



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 12, 2016. Additions and committee hearings are highlighted in yellow.

This is an updated legislative report removing many bills that were not heard in committee before the April 8 committee deadline (they will remain on our watch list, however). The General Assembly returns today with two weeks remaining to move bills through final reading in the chamber in which the bill was filed. Usually this time involves long hours of floor session on second reading (the amendment stage) and third reading (final action). However, many committees have been posted for hearing this week since the deadline for bills to pass out of committee has been extended for a lot of legislation.

Several reports indicate some hope on the budget front. Last week, the Republican Leaders of the House and Senate introduced legislation that would address the lack of FY 16 appropriation authority for certain social services. The Leaders also indicated possible revenue sources for the appropriation. Some commentators noted the legislation did not include language for any of the reforms requested by the Governor. Those same commentators read what was not part of the legislation as progress. Additionally, some legislators have become more publically vocal about addressing those areas not receiving funding this year – primarily social services and higher education. These words were cited as possible signs of progress or perhaps just hopeful thoughts. Only time will tell.

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

KEY LEGISLATION

HB 648 FINANCE-TECH **Position: Monitor**

House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. John J. Cullerton)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Revenue Sharing Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Finance Act. Eliminates the requirement that funds transferred, as authorized for cash flow borrowing during fiscal year 2015, must be repaid within 18 months. Effective immediately, but does not take effect at all unless House Bill 2990 of the 99th General Assembly becomes law.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2016	Senate	Referred to Assignments

HB 811 EDUCATION-TECH **Position: Monitor**

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. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code to add provisions concerning student data privacy. Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act. Makes changes to the definition provisions. Sets forth provisions allowing disclosure of student records to researchers at an accredited post-secondary educational institution or an organization conducting research if specified requirements are met. Amends the Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act to change the definition of "child" to mean a person under the age of 18 (instead of 16).

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/8/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 2990 \$TRS-TECH

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo-Gregory Harris-Barbara Flynn Currie, La Shawn K. Ford, Stephanie A. Kifowit, André Thapedi and Mary E. Flowers

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. John J. Cullerton)

Synopsis As Introduced

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

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes appropriations and reappropriations to various State agencies and educational institutions for specified purposes. Provides that all appropriation authority granted in the Act shall be used only for costs for services for which spending authority has not been authorized for fiscal year 2016 by any order of any court. Provides that the appropriation authority granted in the Act shall be valid for costs incurred prior to July 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/4/2016	Senate	Referred to Assignments

HB 3408 **PENCD-SURS-HOUSING & VEHICLES**

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit and Carol Ammons

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.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. For an employee who first becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, excludes housing allowances and vehicle allowances from the calculation of basic compensation and earnings. Provides that the definition of "basic compensation" includes the amount of any elective deferral to a deferred compensation plan under the Illinois Pension Code. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 3760 **LOCAL GOV-DISCLOSE INCENTIVES**

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Ed Sullivan

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Local Government Tax Incentive Disclosure Act. Provides that each unit of local government shall report the annual value of any tax incentive granted by the unit of local government as lost revenue on the annual financial report for that unit of local government. Provides that the term "tax incentive" means any property tax abatement granted by a unit of local government or any tax increment financing affecting a unit of local government. Provides that, no later than August 1 of each year, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly the total value of all tax credits awarded by the Department. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that units of local government shall report the annual value of any tax incentive granted by the unit of local government as community investment revenue (in the introduced bill, "lost revenue") on its annual financial report.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 3770 \$EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP

Position: Monitor

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 4156 \$HIGHER ED APPROP

Position: Monitor

Comment: HFA2: MAP only at \$397,073.1 (increase of \$23.8M/6.4% over FY15; \$32.2M/8.8% increase over revised FY15)

House Sponsors

Rep. Kelly Burke-Emanuel Chris Welch-Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr.-Sue Scherer-Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Michelle Mussman, Sara Feigenholtz, Pamela Reaves-Harris, Robyn Gabel, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Christian L. Mitchell, Camille Y. Lilly, Anna Moeller, Robert Rita, Elaine Nekritz, Patrick J. Verschoore, Daniel V. Beiser, Lawrence M. Walsh, Jr., Katherine Cloonen, Emily McAsey, Ann Williams, Kathleen Willis, Frances Ann Hurley, Anthony DeLuca, Natalie A. Manley, William Davis, Mary E. Flowers, La Shawn K. Ford, Brandon W. Phelps, Cynthia Soto, Daniel J. Burke, Will Guzzardi, Silvana Tabares, Elizabeth Hernandez, Michael J. Zalewski, Al Riley, Laura Fine, Robert F. Martwick, André M. Thapedi, Sam Yingling, Martin J. Moylan, Arthur Turner, Rita Mayfield, Deborah Conroy, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Greg Harris, Fred Crespo, Linda Chapa LaVia, Carol Ammons, Lou Lang, Kelly M. Cassidy, Jerry F. Costello, II, Litesa E. Wallace, John D'Amico, Jay Hoffman, Mike Smiddy, Barbara Flynn Currie, Sonya M. Harper, John E. Bradley, Frank J. Mautino and Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

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
12/2/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

HB 4329 HIGHR ED PROCUREMENT-FED GRANT

Position: Monitor

Committee Hearing:

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2016 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors

Rep. Mark Batinick

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Illinois College Procurement Clarification Act and amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Allows the governing body of a public university to provide by resolution that, in the case of the expenditure of any federal grant, it shall be the policy of the university that federal procurement law and administrative rules supersede and have priority over the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall administer the Act and may adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer the Act.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/16/2016	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

HB 4330 SCH CD-STATE SEAL BILITERACY

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Wheeler

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. For admissions purposes, requires each public university in this State to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she will be receiving or has received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Provides that each public community college and public university in this State shall establish criteria to translate a State Seal of Biliteracy into course credit based on foreign language course equivalencies identified by the community college's or university's faculty and staff and, upon request from an enrolled student, the community college or university shall award foreign language course credit to a student who has received a State Seal of Biliteracy. Requires the State Board of Education's rules to ensure that the criteria that pupils must achieve to earn a State Seal of Biliteracy meet the course credit criteria. Requires students enrolled in a public community college or public university who have received a State Seal of Biliteracy to request course credit for their seal within 3 academic years after graduating from high school.



Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/5/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4362 SCH CD-COLLEGE/CAREER EXAM**Position: Monitor****House Sponsors**

Rep. Michael Unes-Terri Bryant-Tim Butler

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Board of Education - Powers and Duties Article of the School Code. Removes a provision providing that of the 3 assessments the State Board of Education shall administer of English language arts and mathematics for students in a secondary education program, one assessment shall include a college and career ready determination exam. Provides that the State Board shall enter into 2 separate contracts to administer 2 college and career-ready determination exams, including, but not limited to, one that is accepted by all of this State's public institutions of higher education, as well as all of the State's post-secondary educational institutions for the purpose of student application or admissions. Specifies that each student shall be offered the opportunity to choose between the 2 exams. Sets forth provisions providing that the State Board shall be required to cover all expenses for each student to take one of the 2 exams for the purpose of college application or admissions consideration.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code with respect to State assessments. Provides that of the 3 assessments of English language arts and mathematics administered to students in a secondary education program, one shall be the designated State assessment as selected by the State Board of Education (instead of requiring one of these assessments to include a college and career ready determination). Requires the State Board of Education to follow a competitive procurement process pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code to seek bids from at least 2 separate vendors for a college entrance exam and to offer separate contracts to all qualified bidders to administer at least 2 college entrance exams. Requires each school district to administer one of these 2 college entrance exams to all eligible students during a regularly scheduled school day. Provides that, subject to appropriations for a college entrance exam, the State Board of Education shall pay for each student to take one college entrance exam's base product that renders a college reportable score.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4370 HOSPITALS-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY**Position: Monitor****House Sponsors**

Rep. William Davis, Jehan A. Gordon-Booth, Al Riley and Kathleen Willis

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act and the University of Illinois Hospital Act. Provides that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board shall require the University of Illinois Hospital and hospitals with more than 50 beds to submit an annual report by April 15, 2017 and every 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 hospital shall include certain specified information in its annual report. Provides that the Board, the University of Illinois Hospital, and all

participating hospitals shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in June of 2016 and every year thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. Requires the Board to adopt rules to implement the reporting requirements. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: (1) requires the annual report submitted by participating hospitals to include actual spending for all capital expenditures that are required to be reported under a specified provision of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (rather than all actual spending); (2) provides that the annual workshop shall be subject to appropriation and that the Department of Central Management Services (rather than the Health Facilities and Services Review Board) shall hold the workshop in conjunction with the University of Illinois Hospital and all participating hospitals; (3) provides that the annual workshop shall be held beginning in 2017 (rather than beginning in 2016); and (4) removes the immediate effective date.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4379 LOCAL GOV-TRAVEL EXPENSES

Position: Oppose

House Sponsors

Rep. David McSweeney-Andrew F Skoog-Ed Sullivan-Jack D. Franks-Deborah Conroy, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Jeanne M Ives, Margo McDermed, Thomas Morrison, John D'Amico, Tim Butler, Michelle Mussman, Martin J. Moylan and Ron Sandack

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. Provides that school districts and non-home rule units of local government shall, by resolution or ordinance, regulate travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees including: (1) the types of official business for which travel, meal, and lodging expenses are allowable; (2) maximum allowable reimbursement for travel, meal, and lodging expenses; and (3) a standardized form for submission of travel, meal, and lodging expenses. Provides that all travel, meal, and lodging expenses may only be approved after specified documentation has been submitted and the expenses are approved by a roll call vote. Prohibits reimbursing entertainment expenses.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that the Act also applies to community college districts (currently, school districts and non-home rule units of local government); and that expenses officers or employees expend that exceed the maximum allowable expenses, and any expenses for members of the governing board or corporate authorities, must be approved by the governing board or corporate authorities (currently, all expenses must be approved by the board or corporate authorities).

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2016	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4380 SCH CD-COLLEGE/CAREER EXAM

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. David McSweeney, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Jeanne M Ives, Jack D. Franks, C.D. Davidsmeyer and

Thomas Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code with respect to State goals and assessment. Provides that the provision requiring the State Board of Education to administer no more than 3 assessments, per student, of English language arts and mathematics for students in a secondary education program applies until the expiration of any contracts entered into before the effective date of the amendatory Act between the State Board and the company or companies that operate the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) tests. Provides that after the expiration of any such contracts, the State Board shall enter into 2 separate contracts to administer 2 college and career ready determination examinations, including, but not limited to, one that is accepted by all of this State's public and private institutions of higher education, for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration. Specifies that each student must be offered the opportunity to choose between the 2 examinations. Sets forth provisions providing that the State Board is required to cover all expenses for each student to take one of the 2 examinations for the purpose of college application or admissions consideration. Provides that no State assessments other than these 2 examinations may be administered to students in a secondary education program after the expiration of any contracts entered into before the effective date of the amendatory Act between the State Board and the company or companies that operate the PARCC tests. Effective July 1, 2016.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced with the following changes. Requires the State Board of Education to enter into 2 separate contracts, one to administer the ACT and one to administer the SAT (instead of entering into 2 separate contracts to administer 2 college and career ready determination examinations). Specifies that each school district (instead of each student) must be offered the opportunity to choose between the 2 examinations. Provides that this examination shall constitute a secondary education program annual assessment for the purpose of implementing State assessments. Provides that the State Board shall take whatever may be appropriate ways and means, including a request for a federal waiver or waivers if required, to ensure that, should a waiver or waivers be granted pursuant to this request, no State assessments other than these 2 examinations may be administered to students in a secondary education program (instead of just providing that no State assessments other than these 2 examinations may be administered to students in a secondary education program). Provides that, notwithstanding the mandate to administer these 2 examinations, should the PARCC test continue to be required of Illinois high schools by federal mandate, the PARCC test shall continue to be administered to students in a secondary education program. Effective July 1, 2016.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2016	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4393 \$BD HIGHER ED-GRANT-MINORITIES

