms the agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/15/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 16, 2015

## SB 688

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Kwame Raoul-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Michael Noland, Steve Stadelman, William Delgado and Iris Y. Martinez-Andy Manar

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading February 19, 2015

## SB 760

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.

### Synopsis As Introduced

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

### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally accredited by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 25, 2015

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**SB 777****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Elaine Nekritz)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 806****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford and Steve Stadelman-Michael E. Hastings

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 25, 2015

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**SB 914****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Officer Simultaneous Tenure Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the purpose of the Act.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Prohibits all units of local government, local officials, school districts, and public institutions of higher education, which includes community colleges, including all employees and persons or contractors working on behalf of such entities, from sending promotional materials to residents during certain periods leading up to consolidated elections and general elections. Exempts promotional materials directly related to course offerings, programs of study, or certificate or degree programs, including information regarding tuition and expenses from the restrictions imposed by the amendatory Act. Provides that the restrictions do not apply to bills, schedules of events, or course-related materials, including financial aid. Contains a penalty provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/15/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 16, 2015

**SB 1057****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** GOVERNMENT-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Dan Kotowski-Don Harmon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that on or before July 1, 2016 (currently, 2015) the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall adopt rules applicable to grants which adopt the federal Uniform Guidance. Provides that the Office shall, on or before July 1, 2015 (currently, 2014), establish a centralized unit within the Office to be known as the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit. Provides that on or before July 1, 2017 (currently, 2015), all State grant-making agencies shall implement the rules issued by the Office. Provides that State grant-making agencies shall implement the policies and procedures applicable to State and federal pass-through awards by adopting rules for non-federal entities by December 31, 2016. Makes related changes. Repeals the Act on July 16, 2020 (currently, 5 years after the effective date of the Act).

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Adds an immediate effective date.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 21, 2015



**SB 1095****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** GOVERNMENT-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Provides that the Illinois Procurement Code does not apply to public universities within the State. Sets forth provisions concerning public universities creating their own procurement guidelines. Provides that public universities must enter into contracts procurements in compliance with State and federal laws. Provides that the applicable Chief Procurement Officer shall conduct audit awards. Provides that if a vendor is previously registered under the vendor portal, than the public university must qualify the vendor as a verified vendor.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 14, 2015

**SB 1221****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

**SB 1260****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Noland

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall

be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Provides that the Act may be cited as the Tax Modernization Act. Makes changes concerning the services that are defined as sales at retail under the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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### **SB 1291**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Melinda Bush and Steve Stadelman

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

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### **SB 1299**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PENCD-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT

#### **Senate Sponsors**

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

## SB 1334

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** REGULATION-TECH

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Weights and Measures Act. Makes a technical change to the Section containing the short title.

### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Deletes a reference to the Weights and Measures Act. Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Removes provisions concerning a business concern. Defines relevant terms. Makes corresponding changes. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education that manages professional service contracts shall adopt policies and implementation procedures for increasing the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to not less than 20% of State contracts. Provides that the Business Enterprise Council shall file an annual report with the Governor and the General Assembly no later than March 1 of each year. Provides that the annual report shall include a summary detailing expenditures (currently, State appropriations). Effective immediately.

### Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of Senate Amendment 1 with the following changes: defines "State contracts" as not subject to federal reimbursement. Provides that not less than 20% (currently, 10%) of the total dollar amount of State construction contracts is established as a goal to be awarded to minority and females owned businesses. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education is encouraged by the State to use businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in the area of goods and services (currently, professional services). Defines "insurance broker" (rather than "emerging insurance broker"). Provides that except as defined by the Illinois Procurement Code (currently, the Illinois Purchasing Act), each agency and public institution of higher education shall notify the Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities of proposed contracts. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

### Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of Senate Amendment 1 with the following changes: defines "State contracts" as not subject to federal reimbursement. Provides that not less than 20% (currently, 10%) of the total dollar amount of State construction contracts is established as a goal to be awarded to minority and females owned businesses. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education is encouraged by the State to use businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in the area of goods and services (currently, professional services). Defines "insurance broker" (rather than "emerging insurance broker"). Provides that except as defined by the Illinois Procurement Code (currently

the Illinois Purchasing Act), each agency and public institution of higher education shall notify the Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities of proposed contracts. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 24, 2015

**SB 1339**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

#### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each public body to post video of its meetings on the public body's official website within 24 hours after the scheduled beginning of the meeting. Provides that the posting requirements do not apply to portions of a meeting that are closed under the Act. Requires each public body to retain the video of each meeting on its official website for a period of 2 years after the meeting date or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes or transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each public body must post its meeting agenda on its official website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, except in the case of an emergency meetings. Provides that the failure of a public body to provide video or to post meeting agendas due to technical difficulties shall not invalidate any meeting or any actions taken at the meeting. Effective January 1, 2016.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1. Makes the following changes: provides that each public body shall post video of its meetings within 2 business days following (instead of within 24 hours after) the scheduled beginning of the meeting. Provides that each public body must keep the video of each meeting on its official website for a period of 2 years after the meeting date or until the meeting has been reduced to written (instead of detailed) minutes or transcripts. In the case of an emergency meeting, requires each public body to post its agenda as soon as practicable, but in any event prior to the holding of such meeting. Further amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a person who believes that a violation of the provisions of the amendatory Act has occurred may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor. Makes conforming changes elsewhere in the Act concerning public notices. Effective January 1, 2016.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Provides that a public body must keep the video of each meeting on its official website for the later of 2 years or until the meeting is reduced to minutes (under SA #2 this is until the meeting reduced to minutes or to a written transcript).

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/17/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 1369****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison and Dan Duffy

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Elaine Nekritz)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions similar to the introduced bill with the following changes: Defines "late term executive appointee". Provides that late term executive appointees shall serve no longer than 60 days into the term of office of the succeeding Governor. Provides that late term executive appointees may be retained by appointment, contract, or employment after the 60th day only if the public body takes official action at an open meeting of that public body after the succeeding Governor has taken office. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 1393****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett and Gary Forby-Steve Stadelman-William Delgado

**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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following change: provides that the State Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants to community colleges in which students are able to enroll in a certification program. Effective July 1, 2016.

#### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes. Makes the State Board of Education's duties subject to a separate appropriation. Requires the State Board to annually confer and reach agreement with the Illinois Community College Board and the Department of Employment Security (instead of just conferring with the Illinois Community College Board) to identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers. Subject to a separate appropriation, requires the Illinois Community College Board to (i) annually confer and reach agreement with the State Board and the Department of Employment Security to identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers; (ii) annually notify community college districts of the identified industries and occupations and make this information available on its Internet website; and (iii) approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages in any of the industries or occupations identified. Makes changes concerning the award of incentive grants. Effective July 1, 2016.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 26, 2015

### **SB 1455**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William Delgado

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that one of the State assessments for high school students shall include tests in the areas of English language arts, reading, mathematics, and science for the purpose of student application or admissions to public institutions of higher education.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 25, 2015

### **SB 1457**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Thomas Cullerton-Pat McGuire and Toi W. Hutchinson

### House Sponsors

(Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia)

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## SB 1526

Position: Monitor

Short Description: PROP TX-DISTRICT NOTIFICATION

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire-Pamela J. Althoff

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that in all cases where a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more is sought, the party filing the petition must state in the initial complaint the valuation that is sought. Requires the board of review to provide notice of the petition to all municipalities, school districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts that have a revenue interest in the property at least 14 days prior to the hearing on the complaint. Removes a provision concerning serving a copy of the petition to all taxing districts. Provides that in any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant did not provide notice to the board of review that a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more was being sought, the Property Tax Appeal Board shall have no jurisdiction to issue any decision that would result in a change of \$100,000 or more. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. In provisions requiring the board of review to notify municipalities, school districts, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts of petitions seeking a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more, provides that the board of review shall also provide notice of the petition to any other taxing district that has a revenue interest in the property, so long as the district files a written request to receive such notice with the clerk of the board of review. Removes a provision concerning any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant did not provide notice to the board of review. Effective immediately.

### Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: in provisions requiring the board of review to notify municipalities, school districts, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts of petitions seeking a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more, provides that the board of review shall also provide notice of the petition to any other taxing district that has a revenue interest in the property, so long as the district files a written request to receive such notice with the clerk of the board of review. Removes a provision concerning any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant did not provide notice to the board of review. Effective immediately.



**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 14, 2015

**SB 1583****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link-Melinda Bush, Kimberly A. Lightford, Thomas Cullerton and William Delgado

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 25, 2015

**SB 1593****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy-Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations



**SB 1621****Position: Support****Short Description:** BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

**SB 1633****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

**SB 1655****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Provides that the value of a severance agreement entered into by a board of trustees may not be greater than one year's base salary of the applicable employee. Removes provisions allowing a petition to be filed objecting to a community college severance agreement and allowing the General Assembly to disapprove a university severance agreement.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

**SB 1656****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the

naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Removes provisions that require the board of trustees of a community college district to immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor and that allow a petition to be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

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### **SB 1710**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Monetary Award Program.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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### **SB 2004**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the

Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2008**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2019**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2020**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2040**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$IL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2069**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$SURS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2099**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED & IL MATH & SCI

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**HR 55****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermed, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E. Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley Laura Fine and Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**House Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of Resolutions

**HR 152****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen, Carol A. Sente and Michelle Mussman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	House	Resolution Adopted

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**HR 162****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Dwight Kay, Kathleen Willis and Carol A. Sente

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the College of DuPage covering Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 171****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Community College Access & Affordability Committee Hearing Apr 20 2015 4:30PM Capitol Building Room 118  
Springfield, IL

Community College Access & Affordability Committee Hearing Apr 22 2015 9:00AM Capitol Building Room 118  
Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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**HR 187****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT**House Sponsors**

Rep. David McSweeney-Dwight Kay-Jay Hoffman-C.D. Davidsmeyer-Jerry F. Costello, II, Bill Mitchell, Brandon W. Phelps, Terri Bryant, Deborah Conroy, Charles E. Meier, Patrick J. Verschoore, Adam Brown, Barbara Wheeler, Thomas Bennett, David Reis, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Emanuel Chris Welch, Mike Smiddy, John D.