Position: Monitor

Comment: CSU approp only at \$25M

House Sponsors

Rep. André Thapedi-Thaddeus Jones-Al Riley-William Davis-Mary E. Flowers, La Shawn K. Ford, Kathleen Willis, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Anthony DeLuca, Elizabeth Hernandez, Monique D. Davis, Gregory Harris, Jehan Gordon-Booth, Rita Mayfield, Laura Fine, Emanuel Chris Welch, Christian L. Mitchell, Robert Rita, Camille Y. Lilly, Arthur Turner, Litesa E. Wallace, Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr., Sonya M. Harper, Cynthia Soto, Sam Yingling, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Will Guzzardi, Daniel J. Burke, Deb Conroy, Carol Ammons, Kelly M. Burke, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Pamela Reaves-Harris, Martin J. Moylan and Kenneth Dunkin

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for the purpose

of making grants to those public community college districts and public universities that have a minority student enrollment of at least 75% of the total student enrollment. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Appropriates \$36,000,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Recovery Fund, Illinois Clean Water Fund, Lobbyist Registration Administration Fund, or Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund or any combination of these to the Board of Higher Education for the purpose of making grants to those public community college districts and public universities that have a minority student enrollment of at least 75% of the total student enrollment. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Standard Debate

HB 4434 PROP TX-MUNICIPALITIES-NO LEVY

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Anthony DeLuca

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, if, in any levy year, a municipality fails to adopt a tax levy ordinance, then the county clerk shall automatically extend a rate for each fund for which the municipality levied a tax in the most recent levy year for which the municipality levied a tax for general purposes that is equal to the lesser of (1) the rate extended for that fund in the most recent levy year for which the municipality levied a tax for general purposes or (2) the maximum rate that would be permitted to be extended by law for that fund if a valid levy ordinance had been adopted for the current levy year. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that the county clerk shall extend a rate that is equal to the lesser of (1) the rate that, when it is extended upon the equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the municipality, will produce an amount equal to the amount levied for the applicable fund in the most recent levy year for which the municipality levied a tax for general purposes or (2) the maximum rate that would be permitted to be extended by law for that fund if a valid levy ordinance had been adopted for the current levy year (in the introduced bill, the rate shall be equal to the lesser of (1) the rate extended for that fund in the most recent levy year for which the municipality levied a tax for general purposes or (2) the maximum rate that would be permitted to be extended by law for that fund if a valid levy ordinance had been adopted for the current levy year).

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/1/2016	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4446 COLLEGE ADMISSION INQUIRIES

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Barbara Wheeler-Mary E. Flowers-Carol Ammons, Elgie R. Sims, Jr. and Al Riley

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the College Admission Inquiries Act. Provides that during the admission decision-making process, a college (defined as an institution of higher education authorized to confer degrees in this State) may not inquire about arrests that did not result in a criminal conviction and criminal convictions that have been sealed or expunged or make any inquiry or consider information about any arrest or criminal accusation of an individual that



was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of the individual. Provides that a college may not make any inquiry or consider information about an individual's past criminal conviction or convictions at any time during the admission decision-making process. Provides that after an individual has been admitted as a student, a college may make inquiries about and consider information about the individual's past criminal conviction history for the purpose of offering support counseling and services. Provides that a college may also make inquiries about and consider information about the individual's past criminal conviction history for the purpose of making decisions about participation in activities and aspects of campus life associated with the individual's status as a student. Provides that a college may not use the information to rescind an offer of admission. Provides that a college is not required to make inquiries into or consider an individual's criminal conviction history for any reason. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that a college's authority to make inquiries and consider information about an individual's criminal conviction history for specified purposes is subject to federal, State, or local law.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4532 PEN CD-SURS-SELF MANAGED PLAN

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Elaine Nekritz

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the System to provide advance notice to a participant in the self-managed plan of the participant's obligation to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into one or more investment funds selected by the System at the time he or she makes his or her initial retirement plan selection. Provides that if a participant in the self-managed plan fails to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into the various investment options offered to the participant when making his or her initial retirement election choice, the System shall invest the employee and employer contributions in a default investment fund on behalf of the participant, and the investment shall be deemed to have been made at the participant's investment direction. Provides that the participant has the right to transfer account balances out of the default investment fund during time periods designated by the System. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the bill as introduced, plus the following additional provisions: Further amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article, with respect to establishing certain types of service credit in the Fund, provides that application and payment must be received by the Board while the applicant is an active participant, except that one payment will be permitted after termination of participation. In the State Employees Article: (1) allows licensed healthcare practitioners (rather than just physicians) to make certain disability determinations; (2) authorizes the Board to waive certain disability application deadline requirements; (3) provides that certain disability benefits shall be payable retroactive to the date of eligibility; and (4) also makes changes relating to Social Security full retirement age and to hearings under certain provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act and the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. In the Judges Article, makes changes concerning the application of certain provisions to Tier 2 judges. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4630 OPEN MEETING-CLOSED SESSION**Position: Monitor****House Sponsors**

Rep. Jeanne M Ives, Robert Martwick and Steven A. Andersson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires that any and all available minutes and verbatim recordings of meetings closed to the public prior to a newly elected official's term in a public body shall be available to that official for review, regardless of whether those minutes or verbatim recordings are confidential. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4639 PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION**Position: Monitor****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
3/2/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4664 OPEN MEETINGS ACT-TRAINING**Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2016 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors

Rep. Margo McDermed, Mark Batinick, David Harris, Jeanne M Ives, Thomas Morrison, Grant Wehrli and Keith Wheeler

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an elected or appointed member of a public body who fails to complete training on compliance with the Open Meetings Act, within 30 days of receiving notice from the public body that he or she has failed to complete training, is disqualified from further service as a member of the public body.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2016	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

HB 4675 ICCB-FEDERAL

Position: Support

Comment: ICCB initiative

House Sponsors

Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the ICCB Adult Education Fund and the Career and Technical Education Fund are federal funds (instead of special funds) in the State treasury. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/7/2016	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4715 GOVERNMENT-TECH

Position: Monitor

Committee Hearing:

Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Apr 13 2016 8:30AM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1 - House Committee Amendment 2

House Sponsors

Rep. Terri Bryant

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that if the court determines that a public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act, or otherwise acted in bad faith, the court shall also impose upon the public body a civil penalty of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$10,000 (instead of \$5,000) for each occurrence. Provides that if the public body fails to comply with the court's order after 30 days, the court shall impose an additional \$1,000 penalty for each day the violation continues.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "prevails" as meaning that the plaintiff achieves his or her desired outcome through a court order or production of all requested documents. Provides that if the court determines that a public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act, or otherwise acted in bad faith, the court shall also impose upon the public body a civil penalty of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$10,000 (instead of \$5,000) for each occurrence. Provides that if the public body fails to comply with the court's order after 30 days, the court may impose an additional penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day the violation continues.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/4/2016	House	Re-assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee

House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Peter Breen-Sam Yingling-Thomas Morrison-Natalie A. Manley, Ed Sullivan and Anna Moeller

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an operating budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, the following information: (1) information about elected and appointed officials; (2) notice of and materials prepared for meetings; (3) procedures for requesting information from the unit of local government or school district; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances; (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) a debt disclosure report; and (14) public notices. Provides that any citizen who is a resident of the unit of local government or school district may bring a mandamus or injunction action to compel the unit of local government or school district to comply with the Internet posting requirements. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides for a statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on specified websites. Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to make conforming changes. Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that whenever an officer of a court, unit of local government, or school district is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper, publishing website address to the document will be sufficient. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Standard Debate

Committee Hearing:

Higher Education Committee Hearing Apr 14 2016 8:30AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors

Rep. David McSweeney-André M. Thapedi-Robert W. Pritchard

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Creates the Accelerate College pilot program. Authorizes a community college district board of trustees to enter into an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement with any school district wholly contained within the community college district's jurisdiction. Provides that an agreement must offer a group of high school students the right to take community college courses without paying tuition for those courses. Provides for the size of the program. Allows community colleges to charge fees limited to the actual operating costs and related student activities. Provides that any coursework completed by high school students in a community college shall be transferrable to all public universities in this State on the same basis as coursework completed by community college students who have previously earned high school diplomas. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to study the effectiveness of the program and to issue an annual report. Repeals the provisions 36 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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2/10/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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HB 5566 COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY BOARD

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates the College Affordability Board to research and recommend to the General Assembly innovative tuition and financial aid policies to keep postsecondary education affordable for Illinois students. Sets forth provisions concerning the members of the Board, meetings of the Board, support from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and an annual report to the General Assembly.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 5567 HIGHER ED-WORKFORCE NEEDS

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board's master plan shall include the area of middle-skill workforce needs. Provides that the master plan's accessibility measures shall include access to technical and community colleges, apprenticeship programs, and university course offerings.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 5683 OPEN MEETINGS-CIVIL ACTION

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors

Rep. Peter Breen-Elaine Nekritz-Ann M. Williams-Steven A. Andersson-Ron Sandack

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that where the provisions of this Act are not complied with, or where there is probable cause to believe that the provisions of this Act will not be complied with, any person may bring a civil action in the circuit court within 60 days of the decision by the Attorney General to resolve a request for review by a means other than the issuance of a binding opinion, if the person timely files a request for review with the Public Access Counselor. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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4/7/2016	House	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate
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HB 5710 SCH CD-HIGH SCH DIPLOMA-ADULT

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors
Rep. Joe Sosnowski

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that, upon request of an alternative higher learning institution, the school board of Rockford School District 205 may award a diploma to any person who has not received a high school diploma but has received a high school equivalency certificate from the alternative higher learning institution, with conditions. Provides for rulemaking.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/5/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 5729 POSTSECOND/WORKFORCE READINESS

Position: Monitor

House Sponsors
Rep. Kelly Burke

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Sets forth provisions concerning postsecondary career expectations; a competency-based, high school graduation requirements pilot program; transitional mathematics courses; reading and communication transitional competencies; College and Career Pathway Endorsements and State Distinction programs; and administrative rules. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 5894 ADULT ED-AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