Cavaletto, Norine Hammond, Michael Unes, Raymond Poe, Sue Scherer, Donald L. Moffitt, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Michael P. McAuliffe, John M. Cabello, Tom Demmer, Al Riley, Randy Frese and Carol Ammons

#### Synopsis As Introduced

States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

#### HR 241

Position: Monitor

#### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Apr 21 2015 10:00AM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** ICCB-RECONSIDER GED CONTRACT

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Requests that the Illinois Community College Board reconsider the contract it holds with the GED Testing Service with regard to high school equivalency testing, evaluate the results of other companies that provide high school equivalency testing versus historic data concerning the Test of General Educational Development, and study the feasibility of other companies providing high school equivalency testing in this State or having this State implement its own high school equivalency testing by looking at how other, comparable states administer high school equivalency testing.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

#### HR 275

Position: Monitor

**Short Description:** ST FUNDS-COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Resolves that State funding for the College of DuPage should be reduced by \$1,525,736.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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**4/14/2015****House****Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee****SR 138****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

**HJR 11****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Apr 21 2015 11:00AM  
Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** EDUCATION/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Alignment, which will conduct a thorough review of the existing curriculum and how it assists in workforce development, make recommendations to implement alterations to the current curriculum, and consider the long-term implications and outcomes of the new curriculum.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

**HJR 20****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, II-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert

W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Patricia R. Bellock and Peter Breen

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### **HJR 35**

**Position: Monitor**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

Community College Access & Affordability Committee Hearing Apr 20 2015 4:30PM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

Community College Access & Affordability Committee Hearing Apr 22 2015 9:00AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Dan Brady and Adam Brown

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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### **HJR 52**

**Position: Monitor**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Apr 21 2015 10:00AM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED COMM'N ON WORKFORCE

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Kelly Burke-Norine Hammond and Sue Scherer

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Resolves that the Board of Higher Education establish a Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce to ensure that the State has an educated workforce to meet the needs of business and industry.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the heading. Reinserts the contents of the introduced resolution with the following change: provides that the Board of Higher Education shall provide administrative support to the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**HJR 66****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED AFFORDABILITY TF**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mark Batinick

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Affordability Task Force to study and make recommendations on higher education affordability and student retention, and to determine whether Illinois is doing an adequate job at capturing sufficient available federal grants for higher education.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SJR 20****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Andy Manar

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce within the Board of Higher Education.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments



# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

### ***Special Illinois Community College Trustees Association Lobby Day Edition***

April 28, 2015

Welcome to Springfield and the Illinois General Assembly! Here is what is happening this week.

This week the House and Senate exchange bills. Much of the action reverts to committees. The House has 23 committees scheduled to meet this week, and the Senate has 21 committees scheduled as well.

Five weeks remain before the scheduled adjournment date of May 31. For the only time this session, the next deadline dates for the two chambers are different. The House has set Friday, May 8, as a deadline for Senate bills to be considered by House committees. The Senate has set Friday, May 15, as a deadline for House bills to be considered by Senate committees. It is speculated that the Senate deadline reflects the belief that the House sent more bills to the Senate than the Senate sent to the House.

Again, the highlighted actions mark action on the bills since the prior week's report. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

**HB 170**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard-Carol Ammons and Monique D. Davis

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Steven M. Landek)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Illinois Procurement Code to public institutions of higher education. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to State Government and Veterans Affairs

**HB 303**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Margo McDermid-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-Frances Ann Hurley, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Steven Andersson, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Patrick J. Verschoore, Fred Crespo, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Linda Chapa LaVia, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Mike Smiddy, Peter Breen, Keith Wheeler, Monique D. Davis and David McSweeney

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Pamela J. Althoff)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

## KEY LEGISLATION

- **HB 303** (McDermid/ Althoff) – FOIA-Severance Agreements
- **HB 2717** (Ives) – Local Govt – Post Records
- **HB 3593** (Ives) – Com Col Employment Contract
- **HB 3697** (Currie) – Com Col-Elect Trustee-Nominate
- **SB 225** (Cunningham) – Education - Tech
- **SB 688** (Lightford/Scherer) – Supplier Diversity
- **SB 914** (Connelly/Sandack) – Local Govt - Tech
- **SB 1334** (Clayborne/Turner) – Supplier Diversity
- **SB 1621** (McGuire) – IBHE – Exclude ICCB



**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Provides that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public, subject to redaction as allowed by the Act. Deletes language providing 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.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill and House Amendment No. 1, and deletes language providing that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

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**HB 403****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** UNIV-TUITION WAIVERS-REPEAL**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Luis Arroyo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Provides that provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver do not apply to students enrolled at a State university after the 2015-2016 academic year. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 422****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Executive Hearing Apr 29 2015 2:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thomas Morrison and Carol A. Sente

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Michael Connelly)

**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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive

**HB 735****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Anthony DeLuca-Jack D. Franks-Mark Batinick-Carol A. Sente-Keith Wheeler, Ron Sandack and Martin J. Moylan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community Self-Revitalization Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that no advertisement may be purchased using municipal funds that would include the name of any person holding an elected office. Defines "advertisement". Provides that a violation of the amendatory Act will require the violator to repay the amount of municipal funds used for the advertisement. Provides that a third violation will result in the violator's removal from municipal office. Makes conforming changes in other parts of the Code concerning vacancies in municipal office.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2015	House	Third Reading - Standard Debate - Passed 113-000-000

**HB 811****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Scott Drury

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Changes the definition of "school student record" to include within the definition information by which a student may be personally identified. Sets forth provisions allowing disclosure of school student data to researchers at an accredited post-secondary educational institution or an organization conducting research if specified requirements are met.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 819**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**House Committee Amendment No. 1 – TABLED**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act and the Public Community College Act. Requires each community college district to offer at least one program of study in an academic or technical field that leads to a bachelor of arts or science degree awarded by the community college. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to permit a community college district to offer such a program.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 821**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michelle Mussman, Michael J. Zalewski, Emanuel Chris Welch, Elizabeth Hernandez, Kathleen Willis, Mary E. Flowers, Barbara Wheeler, Ann Williams, Silvana Tabares, Laura Fine, Cynthia Soto, Rita Mayfield, Frances Ann Hurley, Deborah Conroy and Stephanie A. Kifowit

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the College Student Immunization Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning immunization reports.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities, public community colleges, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institutions to adopt a comprehensive policy to address student allegations of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Requires each higher education institution, upon being notified of a violation of the comprehensive policy, to provide the student survivor with a concise notification of the survivor's



rights and options. Requires each higher education institution to provide students with access to confidential advisors to provide emergency and ongoing support to survivors of sexual violence. Requires each higher education institution to adopt one procedure to resolve complaints of student violations of the comprehensive policy. Sets forth provisions concerning campus training, education, and awareness. Amends the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Requires each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution (instead of just public institutions of higher education) to either establish their own campus-wide task force or participate in a regional task force; makes other changes concerning the task forces. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, with respect to programs to improve human relations, to require an annual (rather than monthly) report to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General concerning racial, ethnic, or religious intimidation and sexual harassment cases and to require each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution to provide an annual report concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure with respect to privileged communications between a confidential advisor and a student survivor pertaining to an incident of sexual violence. Effective immediately.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## HB 1402

Position: Monitor

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Thaddeus Jones-Rita Mayfield

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Further amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Requires each public university to offer a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a public university to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

#### House Floor Amendment No. 2

Removes the provision requiring all community college students to take a course studying the events of Black History.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 1484

Position: Monitor

**Short Description:** VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

**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.

**House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require the school district's high schools, if any, to inform all 11th and 12th grade students of dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities at public community colleges for qualified students.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB 1490****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** YOUNG ADULT STATE EMPLOYMENT**House Sponsors**

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Deborah Conroy-Mary E. Flowers-Emanuel Chris Welch and Camille Y. Lilly

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Iris Y. Martinez)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Act. Contains a Purposes Section. Defines terms. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall: develop and implement plans to increase the number of young adult community members employed by State government, including those at supervisory, technical, professional, and managerial levels; prepare a Young Adult Community State Employment Plan; annually report to the General Assembly each State agency's activities that implement the Plan; and assist State agencies with training programs to meet their affirmative action and equal employment opportunity goals. Provides that each State agency shall implement programs under the Plan to increase the number of young adult community members employed by the State and report annually to the Department its activities that implement the Plan. Creates the Young Adult Community State Employment Plan Advisory Council, consisting of 11 members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a subject matter expert on the young adult community. Provides that members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses from appropriated funds. Includes other provisions. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Commission on Young Adult Employment Act. Contains provisions concerning the appointment, term, and reimbursement of members of the Commission on Young Adult Employment. Provides that Chicago State University shall provide administrative support to the Commission. Provides that the Commission shall identify issues concerning the readiness and ability of young adults to find employment after graduating from college or otherwise completing their education that may be addressed by the current and future General Assemblies. Provides that the Commission shall consult with State agencies, community stakeholders, other universities and institutions of higher education, and local school boards. Provides that the Commission shall file annual reports setting forth its findings and recommendations. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**HB 1744****Position: Support****Short Description:** STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. John D. Cavaletto

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title of the Code.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Provides for the conveyance to Kaskaskia College of the real property on which the Department of Agriculture's Centralia Animal Disease Laboratory was located, restricting the use of the property to educational purposes. Provides that, if Kaskaskia College ceases to exist or if the real property is used for any purposes other than educational purposes, the property shall revert to the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**HB 2148****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** FINANCE-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Avery Bourne-Anthony DeLuca

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Provides that the unused portion of federal funds received either as reimbursement or as direct payments (currently, only direct payments) for a capital facilities project shall remain in the Capital Development Board Contributory Trust Fund. Removes a provision concerning the federal funds received as reimbursement for the completed construction of a capital facilities project shall be deposited in the General Obligation Bond Retirement and Interest Fund. Amends the Capital Development Bond Act. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2568****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** BUILDING COMM'N-STATE AGENCIES**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael W. Tryon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Building Commission Act. Provides that, at least 30 days prior to filing rules pertaining to the adoption or amendment of any statewide code pertaining to building construction, each State agency must provide notice to the Illinois Building Commission. Provides that the Commission must identify the proposed code, by the title and edition, or by the amendment, to the public on the Internet. Effective immediately.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Capital Development Board Act. Provides that the Capital Development Board shall maintain on its website links to all currently applicable State building codes. Requires State agencies that propose to adopt new building or construction requirements, or amendments to existing requirements, to report that proposed activity to the Capital Development Board. Effective immediately.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of House Amendment 1 with changes. Provides that the State agency shall notify the Capital Development Board when it adopts a rulemaking creating or amending building or construction rules and when it moves its rulemaking to Second Notice. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2717****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Peter Breen-Sam Yingling-Ed Sullivan-Rita Mayfield, Ron Sandack, Martin J. Moylan, David McSweeney, Patricia R. Bellock, Jack D. Franks, Carol Ammons, Linda Chapa LaVia, Dwight Kay and Anna Moeller

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (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; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

#### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the introduced bill with the following changes: Moves the new Section from the Local Records Act to the Open Meetings Act. Provides that posting specified data on the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal shall meet the posting requirements for that data. Modifies the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to make conforming changes.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Third Reading - Standard Debate - Passed 078-014-000

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#### HB 2869

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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#### HB 2871

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

#### Last Action

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2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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**HB 2881****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2882****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 2937****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** ELEC CD-LOCAL GOVT RECALLS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mark Batinick and Martin J. Moylan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Elected Official Recall Act. Provides that non-home rule local officeholders that were elected during a general consolidated election may be recalled under the Act. Establishes petition requirements for recall elections.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2015	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 2988****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$SURS-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3011****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3015****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** \$ICCB-TECH**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY16

ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3024**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$ISAC-TECH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3262**

**Position: Monitor**

**Committee Hearing:**

Executive Hearing Apr 29 2015 2:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** PROCUREMENT-EMERGENCY PURCHASE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. John J. Cullerton)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that a copy of notice of all emergency procurements and all documents provided at a public hearing shall be included in the online electronic (now, subsequent Procurement) Bulletin. Provides that the State purchasing officer (now, the purchasing agency) shall publish information regarding the emergency procurement. Provides that the actual total cost of an emergency purchase shall be published no later than 5 calendar days after it is determined (now, before the 10th day of the next succeeding month). Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Assigned to Executive



**Short Description:** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Carol A. Sente-Esther Golar-Mike Fortner-Linda Chapa LaVia-Mark Batinick, Elaine Nekritz, David Harris, Kenneth Dunkin, Michael W. Tryon, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Monique D. Davis, Rita Mayfield, Camille Y. Lilly, Mary E. Flowers, Christian L. Mitchell, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Jack D. Franks, Barbara Wheeler, Silvana Tabares, Will Guzzardi, Robert F. Martwick, Michelle Mussman, Deborah Conroy, Cynthia Soto, Martin J. Moylan, Kathleen Willis, Ron Sandack, Ed Sullivan, Sheri L. Jesiel, Mike Smiddy, Katherine Cloonen, Greg Harris, Charles E. Meier, Arthur Turner, Litesa E. Wallace, Sue Scherer, Sam Yingling, Anna Moeller, Steven Andersson, Robyn Gabel, Stephanie A. Kifowit, John D'Amico, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Terri Bryant, Sara Feigenholtz, Daniel J. Burke, Keith Wheeler, Margo McDermed, Christine Winger, William Davis, Patricia R. Bellock and Emanuel Chris Welch

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Pat McGuire-Matt Murphy-Dan Kotowski-Andy Manar, Thomas Cullerton-Julie A. Morrison and Linda Holmes)

**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.

**Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)**

HB 3428 could potentially decrease the amount of tuition revenue received by the public institutions by enabling students who obtain a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement examination to bypass costs associated with earning those credits.

**State Mandates Fiscal Note (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)**

This bill does not create a State mandate.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Requires the Illinois Articulation Initiative, through its Major panels and General Education panels, to review each of the College Board Advanced Placement examinations and assign codes for transfer. Provides that all courses, Advanced Placement or otherwise, assigned codes for transfer through the Illinois Articulation Initiative must be guaranteed transfer credit as an individual course and not be required to be part of a package of courses. Provides that public institutions of higher education that offer a corresponding course for a particular Advanced Placement examination are required to accept a student's score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement examination for postsecondary level course credit as a part of their general education degree requirements, if applicable, or for an elective credit if not. Provides that if a public institution of higher education does not offer a corresponding course for a particular Advanced Placement examination, then the institution shall award, at a minimum, elective postsecondary level course credit toward general education degree requirements for those students who receive a score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement examination. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**HB 3575****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** MINORITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita-Litesa E. Wallace-Martin J. Moylan

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with local school districts serving grades 9-12 and local community colleges, may create Minority Internship Recruitment Programs that focus on preparing minority youth for careers in law enforcement. Provides that the internships shall provide college credit for the participants. Further provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board shall determine the guidelines for the programs. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB 3577****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MED ASSISTANT GRANTS**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert Rita and Al Riley

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB 3593      Position: Oppose****Short Description:** COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Ron Sandack-Margo McDermed-Deborah Conroy-Martin J. Moylan, Dwight Kay, Mark Batinick, Brian W. Stewart, Tom Demmer, David Harris, Mike Fortner, Patricia R. Bellock, Barbara Wheeler, Sheri L Jesiel, David McSweeney, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Robert Rita, Carol A. Sente, Michael W. Tryon and Peter Breen

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

### House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: with respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, provides that the initial term of a rolling contract (rather than the term of a contract) may not exceed 3 years, and a rollover term or terms may not exceed one year. Provides that severance under the contract may not exceed one year salary and applicable benefits (rather than just one year). Provides that a contract with a determinate start and end date may not exceed 4 years. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 096-000-000

**HB 3599**

**Position: Monitor**

### Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Hearing Apr 28 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** STUDENT DISCLOSE-MENTAL HEALTH

### House Sponsors

Rep. David R. Leitch-Sara Feigenholtz-Greg Harris-Elaine Nekritz-Ron Sandack, Kelly Burke, Litesa E. Wallace, Keith P. Sommer and Tim Butler

### Senate Sponsors

(Sen. David Koehler)

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act. Defines terms. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall, at or near the time that an incoming student enrolls at the institution of higher learning, provide that student the opportunity to pre-authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental health information to a designated person. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall prepare a form for the purpose of such pre-authorization. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the form if he or she so desires.

### House Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that an institution of higher learning may disclose a student's mental information if a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner makes a determination that the student poses a clear danger (rather than a clear and present danger) to himself, herself, or others to protect the student or other person against a clear, imminent risk of serious physical or mental injury or disease or death being inflicted upon the person or by the student on himself, herself, or another. Provides that the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner shall notify the designated person that the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner has made a determination that the student poses a clear, imminent danger (rather than a clear and present danger) to himself, herself, or others. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy and supporting procedures

(rather than just a policy) to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the authorization form if he or she so desires.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**HB 3608**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SEX OFFENDER-NO COLLEGE EMPLOY

**House Sponsors**

Rep. John D. Anthony

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a sex offender as defined in the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly be employed by a public or private university, college, or community college.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	House	To Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Registration Subcommittee

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**HB 3692**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen-Robert W. Pritchard-Elizabeth Hernandez-John D. Anthony, Daniel V. Beiser, Laura Fine, Linda Chapa LaVia, Jerry F. Costello, II, Michael P. McAuliffe, Luis Arroyo, Mark Batinick, Avery Bourne, John D'Amico, C.D. Davidsmeyer, La Shawn K. Ford, Jack D. Franks, Randy Frese, Robert F. Martwick, Emily McAsey, Donald L. Moffitt, Martin J. Moylan, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Brian W. Stewart, Michael Unes, Patrick J. Verschoore and Christine Winger

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

**Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)**

HB 3692, once enacted, will ensure that veterans will be eligible for all Federal benefits that could total as much as \$30 million, as specified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' Section 702 compliance.

**State Debt Impact Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)**

HB 3692 would not change the amount of authorization for any type of State-issued or State-supported bond, and, therefore, would not affect the level of State indebtedness.

**Balanced Budget Note (Office of Management and Budget)**

This bill does not have an anticipated budget impact to the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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**HB 3697**

**Position: Support**

**Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 3770**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$466,568,200 to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

## HB 3897

**Position: Support**

**Short Description:** ISAC-STUDENT MEMBER-SCHOLARSHIP

### House Sponsors

Rep. Chad Hays-Norine Hammond

### Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Dale A. Righter)

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Removes the prohibition on allowing the student member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive a scholarship or grant pursuant to the Act during his or her term of office with the Commission. Effective immediately.

### House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: Includes the recognized advisory committee of students of the Illinois Community College Board (rather than the Illinois Student Association and the Organization of Community College Students) in the list of student organizations from which the student member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission may be nominated. Provides that a student appointee's status on the Commission may not be considered in determining his or her eligibility for programs administered by the Commission. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## HB 3932

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-CAMPUS POLICE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Christian L. Mitchell-David McSweeney and Monique D. Davis

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that a campus police department subject to this Act shall disclose to the public any information that a law enforcement agency would have to disclose under the Freedom of Information Act.

### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that information and records in the custody or possession of a campus police department shall be open to inspection or copying in the same manner as public records under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides the records that are and are not subject to inspection and copying. Provides that when a person requests records, a campus police department shall make records available for public inspection in the same manner and according to the same timelines required under the Freedom of Information Act. Requires each campus police department to designate one or more employees to act as open records officers. Provides that when a request is made to inspect or copy a record that contains information that would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of

Information, the campus police department may redact the information subject to the exemptions. Provides that any person denied access to inspect or copy any record required to be open to inspection or copying by a campus police department may file suit for injunctive or declaratory relief in the circuit court for the county where the campus police department is located.

#### **House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill as amended by House Amendment No. 1, with the following changes: provides that information and records in the custody or possession of a campus police department shall be open to inspection or copying to the extent the information and records relate to the members of the campus police department's exercise of the powers of municipal peace officers or county sheriffs (rather than in the same manner as public records under the Freedom of Information Act); makes related changes. Sets forth provisions concerning records that are subject to inspection and copying and records that are not are not subject to inspection and copying. Sets forth provisions concerning copying fees charged to the requester for the campus police department reproducing the records. Provides that a campus police department must respond to requests within 5 business days (rather than responding in a timely manner). Provides that a campus police department may train employees regarding compliance with this Act by using the training program made available by the Office of the Attorney General Public Access Counselor. Provides that any person denied access to any record required to be publicly available may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor not later than 60 days after the date of the denial (rather than in the same manner as provided under the Freedom of Information Act). Sets forth provisions providing that the Public Access Counselor shall determine whether further action is warranted on a request for review. Provides that the Attorney General may exercise his or her discretion and choose how to resolve a request for review.

#### **House Floor Amendment No. 3**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as amended by House Amendment No. 2, but makes changes concerning records of employment matters not being subject to inspection and copying.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Third Reading - Short Debate - Passed 108-000-000

## **HB 3998**

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB 4134****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACKAGE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that if the board of trustees of a community college district issues a monetary severance package to a district employee using State funds, the exact amount of that monetary severance package shall be deducted from the next disbursement from the State Comptroller to that district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB 4135****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACK CAP**House Sponsors**

Rep. Ron Sandack

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package approved by the board of trustees of a community college district after the effective date of this amendatory Act for a district employee is limited to one year of salary and one year of benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

**HB 4205****Short Description:** HIGHER ED-GRANTS TO TEACHERS**House Sponsors**

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford-Mary E. Flowers

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award grants to applicants who are teachers licensed under the School Code and are employed by a school district within an area designated as a poverty area by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to obtain additional course credit or an additional degree at a public university located in this State. Provides that the amount of the grant shall equal 50% of the tuition and other necessary fees required of the teacher by the public university at which the teacher enrolls. Requires grant recipients to contract with the Commission to teach



for an additional 2 years in the school district in which they were employed at the time of application for the grant. Sets forth provisions concerning this commitment.

**Pension Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)**

HB 4205 will not impact any public pension fund or retirement system in Illinois.

**State Debt Impact Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)**

HB 4205 would not change the amount of authorization for any type of State-issued or State-supported bond, and, therefore, would not affect the level of State indebtedness.

**State Mandates Fiscal Note (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)**

This bill does not create a State mandate.

**Fiscal Note (Illinois Board of Higher Education)**

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission estimate uses the percentage of the school eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch as a proxy, not knowing how The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity would define a poverty area. About 61,000 teachers work in schools with at least 40% of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch, and around half of teachers already hold a master's degree, leaving roughly 30,000 teachers who might be eligible for the program. According to College Navigator data, the weighted average tuition and fees for undergraduate school in Illinois is about \$13,000. The weighted average for graduate school at Illinois public universities is about \$13,509. The bill proposes covering half the cost. If most teachers wanted to attend graduate school parttime, then the average cost per participant using graduate tuition and fees is  $\$13,509 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$ , or \$3,377 per participant. Determining participation is more complicated. If half of the eligible teachers chose to participate, the cost would be  $15,000 \times \$3,377$ , or about \$50 million. If 10% wanted to participate it would be  $3,000 \times \$3,377$ , or about \$10 million.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/21/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SB 11**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy-Litesa E. Wallace and Monique D. Davis)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
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2/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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**SB 16****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** CAMPUS SAFETY ACT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2015	Senate	Assigned to Criminal Law

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**SB 26****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Apr 28 2015 3:00PM Stratton Building Room 413 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Gary Forby and Daniel Biss

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Carol A. Sente)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Recodifies a Section concerning internet posting requirements from the Local Records Act to the Open Meetings Act including and adds new language requiring all public bodies that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website. Amends the local Records Act to repeal the recodified Section.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 72****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (ED)

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**SB 89**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

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**SB 221**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Political Events on College Campuses Act.