Position: Support

Comment: ICCB Initiative

House Sponsors
Rep. Norine Hammond

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Adult Education Act with respect to Area Planning Councils. Makes changes concerning membership on an Area Planning Council, the election of officers and the development of bylaws, the chairperson of the Council, and the designation of sub-areas within a Council district. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to determine the guidelines for the bylaws and operation of a Council. Removes provisions concerning joint Councils and Councils for school districts not included within the boundaries of a community college district. Makes changes concerning an Area Adult Education Plan and the Board's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for adult education. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 5913 PLUMBING LICENSE-INSTRUCTION**Position: Monitor****House Sponsors**

Rep. John C. D'Amico-Edward J. Acevedo-Patrick J. Verschoore-Frances Ann Hurley-Carol Ammons

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Don Harmon)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Requires a licensed plumber to provide proof of completing 4 hours of continuing education to renew his or her annual license. Provides that sponsors of continuing education shall meet the criteria provided by the Board of Plumbing Examiners and the Plumbing Code advisory council. Provides that continuing education courses shall provide instruction in plumbing, which is supervised directly by an Illinois licensed plumber only. Provides qualifying criteria for plumbing instructors. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall approve an application for a plumber's license examination if the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she has successfully completed an approved course of instruction in plumbing supervised directly by an Illinois licensed plumber in colleges, universities, or trade schools.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/28/2016	House	Sent to the Governor

HB 5938 HIGHER ED-MEDICAL PROVIDERS**Position: Monitor****House Sponsors**

Rep. Randy Frese

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Veterans' Home Nurses' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Act as the Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Nurse Loan Repayment Program as the Medical Providers Loan Repayment Program. Requires that the program provide assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses (rather than nurses). Provides that an applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the Illinois Student Assistance Commission finds that the applicant is working as a physician, registered professional nurse, or certified nursing assistant (rather than as a registered professional nurse). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides for grant assistance to certified nurse practitioners.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/5/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

Comment: ICCB initiative

House Sponsors

Rep. Chad Hays

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act, the Board of Higher Education Act, and the Public Community College Act. Provides for the Board of Higher Education's master plan for community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Provides that community college performance metrics must be adopted by ICCB by rule. Removes the need for approval from the Board of Higher Education or for ICCB approval with respect to certain community college provisions. Removes provisions requiring uniform financial accounting and reporting standards and principles for community colleges and requiring ICCB to file copies of uniform financial statements from audit reports with the Board of Higher Education. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of the Board of Higher Education. Repeals Sections concerning a State university and college information system, an annual community college education study and report, the Academic Improvement Trust Fund for Community College Foundations, adverse court decision grants, State Community College District No. 601, and a mobile response workforce training pilot program. Effective July 1, 2016.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Removes language requiring the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board to approve projects and estimated amounts with respect to levying a tax to alter or repair community college facilities. Removes language requiring the Board to approve the project and estimated amount to borrow money for certain alterations or repairs to community college facilities. Provides that the Board shall set through administrative rule (rather than shall prepare and enforce) regulations and specifications for minimum requirements for certain renovations to community college property. Effective July 1, 2016.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

Committee Hearing:

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2016 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors

Rep. Sam Yingling-Mark Batinick

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Specifies that the term "public body" includes any member-based organization that lobbies on behalf of one or more taxing bodies and is funded in majority by tax dollars paid to it by its governmental membership.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2016	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

House Sponsors
Rep. Sam Yingling

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.

Land Conveyance Appraisal Note (Dept. of Transportation)

No land conveyances are included in HB 6021; therefore, there are no appraisals to be filed.

Housing Affordability Impact Note (Housing Development Authority)

This bill has no fiscal effect on constructing, purchasing, owning, or selling a single-family residence.

State Debt Impact Note (Government Forecasting & Accountability)

HB 6021 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.

Judicial Note (Admin Office of the Illinois Courts)

This bill would neither increase nor decrease the number of judges needed in the State.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause and reinserts similar provisions. Changes the period during which the election may be made, from calendar year 2016 to a period of one year beginning 5 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. In the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code, adds an additional reference to repayment of the survivors insurance contribution refund or additional annuity payments. Effective immediately.

Fiscal Note (Teachers' Retirement System)

Administrative cost impact - Administering the provisions of this bill would not increase the administrative costs of TRS. Actuarial cost impact - No increase in State funding requirements is expected if this bill becomes law. The costs of the survivor benefit program are covered by the member's 1 percent survivor benefit contribution.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

Comment: ICCB initiative

House Sponsors
Rep. Kelly Burke

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Credit for Prior Learning Act. Requires each public university to submit its policies and procedures for students to earn credit for prior learning to the Board of Higher Education for review and approval and each community college to submit its policies and procedures for students to earn credit for prior learning to the Illinois Community College Board for review and approval. Provides that, at a minimum, these procedures shall include a listing of the types of documentation acceptable and the dates of inclusion for which prior learning is acceptable. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to adopt rules to permit public higher education institutions to award credit for prior learning after the assessment of prior learning experiences for documented learning that demonstrates achievement of all terminal objectives for a specific course or courses.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

Committee Hearing:

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2016 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors
Rep. Tom Demmer

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal webmaster must compile and update notices and digital public records from all school districts and units of local government without websites (currently, must only compile and update for specified units of local government). Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a school district or unit of local government may publish any notice, agenda, record, or other information or material required by law electronically instead of in a newspaper. Further provides that any requirement to store or maintain any public record in microfilm or microfiche form shall be satisfied by the school district or unit of local government's maintenance of such public record in digital form.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provision of the introduced bill with the following changes: Moves provisions from the introduced bill amending the Local Records Act to the Open Meetings Act. Provides that school districts and units of local government may satisfy specified publishing requirements for notices, agendas, records, and other materials by publishing the information on data.illinois.gov (rather than the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal). Provides that any requirement to store or maintain any public record in microfilm or microfiche form may (rather than shall) be satisfied by the school district or unit of local government's maintenance of such public record in digital form if such maintenance meets specified standards and rules.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/23/2016	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