Provides that first priority for the use of campus facilities shall be given to regularly scheduled public university or community college activities and that, in reviewing conflicting requests to use public university or community college facilities, primary consideration shall be given to activities specifically related to the public university or community college's mission. Specifies the activities for which public university and community college facilities may be used. Sets forth provisions concerning the restrictions of the use of public university and community college facilities for political activities.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 23, 2015

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## SB 223

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Dan Kotowski

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning employee rights.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides for the issuance of grants to exonerated persons. Provides that recipients of grants issued by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to be eligible for a grant. Provides that recipients are entitled to either payment for the course of study needed for them to obtain a high school equivalency certificate or 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees, provided that the recipients are maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Allows the funds from the grant to be used for obtaining a high school equivalency certificate or pursuing undergraduate or graduate study. Provides that benefits shall be administered by and paid out of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide applicant for a grant without the requirement of demonstrating financial need to qualify for the benefits.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides for the issuance of grants to exonerated persons, subject to appropriation. Provides that recipients of grants issued by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to be eligible for a grant. Provides that recipients are entitled to either payment for the course of study needed for them to obtain a high school equivalency certificate or 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees, provided that the recipients are maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Allows the funds from the grant to be used for obtaining a high school equivalency certificate or pursuing undergraduate or graduate study. Provides that benefits shall be administered by and paid out of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide applicant for a grant without the requirement of demonstrating financial need to qualify for the benefits.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 21, 2015

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## SB 225

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that, beginning 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of a new board of trustees of a community college district, no addendum to modify and amend an employee agreement between a district and another party may be agreed to or executed, nor may an employment contract be made and entered into between the board of an established district and another party. Provides that if the current board must take such action at any time during the 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of the new board due to a reasonable emergency (a defined term), then that action must be terminated within 30 days after the first organizational meeting, unless the new board, by resolution, reaffirms the agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/15/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 16, 2015

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**SB 688      Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Kwame Raoul-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Michael Noland, Steve Stadelman, William Delgado and Iris Y. Martinez-Andy Manar

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Sue Scherer)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the previous calendar year. Provides that each institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires every institution of higher education approved by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, whether public or private, to submit an annual report on its voluntary supplier diversity program to the Department of Central Management Services, except that, in the case of public community colleges, requires the report to be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board and requires the Illinois Community College Board to immediately forward the report to the Department. Sets forth provisions on what the report must include and how and when the report must be submitted. Provides that, for each report, the Department shall publish the results on its Internet website for 5 years after submission or, with respect to public

community colleges, for 5 years after the report has been forwarded to the Department by the Illinois Community College Board. Requires the Department to hold an annual higher education supplier diversity workshop in February of 2016 and every February thereafter to discuss the reports with representatives of the institutions of higher education and vendors. Provides that the Department shall prepare a template for voluntary supplier diversity reports. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SB 760****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Kimberly A. Lightford and David Koehler

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally accredited by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Requires an institution to have successfully completed a full term of national accreditation without probation (instead of without probation, a warning, or the denial of a substantive change in an application) in order to be approved as an institution from which credits may be transferred. Makes a grammatical change.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SB 777****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Elaine Nekritz)

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### SB 806

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford and Steve Stadelman-Michael E. Hastings

#### Synopsis As Introduced

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

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/21/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 22, 2015

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### SB 914

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH

#### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael Connelly-Sue Rezin and Thomas Cullerton

#### House Sponsors

(Rep. Ron Sandack)

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Officer Simultaneous Tenure Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the purpose of the Act.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Prohibits all units of local government, local officials, school districts, and public institutions of higher education, which includes community colleges, including all employees and persons or contractors working on behalf of such entities, from sending promotional materials to residents during certain periods leading up to consolidated elections and general elections. Exempts promotional materials directly related to course offerings, programs of study, or certificate or degree programs, including information regarding tuition and expenses from the restrictions imposed by the amendatory Act. Provides that the restrictions do not apply to bills, schedules of events, or course-related materials, including financial aid. Contains a penalty provision.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 1057****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** GOVERNMENT-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Dan Kotowski-Don Harmon

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that on or before July 1, 2016 (currently, 2015) the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall adopt rules applicable to grants which adopt the federal Uniform Guidance. Provides that the Office shall, on or before July 1, 2015 (currently, 2014), establish a centralized unit within the Office to be known as the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit. Provides that on or before July 1, 2017 (currently, 2015), all State grant-making agencies shall implement the rules issued by the Office. Provides that State grant-making agencies shall implement the policies and procedures applicable to State and federal pass-through awards by adopting rules for non-federal entities by December 31, 2016. Makes related changes. Repeals the Act on July 16, 2020 (currently, 5 years after the effective date of the Act).

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Adds an immediate effective date.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 1095****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** GOVERNMENT-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose



**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Provides that the Illinois Procurement Code does not apply to public universities within the State. Sets forth provisions concerning public universities creating their own procurement guidelines. Provides that public universities must enter into contracts procurements in compliance with State and federal laws. Provides that the applicable Chief Procurement Officer shall conduct audit awards. Provides that if a vendor is previously registered under the vendor portal, than the public university must qualify the vendor as a verified vendor.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 23, 2015

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**SB 1291****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** SEVERANCE PAYMENTS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Melinda Bush and Steve Stadelman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds \$200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

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**SB 1334****Position: Oppose****Short Description:** REGULATION-TECH**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Weights and Measures Act. Makes a technical change to the Section containing the short title.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Deletes a reference to the Weights and Measures Act. Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Removes provisions

concerning a business concern. Defines relevant terms. Makes corresponding changes. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education that manages professional service contracts shall adopt policies and implementation procedures for increasing the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to not less than 20% of State contracts. Provides that the Business Enterprise Council shall file an annual report with the Governor and the General Assembly no later than March 1 of each year. Provides that the annual report shall include a summary detailing expenditures (currently, State appropriations). Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 4**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of Senate Amendment 1 with the following changes: defines "State contracts" as not subject to federal reimbursement. Provides that not less than 20% (currently, 10%) of the total dollar amount of State construction contracts is established as a goal to be awarded to minority and females owned businesses. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education is encouraged by the State to use businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in the area of goods and services (currently, professional services). Defines "architectural and engineering service". Defines "insurance broker" (rather than "emerging insurance broker"). Provides that except as defined by the Illinois Procurement Code (currently, the Illinois Purchasing Act), each agency and public institution of higher education shall notify the Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities of proposed contracts. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SB 1339**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett, Napoleon Harris, III, John G. Mulroe, Daniel Biss and David Koehler

#### **House Sponsors**

(Rep. Michael J. Zalewski)

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each public body to post video of its meetings on the public body's official website within 24 hours after the scheduled beginning of the meeting. Provides that the posting requirements do not apply to portions of a meeting that are closed under the Act. Requires each public body to retain the video of each meeting on its official website for a period of 2 years after the meeting date or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes or transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each public body must post its meeting agenda on its official website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, except in the case of an emergency meetings. Provides that the failure of a public body to provide video or to post meeting agendas due to technical difficulties shall not invalidate any meeting or any actions taken at the meeting. Effective January 1, 2016.

#### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1. Makes

the following changes: provides that each public body shall post video of its meetings within 2 business days following (instead of within 24 hours after) the scheduled beginning of the meeting. Provides that each public body must keep the video of each meeting on its official website for a period of 2 years after the meeting date or until the meeting has been reduced to written (instead of detailed) minutes or transcripts. In the case of an emergency meeting, requires each public body to post its agenda as soon as practicable, but in any event prior to the holding of such meeting. Further amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a person who believes that a violation of the provisions of the amendatory Act has occurred may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor. Makes conforming changes elsewhere in the Act concerning public notices. Effective January 1, 2016.

#### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 3**

Provides that a public body must keep the video of each meeting on its official website for the later of 2 years or until the meeting is reduced to minutes (under SA #2 this is until the meeting reduced to minutes or to a written transcript).

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/17/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### **SB 1369**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Julie A. Morrison and Dan Duffy

#### **House Sponsors**

(Rep. Elaine Nekritz)

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions similar to the introduced bill with the following changes: Defines "late term executive appointee". Provides that late term executive appointees shall serve no longer than 60 days into the term of office of the succeeding Governor. Provides that late term executive appointees may be retained by appointment, contract, or employment after the 60th day only if the public body takes official action at an open meeting of that public body after the succeeding Governor has taken office. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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### **SB 1393**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett and Gary Forby-Steve Stadelman-William Delgado

**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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 3**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes. Makes the State Board of Education's duties subject to a separate appropriation. Requires the State Board to annually confer and reach agreement with the Illinois Community College Board and the Department of Employment Security (instead of just conferring with the Illinois Community College Board) to identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers. Subject to a separate appropriation, requires the Illinois Community College Board to (i) annually confer and reach agreement with the State Board and the Department of Employment Security to identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers; (ii) annually notify community college districts of the identified industries and occupations and make this information available on its Internet website; and (iii) approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages in any of the industries or occupations identified. Makes changes concerning the award of incentive grants, including providing for the award of incentive grants to community college districts (not just school districts). Effective July 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/24/2015	House	Arrived in House

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**SB 1455****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William Delgado

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Esther Golar)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that one of the State assessments for high school students shall include tests in the areas of English language arts, reading, mathematics, and science for the purpose of student application or admissions to public institutions of higher education.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SB 1457****Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Apr 29 2015 3:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Thomas Cullerton-Pat McGuire and Toi W. Hutchinson

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/20/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

**SB 1526****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** PROP TX-DISTRICT NOTIFICATION**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire-Pamela J. Althoff

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that in all cases where a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more is sought, the party filing the petition must state in the initial complaint the valuation that is sought. Requires the board of review to provide notice of the petition to all municipalities, school districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts that have a revenue interest in the property at least 14 days prior to the hearing on the complaint. Removes a provision concerning serving a copy of the petition to all taxing districts. Provides that in any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant did not provide notice to the board of review that a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more was being sought, the Property Tax Appeal Board shall have no jurisdiction to issue any decision that would result in a change of \$100,000 or more. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. In provisions requiring the board of review to notify municipalities, school districts, park districts, forest

preserve districts, conservation districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts of petitions seeking a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more, provides that the board of review shall also provide notice of the petition to any other taxing district that has a revenue interest in the property, so long as the district files a written request to receive such notice with the clerk of the board of review. Removes a provision concerning any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant did not provide notice to the board of review. Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: in provisions requiring the board of review to notify municipalities, school districts, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, fire protection districts, and community college districts of petitions seeking a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more, provides that the board of review shall also provide notice of the petition to any other taxing district that has a revenue interest in the property, so long as the district files a written request to receive such notice with the clerk of the board of review. Removes a provision concerning any appeal on a property within a county of fewer than 3,000,000 population where the appellant did not provide notice to the board of review. Effective immediately.

#### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 3**

Makes changes to the bill as amended by Senate Amendment 2 to provide that, in addition to the taxing districts that are specifically listed in Senate Amendment 2, the board of review shall provide notice of petitions seeking a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more to other taxing districts that have a revenue interest in the property, so long as the taxing district files an annual written request (instead of "a written request") to receive all such notices (instead of "to receive such notice") with the clerk of the board of review.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## **SB 1583**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Terry Link-Melinda Bush, Kimberly A. Lightford, Thomas Cullerton and William Delgado

#### **House Sponsors**

(Rep. Elaine Nekritz)

#### **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.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/21/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SB 1621****Position: Support****Short Description:** BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

**SB 1633****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**



Date	Chamber	Action
3/19/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

## SB 1655

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that the value of a severance agreement entered into by a board of trustees may not be greater than one year's base salary of the applicable employee. Removes provisions allowing a petition to be filed objecting to a community college severance agreement and allowing the General Assembly to disapprove a university severance agreement.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/18/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

## SB 1656

**Position: Oppose**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before



the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Removes provisions that require the board of trustees of a community college district to immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor and that allow a petition to be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

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**SB 1679**

**Short Description:** ST BD ED-COURSE ACCESS ACT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Karen McConnaughay-Martin A. Sandoval and Jason A. Barickman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Course Access Act. Provides that the State Course Access Catalog shall be developed for the State Board of Education and shall provide a listing of all courses authorized and available to students, detailed information about the courses, and the ability for students to submit their course enrollments. Specifies how an eligible participating student may enroll in State Course Access Program courses. Establishes an authorization process for course providers run by the State Board. Requires certain criteria for course providers. Provides that the Board shall establish a course review and approval process, implemented by itself or a designated entity. Allows for the initial authorization of the course provider and approved courses to be for a period of 3 years, with the providers reporting annually to the State Board. Permits the State Board to enter into a reciprocity agreement with other states for the purpose of authorizing and approving high quality providers and courses for the Program and the operation of the Catalog. Specifies the responsibilities of the State Board and the local school district. Provides per-course tuition and the payment of tuition to course providers based upon student success. Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code to make a corresponding change. Effective January 1, 2016.

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Provides that in order to be approved and added to the State Course Access Catalog, a course must be taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license under the School Code.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/24/2015	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 25, 2015

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**SB 1710**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

### Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Monetary Award Program.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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## SB 2004

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$22,521,000; Other State Funds \$4,110,000; Federal Funds \$5,500,000; Total \$32,131,000.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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## SB 2008

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ICCB OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$345,714,900; Other State Funds \$54,780,000; Total \$400,494,900.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2019

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 ISAC OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds \$380,953,300; Other State Funds \$10,705,000; Federal Funds \$344,591,800; Total \$736,250,100.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2020

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$FY16 SURS OCE

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

### Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds \$1,002,120,100; Other State Funds \$150,000,000; Total \$1,152,120,100.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2040

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$IL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. John J. Cullerton

### Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2069

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$SURS

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. John J. Cullerton

### Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## SB 2099

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** \$BD HIGHER ED & IL MATH & SCI

### Senate Sponsors

Sen. John J. Cullerton

### Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## HR 55

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermid, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E. Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley Laura Fine and Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

**House Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/25/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of Resolutions

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**HR 152****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen, Carol A. Sente and Michelle Mussman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/5/2015	House	Resolution Adopted

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**HR 162****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Dwight Kay, Kathleen Willis and Carol A. Sente

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the College of DuPage covering Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 171****Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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**HR 187**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. David McSweeney-Dwight Kay-Jay Hoffman-C.D. Davidsmeyer-Jerry F. Costello, II, Bill Mitchell, Brandon W. Phelps, Terri Bryant, Deborah Conroy, Charles E. Meier, Patrick J. Verschoore, Adam Brown, Barbara Wheeler, Thomas Bennett, David Reis, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Emanuel Chris Welch, Mike Smiddy, John D. Cavaletto, Norine Hammond, Michael Unes, Raymond Poe, Sue Scherer, Donald L. Moffitt, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Michael P. McAuliffe, John M. Cabello, Tom Demmer, Al Riley, Randy Frese and Carol Ammons

**Synopsis As Introduced**

States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/25/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HR 241**

**Position: Monitor**

**Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Committee Hearing Apr 29 2015 3:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** ICCB-RECONSIDER GED CONTRACT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Requests that the Illinois Community College Board reconsider the contract it holds with the GED Testing Service with regard to high school equivalency testing, evaluate the results of other companies that provide high school equivalency testing versus historic data concerning the Test of General Educational Development, and

study the feasibility of other companies providing high school equivalency testing in this State or having this State implement its own high school equivalency testing by looking at how other, comparable states administer high school equivalency testing.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2015	House	Assigned to Higher Education Committee

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## HR 275

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** ST FUNDS-COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Resolves that State funding for the College of DuPage should be reduced by \$1,525,736.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/14/2015	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee

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## HR 397

**Short Description:** COM COL TUITION WAIVER-TEACHER

#### House Sponsors

Rep. La Shawn K. Ford-Mary E. Flowers

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Urges community college districts to waive 50% of the tuition and other necessary fees of licensed teachers who are employed by a school district within an area designated as a poverty area by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and who are enrolled in a community college program to obtain additional course credit or an additional degree.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/27/2015	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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## HR 404

**Short Description:** REEVALUATE PARCC CONTRACT

#### House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Wheeler-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-David Reis-Peter Breen, Bill Mitchell, David R. Leitch, Terri Bryant, Christine Winger, Avery Bourne, Adam Brown, Sheri L Jesiel, John D. Cavaletto, Ron Sandack, Tom Demmer, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Tim Butler, Thomas Morrison, Jeanne M Ives, Reginald Phillips, Ed Sullivan, Donald L. Moffitt, Keith P. Sommer, Keith Wheeler, Margo McDermid and Grant Wehrli

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the Governor, in conjunction with the State Board of Education, to reevaluate its contract with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, and urges the State Board to better communicate changes to the General Assembly and the public before entering into the rulemaking process.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/27/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

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### **SR 138**

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael Connelly

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/11/2015	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

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### **HJR 11**

**Position: Monitor**

#### **Committee Hearing:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Apr 29 2015 10:00AM  
Stratton Building Room 413 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

**Short Description:** EDUCATION/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Alignment, which will conduct a thorough review of the existing curriculum and how it assists in workforce development, make recommendations to implement alterations to the current curriculum, and consider the long-term implications and outcomes of the new curriculum.

#### **Last Action**



Date	Chamber	Action
2/17/2015	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee

## HJR 20

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

### House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, II-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Patricia R. Bellock and Peter Breen

### Synopsis As Introduced

Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

## HJR 35

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY

### House Sponsors

Rep. Dan Brady-Robert W. Pritchard, Adam Brown, John M. Cabello and Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

### Synopsis As Introduced

Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/22/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of Resolutions

## HJR 52

**Position: Monitor**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED COMM'N ON WORKFORCE

### House Sponsors

Rep. Kelly Burke-Norine Hammond and Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Resolves that the Board of Higher Education establish a Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce to ensure that the State has an educated workforce to meet the needs of business and industry.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the heading. Reinserts the contents of the introduced resolution with the following change: provides that the Board of Higher Education shall provide administrative support to the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/21/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of Resolutions

**HJR 66****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER ED AFFORDABILITY TF**House Sponsors**

Rep. Mark Batinick

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Affordability Task Force to study and make recommendations on higher education affordability and student retention, and to determine whether Illinois is doing an adequate job at capturing sufficient available federal grants for higher education.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/16/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

**SJR 20****Position: Monitor****Short Description:** HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Andy Manar

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce within the Board of Higher Education.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments



## **Vote No on SB 1334**

This legislation requires community colleges to adhere to the mandates of the state Business Enterprise Program. Significant new mandated reporting is comprised of monthly compliance plans and annual reports. Currently, the BEP applies to state agencies and universities – community college districts are not included because they are units of local government and are separate from the state. No other units of local government are included in the BEP.

SB 1334 creates goals for each community college to use 20% of its TOTAL budget (currently the BEP only touches state contracts funded exclusively with state funds) on minority and disabled vendors for each of the following personal services items in each community college district:

- Accounting
- Insurance
- Legal
- Information Technology
- Architectural/Engineering
- Banking/Investments

No disparity study been conducted to demonstrate quantitative evidence of disparity and availability in these specific sectors. Case law clearly demonstrates numerical goals must be substantially related to availability in the relevant market.

The **ICCTA** asks you to vote **NO** on SB 1334 for the following reasons:

1. SB 1334 is a significant unfunded mandate placed on local community colleges – requiring additional personnel in the face of additional budget cuts.
2. SB 1334 creates substantial new bureaucratic requirements for community college procurement for personal service contracts.
3. SB 1334 could impact the current use of consortia and compacts in which community colleges join to seek services at lower cost
4. SB 1334 limits the ability of locally elected boards to select professional service providers. Many colleges have a policy to favor in-district vendors since colleges receive local property tax dollars and tuition from local taxpayers.
5. SB 1334 sets goals of 20% minority participation for each category of professional services. Such goals would apply to all 39 community college districts with no distinction for location or availability of local minority certified service providers.

## **Please vote NO on SB 1334**

For more information, contact:

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**May 29, 2015**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

To all Illinois community college trustees and presidents:

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For this reason, we ask you to call your Senator TODAY with a request to **OPPOSE Senate Floor Amendment #2 to HB 3593**. In addition, if the amendment is adopted, please ask your Senator to oppose HB3593 as amended.

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We appreciate your assistance.

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# SESSION UPDATE

## Illinois Community College Trustees Association

November 13 - 14, 2015

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

### THE STORY

The Legislators met in Springfield on October 20th and November 10th - without progress. The State is half-way through its fifth month of the “new” fiscal year without a budget. Interactions amongst legislators are becoming more combative. The House won’t be back until December 2nd. The Senate will not return until January 13th.

### CATCH ME UP.

Illinois does not have a budget for FY16, which began on July 1, 2015. As a result, the General Assembly has met in “continuous session” since the scheduled adjournment date of May 31st - which means legislators have come to Springfield about a dozen times throughout the summer. They have held hearings on a smattering of issues, namely on the impact of a lack of a budget on various state agencies and programs. The conclusion? It isn’t pretty out there.

This budget showdown features Governor Rauner on one side of the ring demanding economic and political reforms before he will agree to a tax increase, and Speaker Madigan and the Democratic controlled General Assembly on the other side of the ring demanding Gov. Rauner drop those conditions for a tax increase to create a balanced budget.

Meanwhile, due to continuing appropriations and court orders, the state continues to spend unappropriated FY16 funds at an unsustainable rate. For a while, everything seemed to be operating as normal. The K-12 budget was passed and signed so public schools opened on time. The court ordered that state employees receive their pay checks and pensions and that human service programs tied to federal consent decrees continue to be funded. Mass transit is still operating, state run offices are still open, and the state’s debt service payments are being made. This resulted in a lack of urgency to compromise.

### WHAT’S THE LATEST?

As the state continues to go without a budget, some people are beginning to feel some real pain. Among the numerous victims hurt by the stalemate include: higher education and students receiving state aid to pay tuition; human services (we’re hearing about job cuts, reduction of services, and cancellation of programs with increasing frequency); lottery winners are receiving IOUs; and local governments aren’t receiving money from designated funds such as the Motor Fuel Tax and video gaming fees. There are also serious problems with federal grants matched with state dollars. If no state dollars are appropriated, the state stands to lose a lot of federal money in the next federal fiscal year, which began on October 1.

More bad news comes from the Comptroller’s office. The state’s checking account is depleting quickly and Comptroller Munger announced she is forced to delay payments to the state pension systems. Retirees will still receive their checks as usual. The state’s already dismal credit rating received another downgrade. A lower credit rating means it’s both tougher and more expensive to borrow money.

Until recently, Gov. Rauner may have been benefitting from “the benefit of the doubt,” but that’s changing. Those disapproving of how the Governor is handling the budget situation are lining up down the block and around the corner. The Governor’s approval numbers are tanking downstate and just about everywhere else. Former GOP Governor Edgar recently called on Gov. Rauner to stop holding the budget hostage to his reform agenda and anti-union demands. Comptroller Munger, appointed by Gov. Rauner, publicly took Gov. Rauner to task for unproductive attacks on unions. Some Illinois business leaders are piling on and demanding a budget. Regardless, the Governor believes this state is in desperate need of reform. It appears he intends to stay the course.

### **BUT WHAT ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION?**

Higher education continues to be unfunded by the State. Most schools have been fronting MAP grants for the fall semester, but may be unable to do so in the spring. The state’s inaction is having a domino effect on students. In the spring, if students have to re-direct federal PELL grants they typically use to help pay for books, lab materials, bus passes, etc., towards tuition typically covered by MAP grants, student retention will surely suffer. Making matters worse, the Governor recently indicated colleges may not receive state funds retroactive to July 1, 2015.

The Senate Higher Education Committee recently completed a tour around Illinois: Joliet Junior College; Kennedy-King College; John A. Logan College; and Eastern Illinois University. At each location, the subject matter of the hearing was to discuss the current financial state of higher education institutions and the impact of the current budget impasse. Senators from all over the state heard from many schools. Colleges have been doing more with less for years, but the current budget impasse is crippling not only the school and the services the school offers to the community, but it is hurting the students. Career certificate offerings are in jeopardy, class sizes are rising, and low enrollment courses are being eliminated.

During a House Committee of the Whole on November 10, Carl Sandburg President Dr. Lori Sundberg and DACC President Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs continued to stress the strain of no funding. Others providing testimony were presidents from UIUC, CSU, and WIU, as well as two MAP grant recipients. The House considered HB 4156 appropriating funds for MAP and operational funding for community colleges and universities for costs incurred from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Despite the many accolades about the value of community colleges heard from legislators during the committee hearing, and from Gov. Rauner during public events, the House did not pass the bill. Illinois’ education system hangs in the balance.

### **HOW DOES THE STALEMATE END?**

We are in uncharted territory. Most pundits and even legislators thought this would be over months ago. The biggest rumor around town is that we won’t be seeing a budget agreement until the new year - Gov. Rauner has said publicly he is cautiously optimistic there will be a budget passed in January. Arguably, we have been coming to a disaster point for decades. We are now at that point. While there has been no real sense of urgency in these first few months without a budget, the pressure will really start to build in 2016 as we begin to consider a budget for FY17 and in March or April when the State really begins to run out of money.

We continue to monitor these events closely and will keep you informed.

# New Laws & Legislation

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## HB 303      Public Act 99-0478

## FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

### House Sponsors

Rep. Margo McDermed-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-Frances Ann Hurley, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Steven Andersson, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Patrick J. Verschoore, Fred Crespo, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Linda Chapa LaVia, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Mike Smiddy, Peter Breen, Keith Wheeler, Monique D. Davis and David McSweeney

### Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Michael Connelly)

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "severance agreement". 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. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

### House Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public, subject to redaction as allowed by the Act. Deletes language providing 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.

### House Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill and House Amendment No. 1, and deletes language providing that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

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## HB 821      Public Act 99-0426

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

### House Sponsors

Rep. Michelle Mussman-Jerry F. Costello, II-Christian L. Mitchell-Jack D. Franks-Will Guzzardi, Michael J. Zalewski, Emanuel Chris Welch, Elizabeth Hernandez, Kathleen Willis, Mary E. Flowers, Barbara Wheeler, Ann Williams, Silvana Tabares, Laura Fine, Cynthia Soto, Rita Mayfield, Frances Ann Hurley, Deborah Conroy, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Linda Chapa LaVia, Daniel V. Beiser, Monique D. Davis, Emily McAsey, Litesa E. Wallace, Al Riley, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Patrick J. Verschoore, Mike Smiddy, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Robert Rita, Camille Y. Lilly, Esther Golar, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Kelly M. Cassidy, Katherine Cloonen, Sam Yingling, Sue Scherer, Brandon W. Phelps, Natalie A. Manley, Scott Drury, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Robyn Gabel, Carol A. Sente, Lawrence M. Walsh, Jr., Steven Andersson and Patricia R. Bellock

### Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson-Scott M. Bennett-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Thomas Cullerton-Patricia Van Pelt,



Linda Holmes, Melinda Bush, Julie A. Morrison, Andy Manar, Pamela J. Althoff, Karen McConnaughay, Kimberly A. Lightford, Mattie Hunter, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Sue Rezin, Christine Radogno, Steven M. Landek, Napoleon Harris, III, Bill Cunningham, Martin A. Sandoval, John G. Mulroe, Michael Noland, Dan Kotowski, William R. Haine, David Koehler, Dale A. Righter, Iris Y. Martinez, William Delgado, Heather A. Steans, Pat McGuire, Antonio Muñoz and Steve Stadelman)

### **House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities, public community colleges, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institutions to adopt a comprehensive policy to address student allegations of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Requires each higher education institution, upon being notified of a violation of the comprehensive policy, to provide the student survivor with a concise notification of the survivor's rights and options. Requires each higher education institution to provide students with access to confidential advisors to provide emergency and ongoing support to survivors of sexual violence. Requires each higher education institution to adopt one procedure to resolve complaints of student violations of the comprehensive policy. Sets forth provisions concerning campus training, education, and awareness. Amends the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Requires each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution (instead of just public institutions of higher education) to either establish their own campus-wide task force or participate in a regional task force; makes other changes concerning the task forces. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, with respect to programs to improve human relations, to require an annual (rather than monthly) report to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General concerning racial, ethnic, or religious intimidation and sexual harassment cases and to require each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution to provide an annual report concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Department of Human Rights and the Attorney General. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure with respect to privileged communications between a confidential advisor and a student survivor pertaining to an incident of sexual violence. Effective immediately.

### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed, with the following changes. With respect to the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act, changes certain terminology and makes changes concerning the definitions of "respondent" and "trauma-informed response"; the components of the comprehensive policy; student notification of rights and options; confidential advisor training and duties; complaint resolution procedures; and campus training, education, and awareness. With respect to the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008, requires the task forces to work toward improving coordination between (instead of with) community leaders and service providers and changes terminology. With respect to the Board of Higher Education Act, requires the annual report to include the number of attendees (instead of the attendance) of primary prevention and awareness programming at a higher education institution and changes terminology. With respect to the Code of Civil Procedure, provides for the confidentiality of communications (rather than statements) made to confidential advisors; changes definitions and terminology; provides that communications may be disclosed if the court finds, among other findings, that the communication is relevant, probative, and not unduly prejudicial or inflammatory or is otherwise clearly admissible (instead of finding that it is relevant, probative, not unduly prejudicial or inflammatory, or otherwise clearly admissible); and provides that the privilege shall not preclude an individual from asserting a greater privilege under federal or State law that applies. Effective immediately.

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**HB 3428    Public Act 99-0358**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT

### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Carol A. Sente-Esther Golar-Mike Fortner-Linda Chapa LaVia-Mark Batinick, Elaine Nekritz, David

Harris, Kenneth Dunkin, Michael W. Tryon, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Monique D. Davis, Rita Mayfield, Camille Y. Lilly, Mary E. Flowers, Christian L. Mitchell, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Jack D. Franks, Barbara Wheeler, Silvana Tabares, Will Guzzardi, Robert F. Martwick, Michelle Mussman, Deborah Conroy, Cynthia Soto, Martin J. Moylan, Kathleen Willis, Ron Sandack, Ed Sullivan, Sheri L. Jesiel, Mike Smiddy, Katherine Cloonen, Greg Harris, Charles E. Meier, Arthur Turner, Litesa E. Wallace, Sue Scherer, Sam Yingling, Anna Moeller, Steven Andersson, Robyn Gabel, Stephanie A. Kifowit, John D'Amico, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Terri Bryant, Sara Feigenholtz, Daniel J. Burke, Keith Wheeler, Margo McDermed, Christine Winger, William Davis, Patricia R. Bellock, Emanuel Chris Welch, Avery Bourne and Lawrence M. Walsh, Jr.

#### **Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Pat McGuire-Matt Murphy-Dan Kotowski-Andy Manar, Thomas Cullerton-Julie A. Morrison, Linda Holmes, John G. Mulroe, Kimberly A. Lightford, Don Harmon, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, David Koehler, Terry Link, William Delgado, Melinda Bush, Kyle McCarter, Mattie Hunter, Heather A. Steans, Pamela J. Althoff, Michael Connelly, Steve Stadelman, Jacqueline Y. Collins, Napoleon Harris, III, Michael Noland, Daniel Biss, Patricia Van Pelt, Steven M. Landek and Martin A. Sandoval)

#### **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, scores of 3, 4, and 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement examinations shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions of higher education. Provides that each institution of higher education shall determine for each test whether credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or major requirements and the Advanced Placement scores required to grant credit for those purposes. Provides that by the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year, the Board of Higher Education shall analyze the Advanced Placement examination score course granting policy of each institution of higher education and the research used by each institution in determining the level of credit and the number of credits provided for the Advanced Placement scores and file a report that includes findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor. Provides that each institution of higher education shall publish its updated Advanced Placement examination score course granting policy on its Internet website before the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year. Effective immediately.

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## **HB 3593    Public Act 99-0482**

COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Ron Sandack-Margo McDermed-Deborah Conroy-Martin J. Moylan, Dwight Kay, Mark Batinick, Brian W. Stewart, Tom Demmer, David Harris, Mike Fortner, Patricia R. Bellock, Barbara Wheeler, Sheri L. Jesiel, David McSweeney, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Robert Rita, Carol A. Sente, Michael W. Tryon and Peter Breen

#### **Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Michael Connelly-Bill Cunningham-Thomas Cullerton-Chris Nybo and Jacqueline Y. Collins)

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: with respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, provides that the initial term of a rolling contract (rather than the term of a contract) may not exceed 3 years, and a rollover term or terms may not exceed one year. Provides that severance under the contract may not exceed one year salary and applicable benefits (rather than just one year). Provides that a contract with a determinate start and end date may not exceed 4 years. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the engrossed bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1, but provides that public notice must be given of an employment contract (rather than any contract) entered into, amended, renewed, or extended. Effective immediately.

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**HB 3692    Public Act 99-0309****HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION****House Sponsors**

Rep. Katherine Cloonen-Robert W. Pritchard-Elizabeth Hernandez-John D. Anthony, Daniel V. Beiser, Laura Fine, Linda Chapa LaVia, Jerry F. Costello, II, Michael P. McAuliffe, Luis Arroyo, Mark Batinick, Avery Bourne, John D'Amico, C.D. Davidsmeyer, La Shawn K. Ford, Jack D. Franks, Randy Frese, Robert F. Martwick, Emily McAsey, Donald L. Moffitt, Martin J. Moylan, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Brian W. Stewart, Michael Unes, Patrick J. Verschoore and Christine Winger

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Thomas Cullerton-Kyle McCarter, Scott M. Bennett, Mattie Hunter, Antonio Muñoz and Martin A. Sandoval)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

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**HB 3897    Public Act 99-0198****ISAC-STUDENT MEMBER-SCHOLARSHIP****House Sponsors**

Rep. Chad Hays-Norine Hammond

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Dale A. Righter)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Removes the prohibition on allowing the student member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive a scholarship or grant pursuant to the Act during his or her term of office with the Commission. Effective immediately.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: Includes the recognized advisory committee of students of the Illinois Community College Board (rather than the Illinois Student Association and the Organization of Community College Students) in the list of student organizations from which the student member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission may be nominated. Provides that a student appointee's status on the Commission may not be considered in determining his or her eligibility for programs administered by the Commission. Effective immediately.