HB 6147 OPEN MEETING-PUBLIC BODY REQ**Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2016 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors

Rep. Dwight Kay

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that no public body may refuse to allow any of its members to attend any open or closed meeting of the public body. Provides that a court shall (rather than may) assess against any party, except a State's Attorney, reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred by any other party who substantially prevails in any action for non-compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the attorney's fees and other litigation costs assessed by the court shall be awarded directly to the Office of the Attorney General. Provides that upon a request to review whether a public body committed a violation under the Open Meetings Act, the Attorney General shall issue to the requester and the public body an opinion within 20 days (rather than 60 days) after initiating review.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 6302 PREPAID TUITION-INSTITUTION**Position: Monitor****House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act. Changes the definition of "eligible institution" to mean an eligible educational institution as defined in Section 529 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any regulations thereunder (instead of an institution of higher learning, as defined in the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, whose students are eligible to receive benefits under Section 529(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as specified by the federal Small Business Act of 1996 and subsequent amendments to this federal law). Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

SB 229 EDUCATION-TECH**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Michael E. Hastings

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations 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. Creates the Student Online Personal Protection Act. Prohibits the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application (with actual knowledge that the site, service, or application is used primarily for K through 12 school purposes and was designed and marketed for K through 12 school purposes) from knowingly (1) engaging in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or targeting advertising on any other site, service, or application if the targeting of the advertising is based on any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application for K through 12 school purposes; (2) using information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of K through 12 school purposes; (3) selling or renting a student's information; or (4) disclosing certain information, except for specified purposes. Sets forth an operator's duties, permissive uses or disclosure, those operator actions that are not prohibited, and what the Act does not do. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/8/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 9, 2016

SB 384 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Antonio Muñoz

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold closed meetings to consider, among other subjects, the discussion of matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 or 42 C.F.R. Part 3, Subpart C, or matters related to information under Part 21 of Article VIII of the Code of Civil Procedure on medical studies by a hospital, or other institution providing medical care, that is operated by the public body.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/30/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 5, 2016

SB 1841 EDUCATION-TECH**Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:** Higher Education Hearing Apr 12 2016 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

Synopsis As Introduced

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

Senate 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. Provides that a public university or community college district may not prohibit a student from registering for classes or refuse to issue a student transcript based solely on the fact that the student was awarded a Monetary Award Program grant for Fiscal Year 2016, but the student did not

receive that grant because no funds were appropriated for grant awards. Provides that the prohibition is inoperative if funds are appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for Fiscal Year 2016 Monetary Award Program grant awards. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

SB 2059 \$HIGHER ED & HUMAN SERVICES APPROP

Position: Support

Committee Hearing:

Executive Committee Hearing Apr 14 2016 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. John J. Cullerton-Donne E. Trotter-Heather A. Steans-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Iris Y. Martinez and Mattie Hunter

House Sponsors

(Rep. Michael J. Madigan)

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State University for its FY 16 ordinary and contingent expenses.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Makes appropriations and reappropriations to various State agencies and educational institutions for specified purposes. Provides that all appropriation authority granted in the Act shall be used only for costs for services for which spending authority has not been authorized for fiscal year 2016 by any order of any court. Provides that the appropriation authority granted in the Act shall be valid for costs incurred prior to July 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

SB 2155 AUDGEN COM COL AUDIT

Position: Oppose

Comment: Administrative Reform - Community college must be audited by Auditor General every third year; external auditors audit in years not covered by Auditor General; unfunded mandate

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton-Laura M. Murphy and Michael E. Hastings

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 No. 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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. In provisions concerning recognition, provides that recognition shall include regular peer audits of the finances and operations of community colleges. Provides that every community college shall be subject to a peer audit every 5 years. Provides that the peer audit shall review compliance with all applicable State laws, including, but not limited to: laws regarding transparency; contract formation, renewal, extension, or termination; bonus payments; and Open Meetings Act requirements.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 8, 2016

SB 2156 PEN CD-SURS-SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

Position: Monitor

Comment: Administrative Reform - amends meaning of "basic compensation"

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton-Julie A. Morrison-Laura M. Murphy and Andy Manar

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 No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. For an employee who first becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, excludes housing allowances, vehicle allowances, and club memberships or dues from the calculation of basic compensation and earnings. Provides that the definition of "basic compensation" includes the amount of any elective deferral to a deferred compensation plan under the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in the case of doubt as to whether any person meets the definition of "employee", the decision of the Board shall be final. Provides that an individual that begins employment with certain entities or an entity not defined in the Article as an employer on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be eligible to participate in the System. Provides that when the System requests information from an employer, the employer shall respond to the request within 90 calendar days. Provides that when the System requests employment records and payroll records of an employer, the employer shall respond within 60 calendar days. Authorizes the System to assess a penalty of \$500 per day, up to a maximum of \$50,000, on an employer who fails to respond to certain requests for information after a certain number of days. Provides that if a participant, beneficiary, or annuitant fails to provide any information that is necessary for the calculation, payment, or finalization of any benefit under the Article within 90 calendar days, then the System may immediately cease processing the benefit and may not pay any additional benefit payment to the participant, beneficiary, or annuitant until the requested information is provided.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Amends the bill as amended by Senate Amendment 2. Adds bonuses to a list of items not included in the term "basic compensation" for persons who first become participants on or after the effective date.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 8, 2016