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**HB 4156****\$HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING****House Sponsors**

Rep. Kelly Burke

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes appropriations to the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and State universities for specified purposes. Provides that the appropriation authority is valid only for costs incurred from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
11/10/2015	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 4312****COM COL-CHICAGO-ELECT BOARD****House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert F. Martwick

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides for the election (instead of appointment) of members of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 (City Colleges of Chicago). Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
10/14/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4321**

\$ICCB-CAREER-TECH-ADULT ED-LIT

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard-Kelly Burke-Elgie R. Sims, Jr.-Dan Brady-Linda Chapa LaVia, Jack D. Franks and John D. Cavaletto

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes various appropriations from the Career and Technical Education Fund and the ICCB Adult Education Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
11/9/2015	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**SB 223      Public Act 99-0199**

HIGHER ED-EXONERATED PERSONS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford-David Koehler-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Emil Jones, III, Linda Holmes and Donne E. Trotter

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. La Shawn K. Ford-Mary E. Flowers-Jehan A. Gordon-Booth-Emanuel Chris Welch, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Kenneth Dunkin, Kelly M. Cassidy, Litesa E. Wallace, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Esther Golar and Camille Y. Lilly)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning employee rights.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides for the issuance of grants to exonerated persons, subject to appropriation. Provides that recipients of grants issued by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to be eligible for a grant. Provides that recipients are entitled to either payment for the course of study needed for them to obtain a high school equivalency certificate or 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees, provided that the recipients are maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Allows the funds from the grant to be used for obtaining a high school equivalency certificate or pursuing undergraduate or graduate study. Provides that benefits shall be administered by and paid out of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide applicant for a grant without the requirement of demonstrating financial need to qualify for the benefits.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 3**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 2 with the following changes: defines "exonerated person" as an individual who has received a pardon from the Governor of the State of Illinois (rather than the Governor) stating that such a pardon is issued on the grounds of innocence of the crime for which he or she was imprisoned or an individual who has received a certificate of innocence from a circuit court. Defines "satisfactory academic progress" as the qualified applicant's maintenance of minimum standards of academic

performance, consistent with requirements for maintaining federal financial aid eligibility (rather than the qualified applicant's maintenance of minimum grade levels), as determined by the institution of higher learning. Removes a provision providing that recipients need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to be eligible for a grant. Provides for the payment of tuition and fees only at a public university or community college. Makes changes to provide that an exonerated person who has not yet received a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate and completes a high school equivalency preparation course through an Illinois Community College Board-approved provider may use grant funds to pay costs associated with obtaining a high school equivalency certificate, including payment of the cost of the high school equivalency test and up to one retest on each test module, and any additional fees that may be required in order to obtain an Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate or an official transcript of test scores after successful completion of the high school equivalency test. Removes a provision requiring funds for the grant to be paid out of funds available to the Commission.

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**SB 760      Public Act 99-0468****CAREER/WORKFORCE TRANSITION****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Kimberly A. Lightford, David Koehler, Emil Jones, III and Donne E. Trotter

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Kenneth Dunkin-Kathleen Willis-Camille Y. Lilly-Jehan A. Gordon-Booth-Emanuel Chris Welch, Daniel J. Burke, Linda Chapa LaVia, Carol Ammons and Litesa E. Wallace)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally accredited by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Requires an institution to have successfully completed a full term of national accreditation without probation (instead of without probation, a warning, or the denial of a substantive change in an application) in order to be approved as an institution from which credits may be transferred. Makes a grammatical change.

**House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as engrossed, with the following changes. Provides that "Board" means the Illinois Community College Board instead of the Board of Higher Education. With respect to Board approval, (i) requires an institution to submit all application materials that the Board requests, (ii) removes the requirement that the institution pay a fee to the Board, and (iii) removes the requirement that the institution complete all of the necessary requirements to be approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 (but defines "institution" in part as a non-degree granting institution that is regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational

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**SB 806      Public Act 99-0316****STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford, Steve Stadelman-Michael E. Hastings-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Pamela J. Althoff and Emil Jones, III

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Fred Crespo-Norine Hammond-Linda Chapa LaVia-Barbara Wheeler-Carol Ammons, Thomas Bennett, Thaddeus Jones, Al Riley, Jack D. Franks, Carol A. Sente, Cynthia Soto and La Shawn K. Ford)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

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

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that a community college student who earns an associate degree for transfer, an Associate of Arts, or an Associate of Science that is consistent with degree requirements of the Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education and aligned with the policies and procedures of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (rather than an associate degree for transfer), is deemed eligible for transfer. Removes provisions providing that a community college student is deemed eligible for transferring into the baccalaureate program of a State university upon completion of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter units and a minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis. Provides that without the approval of the Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education, a community college district may not impose any requirements for a student to be eligible for an associate degree for transfer and subsequent admission to a State university. Provides that non-transfer coursework must not be counted as part of the transferrable units required. Provides that a State university shall admit and grant junior status in a program, subject to available program capacity, to any Illinois community college student who meets Act requirements, who has completed all lower-division prerequisites, and who meets the admission requirements of the State university's program or major (rather than a State university shall guarantee admission with junior status to any community college student who meets Act requirements). Removes provisions providing that a State university shall grant a local community college student priority admission and admission to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis. Provides that a State university may not require a transferring student to take more than 60 additional semester units beyond the lower-division major requirements for majors requiring 120 semester units, provided that the student remains enrolled in the same program of study and has completed university major transfer requirements. Removes provisions providing that a State university may require a transferring student to take additional courses at the State university so long as the student is not required to take any more than 60 additional semester units or 90 quarter units at the State university. Provides that a State university may not require transferring students

to repeat courses that are articulated with (instead of similar to) those taken at the community college and counted toward an associate degree for transfer. Provides that the General Assembly encourages State universities and community colleges to facilitate the seamless transfer of credits toward a baccalaureate degree.

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**SB 1334    Public Act 99-0462****BUSINESS ENTERPRISE-HIGHER ED****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Kimberly A. Lightford, Napoleon Harris, III and Martin A. Sandoval

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Arthur Turner-Elizabeth Hernandez-Elaine Nekritz-William Davis-Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Esther Golar, Camille Y. Lilly, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Al Riley, Mary E. Flowers, Thaddeus Jones, Carol Ammons, Litesa E. Wallace, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Cynthia Soto, Luis Arroyo, Silvana Tabares, André M. Thapedi, Emanuel Chris Welch, Monique D. Davis, Rita Mayfield, Kenneth Dunkin, La Shawn K. Ford, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Will Guzzardi, Sue Scherer, John E. Bradley and Kathleen Willis)

**Senate Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Makes various changes in definitions. Provides that the Act applies to all public institutions of higher education (rather than all State universities). Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education that manages professional service contracts shall adopt policies and implementation procedures for increasing the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to not less than 20% of State contracts. Provides that the Business Enterprise Council shall file an annual report with the Governor and the General Assembly no later than March 1 of each year. Provides that the annual report shall include a summary detailing expenditures (rather than a summary detailing State appropriations). Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 4**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of Senate Amendment 1 with the following changes: defines "State contracts" as not subject to federal reimbursement. Provides that not less than 20% (currently, 10%) of the total dollar amount of State construction contracts is established as a goal to be awarded to minority and females owned businesses. Provides that each State agency and public institution of higher education is encouraged by the State to use businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in the area of goods and services (currently, professional services). Defines "architectural and engineering service". Defines "insurance broker" (rather than "emerging insurance broker"). Provides that except as defined by the Illinois Procurement Code (currently, the Illinois Purchasing Act), each agency and public institution of higher education shall notify the Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities of proposed contracts. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

**House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the engrossed bill with the following changes: provides that "State contracts" includes those contracts entered into by the State, any agency or department thereof, or any public institution of higher education, but does not include contracts awarded by a retirement system, pension fund, or investment board subject to the Illinois Pension Code. Defines "business" as a business that has annual gross sales of less than \$75,000,000 (\$150,000,000 in the bill as amended). Defines "emerging investment manager" as an investment manager having assets under management below \$10 billion (currently, \$20 billion). Provides that those who submit bids or proposals for State construction contracts whose bids or proposals are successful but that fail to meet the



goals shall be afforded a period to cure that deficiency in the bid or proposal (currently, those who submit bids or proposals for State construction contracts shall not be given a period after the bid or proposal is submitted to cure deficiencies in the bid or proposal). Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a goal to the Code to use emerging investment managers for not less than 20% of the total funds under management. Effective immediately.

### **House Floor Amendment No. 3**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as amended by House Amendment No. 2 with the following changes: provides that 20% of the total dollar amount of State construction contracts shall be established as an aspirational goal (currently, goal) to be awarded to minority and female owned businesses; makes corresponding changes. Provides that a deficiency in the bid or proposal may only be cured by contracting with additional subcontractors who are owned by minorities, females, or, where applicable, persons with disabilities (currently, by hiring additional personnel who are minorities, females, or persons with disabilities, or by contracting with additional subcontractors who are owned by minorities, females, or persons with disabilities), but in no case shall an identified subcontractor with a certification be terminated from the contract without the written consent of the State agency or public institution of higher education entering the contract. Sets forth provisions concerning the Business Enterprise Council reporting information for each community college district. Effective immediately.

### **House Floor Amendment No. 4**

Changes a reference from 30 days to 10 days in which to cure a deficiency for a bid or proposal for State construction contracts. With respect to a deficiency in the bid or proposal that may only be cured by contracting with additional subcontractors who are owned by minorities or females, removes a reference to subcontractors who are owned by persons with disabilities.

### **House Floor Amendment No. 5**

Provides that for awards for contracts for certain services, "public institution of higher education" does not include a community college. Provides that, for such contracts, when a community college awards a contract for services, it shall be the aspirational goal of each community college to use businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities for not less than 20% of the total amount spent on contracts for the services collectively. Provides that when a community college awards contracts for investment services, contracts awarded to investment managers who are not emerging investment managers shall not be considered businesses owned by minorities, females, or persons with disabilities.

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## **SB 1457    Public Act 99-0395**

IBHE-MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING

### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Thomas Cullerton-Pat McGuire, Toi W. Hutchinson and Martin A. Sandoval

### **House Sponsors**

(Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia-Daniel J. Burke-Norine Hammond-Carol Ammons, Thomas Bennett, Dan Brady, Deborah Conroy, Tom Demmer, Laura Fine, Mary E. Flowers, Chad Hays, Elizabeth Hernandez, Robert W. Pritchard, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Barbara Wheeler and Kathleen Willis)

### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force's study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017.

Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Adds a representative from the Office of the State Fire Marshal appointed by the State Fire Marshal as a member of the task force.

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**SB 2042**

\$FEDERAL PASS THROUGH FUNDS

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton-Daniel Biss, John M. Sullivan, James F. Clayborne, Jr., William Delgado, Napoleon Harris, III, Martin A. Sandoval-Mattie Hunter-Toi W. Hutchinson-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Donne E. Trotter and Patricia Van Pelt

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Greg Harris-Fred Crespo-Mary E. Flowers, La Shawn K. Ford, Litesa E. Wallace, Robyn Gabel and Cynthia Soto)

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Appropriates funds from the Federal Support Agreement Revolving Fund, the Federal Student Loan Fund, the Federal Mass Transit Trust Fund, and other named funds to the Department of Military Affairs, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Department of Transportation, and other named State agencies for specified FY16 expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

**House Committee Amendment No. 2**

Changes the amounts of certain line items. Adds appropriations and reappropriations for specified purposes.