SB 2157 COM COL-TRUSTEE TRAINING

Position: Oppose

Comment: Administrative Reform - requires trustee continuing education of 4 hours during the 1st, 3rd, and 5th year of the term

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 No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced, with the following changes. Provides for application to appointed trustees (not just trustees elected or appointed to fill a vacancy). Requires every voting member of a board of trustees (to which the provisions apply) to complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training covering topics that include, but are not limited to, open meetings law, community college and labor law, freedom of information law, ethics, sexual violence on campus, financial oversight and accountability, audits, and fiduciary responsibilities of a community college trustee during the first, third, and fifth year of his or her term (instead of requiring every voting member of a board elected or appointed for an elected trustee for a term beginning after the effective date of the amendatory Act, within a year after the effective date of the amendatory Act and during the third and fifth year of his or her term, to complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training covering topics in community college and labor law, opening meetings law, freedom of information law, ethics, financial oversight and accountability, audits, and fiduciary responsibilities of a community college trustee). Provides that the community college district shall maintain on its Internet website, if any, the names of all elected or appointed voting trustees of the board who have not successfully completed the training. Requires a board member to certify completion of the training to the secretary of the board. Provides that if a board member does not satisfy all of the requirements or the certification indicates that a board member has not completed the training, the secretary shall send a notice to all elected or appointed members serving on the board and the president or acting chief executive officer of the community college of that fact. Removes the effective date provision.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Provides that the training must cover the topic of contract law.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 4

Provides that the professional development leadership training shall include (instead of includes) certain topics.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 8, 2016

SB 2158 COM COL-EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

Position: Monitor

Comment: Administrative Reform - Lame Duck Board bill - no executive contracting 45 days before election and until the organizational meeting after the election; provides for an exception in a "reasonable emergency"

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Bill Cunningham-Michael Connelly-Thomas Cullerton-Julie A. Morrison-Laura M. Murphy

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.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that beginning 45 days (rather than 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, no addendum to modify or amend (rather than modify and amend) an employee agreement between a community college district and the district's president, chancellor, or chief executive officer (rather than a community college district and another party) may be agreed to or executed; makes a related change. Provides that if the current board must take such action at any time during the 45 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, then that action shall be terminated on the 60th day (rather than within 30 days) after the first organizational meeting, unless the new board reaffirms the agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 8, 2016

SB 2159 HIGHER ED-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Position: Monitor

Comment: Administrative Reform - extends contract limitations imposed on community colleges in 2015 to university presidents and chancellors

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 No. 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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the bill as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1 with the following changes: Provides that severance payments or contract buyouts may be placed in an escrow account (rather than may not occur) if there are pending criminal charges against the president or chancellors. Removes provisions concerning funding sources for performance-based bonus payments or compensation.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 8, 2016

SB 2162 PEN CD-EXCLUDE ALLOWANCES

Position: Monitor

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael Connelly-Bill Cunningham

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, provides that for a person who first becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, "earnings" does not include amounts associated with a housing allowance or vehicle allowance payable to an employee. In the Downstate Teacher Article, provides that for a person who first becomes a member on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, "salary" does not include amounts associated with a housing allowance or vehicle allowance payable to a teacher. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education; Subcommittee on Public Higher Education Executive Compensation

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael Connelly-Bill Cunningham

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that a school board shall vote on whether to approve an increase in the earnings of a member of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois who receives an increase in salary that exceeds his or her annual full-time salary rate with the same employer for the previous school year by more than 6%. Lists the public notice requirements of a school board meeting in which a vote confirming the salary increase takes place. Amends the Cities of Over 500,000 Inhabitants-Board Of Education Article of the School Code to make similar changes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that a board of trustees shall vote on whether to approve an increase in the earnings of a participant of the State Universities Retirement System who receives an increase in salary that exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year by more than 6%. Lists the public notice requirements of a board of trustees meeting in which a vote confirming the salary increase takes place. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Reported Back To Higher Education; 003-000-000

Comment: Administrative Reform - University trustee 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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the training may cover the topic of contract law.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Provides that the professional development leadership training shall (instead of may) include certain topics.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 8, 2016

SB 2196 HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Iris Y. Martinez-Pat McGuire-Martin A. Sandoval-Heather A. Steans-Michael E. Hastings, Linda Holmes, Terry Link, Toi W. Hutchinson, William Delgado and Kimberly A. Lightford

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.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that the amendatory language applies only to students who meet certain requirements for being a resident of Illinois but are not necessarily a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 2236 PROF REG-STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett and Michael E. Hastings-Mattie Hunter

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various acts to remove provisions allowing or requiring licensing authorities to revoke professional licenses for defaulting on an educational loan provided by or guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Amends the Athletic Trainers Practice Act and the Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act. Removes provisions requiring the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to deny a license or renewal authorized by the Acts to a person who has defaulted on specified education loans or scholarships.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 2243 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BSN**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Andy Manar

Synopsis As Introduced

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

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows the board of trustees of a community college district to establish and offer a program under which the district offers bachelor's degrees in nursing, subject to approval by Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/8/2016	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education

SB 2254 LOCAL OFFICIAL RECALL**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Napoleon Harris, III

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Election Code to provide for the recall of local elected officials. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Election Law

SB 2270 LOCAL GOV-AUDITORS**Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Local Government Hearing Apr 13 2016 4:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Governmental Account Audit Act. Provides that units of local government (including school districts and public colleges and universities) shall limit contracts or appointments with auditors to 5 years and shall competitively bid auditor contracts or appointments. Provides that a unit of local government may not contract with or appoint an auditor or auditing firm who has done any audit of the unit of local government in the previous 5 fiscal years unless an auditing firm practices audit partner rotation. Allows the Comptroller to waive the limitation on the same auditor or auditing firm in certain circumstances. Amends the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Park District Code, the School Code, the Board of Higher Education Act, and the Public Community College Act making conforming changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Postponed - Local Government

SB 2279 HIGHER ED-CAMPUS DEMONSTRATION**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Napoleon Harris, III-Mattie Hunter-Jacqueline Y. Collins

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Campus Demonstrations Policy Act. Provides that "State-supported institution of higher learning" includes every institution of higher learning approved by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for purposes of the Monetary Award Program. Requires the policy on demonstrations of a State-supported institution of higher learning to include a statement declaring that the academic or athletic scholarship awarded to a student-athlete may not be reduced or revoked as a result of the student-athlete's participation in or expression of his or her First Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 8, 2016

SB 2338 FINANCE**Position: Monitor****Comment:** Fund sweep power to Rauner until 7/1/17; GOP "funding mechanism" for higher ed approp SB 2349**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dale A. Righter

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Unbalanced Budget Response Act. Provides authority and procedures for the Governor to transfer previously appropriated funds between programs, purposes, accounts, agencies, or appropriation line items, and to transfer balances between special funds in the State treasury and the General Revenue Fund. Describes the agencies and programs subject to this authority. Provides that designated agencies may adopt emergency rules to carry out the purposes of the Act. Defines terms. Provides that the Act is repealed on July 1, 2017. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to make conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Adds actions taken under the Unbalanced Budget Response Act to a Section relating to applicability. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/16/2016	Senate	Assigned to Appropriations I

SB 2362 PEN CD-SURS-SELF MANAGED PLAN**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Daniel Biss

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the System to provide advance notice to a participant in the self-managed plan of the participant's obligation to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into one or more investment funds selected by the System at the time he or she makes his or her initial retirement plan selection. Provides that if a participant in the self-managed plan fails to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into the various investment options offered to the

participant when making his or her initial retirement election choice, the System shall invest the employee and employer contributions in a default investment fund on behalf of the participant, and the investment shall be deemed to have been made at the participant's investment direction. Provides that the participant has the right to transfer account balances out of the default investment fund during time periods designated by the System. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the bill as introduced, plus the following additional provisions: Further amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article, with respect to establishing certain types of service credit in the Fund, provides that application and payment must be received by the Board while the applicant is an active participant, except that one payment will be permitted after termination of participation. In the State Employees Article: (1) allows licensed healthcare practitioners (rather than just physicians) to make certain disability determinations; (2) authorizes the Board to waive certain disability application deadline requirements; (3) provides that certain disability benefits shall be payable retroactive to the date of eligibility; and (4) also makes changes relating to Social Security full retirement age and to hearings under certain provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act and the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. In the Judges Article, makes changes concerning the application of certain provisions to Tier 2 judges. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 5, 2016

SB 2400 PROCUREMENT CODE-VARIOUS

Position: Monitor

Comment: GOP "funding mechanism" for higher ed approp SB 2408

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pamela J. Althoff, Kyle McCarter and Jason A. Barickman-Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the chief procurement officer and designated procurement officers owe a fiduciary duty to the State. Exempts certain procurements from the Code. Re-enacts and makes changes to a provision concerning the applicability of the Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the chief procurement officer shall be the Director of Central Management Services or his or her designee. Provides for designated procurement officers of certain State functions. Includes designated procurement officers in certain responsibilities under the Procurement Code. Transfers certain responsibilities from the Procurement Policy Board to the Department. Provides for competitive procurements from a pre-qualified pool. Requires the Auditor General to perform, no less frequently than biennially, separate performance audits of procurements under the authority of the chief procurement officer and each designated procurement officer. Allows the Auditor General to review a specific procurement or category of procurements at any time. Repeals certain provisions concerning proposed contracts and the Board, independent State purchasing officers, procurement compliance monitors, independent chief procurement officers, methods of source selection, and procurement communications reporting. Makes other changes. Amends the State Employee Indemnification Act; Civil Administrative Code, Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act; Illinois State Auditing Act; Criminal Code of 2012; and the Illinois Human Rights Act to make related changes. Effective January 1, 2017.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Procurement

SB 2419 STATE GOV-BALANCED BUDGET**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, within 30 days after the enactment of the State budget for a fiscal year, the Auditor General must certify whether the enacted budget will be balanced with expenses not exceeding funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. Provides that the Comptroller may find at any time during the fiscal year that the State budget has become unbalanced and so report to the Auditor General, which shall have 10 days to respond to this report. Provides that, if the Auditor General certifies that the budget is not balanced or agrees with the Comptroller's finding that the State budget has become unbalanced, then (i) the Comptroller shall withhold all payments for the salaries of General Assembly members and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer and (ii) a special session of the General Assembly shall be convened within 10 days to enact a new State budget. Provides that, upon certification that the new budget will be balanced, the Comptroller will be allowed to resume payments. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/2/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations

SB 2464 CITIZENS EMPOWERMENT ACT**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dale A. Righter

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Citizens Empowerment Act. Provides that electors may petition for a referendum at the next general election to dissolve a unit of local government. Sets forth the requirements for the petition, together with the form and requirements for the ballot referendum. Provides for the transfer of all real and personal property, and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving unit of local government to the receiving unit of local government. Amends the Election Code to provide exceptions for the Local Government Dissolution Act. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Consolidation

SB 2467 CDB-FEDERAL FUNDS**