**House Floor Amendment No. 3**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Appropriates funds from the Federal Support Agreement Revolving Fund, the Federal Student Loan Fund, the Federal Mass Transit Trust Fund, and other named funds to the Department of Military Affairs, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and other named State agencies for specified FY16 expenses. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
8/20/2015	Senate	Public Act . . . . . 99-0409

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**SB 2043**

\$MAP GRANT FUNDING

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton-Dan Kotowski-Martin A. Sandoval, Toi W. Hutchinson, Mattie Hunter, Michael E. Hastings-Jacqueline Y. Collins-William Delgado, Patricia Van Pelt, Pat McGuire and Michael Noland

**House Sponsors**

(Rep. Kelly Burke-Jerry F. Costello, II-Elgie R. Sims, Jr.-Anthony DeLuca-Sara Feigenholtz, Sue Scherer, Linda Chapa LaVia, John D'Amico, Robyn Gabel, Emanuel Chris Welch, Emily McAsey, Katherine

Cloonen, Laura Fine, Deborah Conroy, Natalie A. Manley, Ann Williams, Arthur Turner, Kathleen Willis, Thaddeus Jones, Lou Lang, Daniel J. Burke, Martin J. Moylan, Brandon W. Phelps, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Anna Moeller, Robert F. Martwick, André M. Thapedi, Will Guzzardi, Kelly M. Cassidy, Camille Y. Lilly, Patrick J. Verschoore, Al Riley, Carol Ammons and Frances Ann Hurley)

**Senate Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes an appropriation to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission from the General Revenue Fund for grant awards to students eligible for the Monetary Award Program and for agency administrative and operational costs. Effective immediately.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
11/10/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

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**SB 2146**

IL COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Andy Manar, Heather A. Steans, Mattie Hunter, Antonio Muñoz, Kimberly A. Lightford, Terry Link, Kwame Raoul-Ira I. Silverstein-Iris Y. Martinez, David Koehler, William Delgado-Don Harmon, James F. Clayborne, Jr.-Jacqueline Y. Collins, Martin A. Sandoval and Michael Noland

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Illinois College Promise Program Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board shall administer the Program for Illinois residents seeking an associate's degree, certificate, or diploma from an eligible community college. Sets forth provisions concerning the eligibility requirements for a student to be awarded the Illinois College Promise scholarship. Sets forth provisions concerning the administration of the Illinois College Promise Scholarship Fund. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Illinois College Promise Scholarship Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury. Effective July 1, 2016.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
5/31/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2155**

AUDGEN COM COL AUDIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Dan Kotowski-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois State Auditing Act. Provides that the Auditor General shall annually conduct or cause to be conducted a financial and compliance audit of one-third of community colleges such that

every community college is audited by the Auditor General every 3 years. Sets forth provisions concerning the filing, public inspection, and costs of the audit. Requires a community college to make available to the Auditor General its books and records and any other documentation necessary to conduct the audit as required. Provides that certain audits under the Public Community College Act shall not be prohibited in years a community college is not audited by the Auditor General. Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a related change.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes. Makes changes concerning compliance with the Public Community College Act and who receives a copy of the audit report. Provides that certain audits shall not be prohibited in years a community college is not audited by the Auditor General. Amends the Public Community College Act to make related changes.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
10/20/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

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## **SB 2156**

PEN CD-SURS-SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Dan Kotowski-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that severance payments are not included in the definition of "earnings".

#### **Senate Committee Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. For employees who first become participants on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, provides that "basic compensation" does not include the value of maintenance, board, living quarters, personal laundry, or other allowances furnished in lieu of salary which are considered gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code. Provides that if an employee who first becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act elects to receive in lieu of cash salary or wages, fringe benefits which are not taxable under the federal Internal Revenue Code, the amount of the cash salary or wages which is waived shall not be included in determining basic compensation.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
10/20/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

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## **SB 2157**

COM COL-TRUSTEE TRAINING

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With regard to all community college districts with elected

board trustees who have been elected after the effective date of this amendatory Act or appointed to fill a vacancy of at least one year's duration of an elected trustee after the effective date of this amendatory Act, provides that every voting member of a community college district's board elected or appointed for an elected trustee for a term beginning after the effective date of this amendatory Act, within a year after the effective date of this amendatory Act and during the third and fifth year of his or her term, shall complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training. Provides that the community college district shall maintain on its Internet website, if any, the names of all elected voting trustees of the community college district's board who have successfully complete the training. Provides that the training may be provided by an association established for the purpose of training community college district board trustees or by other qualified providers approved by the Illinois Community College Board. Effective January 1, 2017.

#### **Senate Committee Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Public Community College Act. With regard to all community college districts with elected board trustees who have been elected after the effective date of this amendatory Act or appointed to fill a vacancy of at least one year's duration of an elected trustee after the effective date of this amendatory Act, provides that every voting member of a community college district's board elected or appointed for an elected trustee for a term beginning after the effective date of this amendatory Act shall complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training during the first, third, and fifth year of his or her term. Provides that the training may be provided by an association established for the purpose of training community college district board trustees or by other qualified providers approved by the Illinois Community College Board. Sets forth provisions concerning the failure to complete the training.

#### **Last Action**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chamber</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>10/20/2015</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation</b>

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## **SB 2158**

## **COM COL-EMPLOYEE CONTRACT**

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Dan Kotowski-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that, beginning 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of a new board of trustees of a community college district, no addendum to modify and amend an employee agreement between a district and another party may be agreed to or executed, nor may an employment contract be made and entered into between the board of an established district and another party. Provides that if the current board must take such action at any time during the 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of the new board due to a reasonable emergency (a defined term), then that action must be terminated within 30 days after the first organizational meeting, unless the new board, by resolution, reaffirms the agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract.

#### **Last Action**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chamber</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>10/20/2015</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation</b>

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**SB 2159****HIGHER ED-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Dan Kotowski-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Sets forth provisions governing employment contracts entered into, amended, renewed, or extended after the effective date of the amendatory Act, excluding collective bargaining agreements. Requires the governing board of a university or community college district to complete an annual performance review of the president and any chancellors of the higher education institution. Provides that such annual performance review must be considered when the board contemplates a bonus, raise, or severance agreement for the president or chancellor.

**Senate Committee Amendment 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the introduced bill with the following changes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Sets forth provisions governing employment contracts of the president or all chancellors (rather than all employments contracts) entered into, amended, renewed, or extended after the effective date of this amendatory Act. With respect to employment contracts entered into with the president or all chancellors of a public university, sets forth provisions concerning severance, start and end date, and automatic rollover clauses. Provides that public notice given prior to action on the formation, renewal, extension, or termination of employment contracts must be compliant with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act and must include a copy of the governing board item or other documentation providing, at a minimum, a description of the proposed principal financial components of the president's or all chancellors' appointments. Provides that any performance-based bonus or incentive-based compensation to the president or all chancellors of the university or community college must be approved by the governing board in an open meeting. With respect to public community colleges, removes provisions concerning limitations of employment contracts entered into, amended, renewed, or extended after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Provides that severance payments or contract buyouts may not occur if there are pending criminal charges against the president or chancellors of the community college related to their employment. Provides that the criteria and goals upon which the bonus or incentive-based compensation for a president or all chancellors of a community college is based must be made available to the public no less than 48 hours before board approval of the performance-based bonus or incentive-based compensation. Makes related changes.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
10/20/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

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**SB 2174****BD HIGH ED LEADERSHIP TRAINING****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require every voting member of the governing board of a public university appointed for a term beginning after January 1, 2016 to complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training. Provides that a public university shall maintain on its Internet website the names of all voting members of the governing board who have successfully completed the training. Provides that after the effective date of this amendatory Act, by July 31 of each year, the chairperson of each governing board shall certify to the Board the number of hours of training that each member received during the preceding fiscal year. Sets forth provisions providing for if a board member has not completed the training. Provides that the

training may be provided by the Board or by other qualified providers approved by the Board.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
10/20/2015	Senate	To Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

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**SB 2185**

\$COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: Other State Funds  
\$43,000,000Total\$43,000,000

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
10/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2188**

\$ICCB-CAREER-TECH-ADULT ED-LIT

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Sue Rezin

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Makes various appropriations from the Career and Technical Education Fund and the ICCB Adult Education Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
10/20/2015	Senate	Referred to Assignments

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**SB 2196**

HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Iris Y. Martinez

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the University of Illinois Act, Southern Illinois University Management Act, Chicago State University Law, Eastern Illinois University Law, Governors State University Law, Illinois State University Law, Northeastern Illinois University Law, Northern Illinois University Law, and Western Illinois University

Law. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a student who meets the requisite requirements concerning being deemed an Illinois resident for tuition purposes is eligible to apply or receive consideration for any student aid or benefit funded or administered by the State, State agencies, public institutions, or the university, including scholarships, grants, awards, stipends, room and board, tuition waivers, or other financial or in-kind assistance, but excluding Monetary Award Program grants.

#### **Last Action**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chamber</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>11/10/2015</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Assignments</b>

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## **HR 55      Resolution Adopted**

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermed, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E. Meier, Christine Winger, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Adam Brown, Chad Hays, Sheri L Jesiel, Michael P. McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Raymond Poe, Ed Sullivan, Barbara Wheeler, John D'Amico, Martin J. Moylan, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley, Laura Fine and Jack D. Franks

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

#### **House Floor Amendment No. 3**

Replaces everything after the heading with similar language. Removes a reference to the performance audit to be conducted on the College of DuPage being restricted to Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014. Adds the amount, purpose, and uses of General Obligation Bonds issued by the College of DuPage in 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013 and the amount and purposes of all transactions occurring in Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 between the College of DuPage and the College of DuPage Foundation and the legality of those transactions to the list of determinations to be made by the Auditor General in its performance audit. Removes language concerning compliance with the public required by Board policy from the list of determinations to be made by the Auditor General in its performance audit.

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## **HR 460      Resolution Adopted**

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - REPORT \$\$\$

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Deborah Conroy-Jack D. Franks-Patricia R. Bellock, Ron Sandack and Kathleen Willis



**Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges the College of DuPage to report all administrative expenses for Fiscal Year 2015 and all forthcoming years to the General Assembly; urges Trustees of the College of DuPage to participate in professional board development training to enhance their knowledge of board governance and duties of Trustees; and urges the College of DuPage Board of Trustees to establish a finance committee to evaluate and implement best practices in accounting, transparency, and budgeting.

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**HR 527      Resolution Adopted**

URGE FEDS - CC FEDERAL FUNDS

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Thaddeus Jones

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Urges President Barack Obama and Congress to make federal funds available to the Illinois Community College System.

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**HJR 52      Resolution Adopted**

HIGHER ED COMM'N ON WORKFORCE

**House Sponsors**

Rep. Kelly Burke-Norine Hammond-Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Sue Scherer and Avery Bourne

**Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Bill Cunningham-Pat McGuire)

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Resolves that the Board of Higher Education establish a Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce to ensure that the State has an educated workforce to meet the needs of business and industry.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the heading. Reinserts the contents of the introduced resolution with the following change: provides that the Board of Higher Education shall provide administrative support to the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce.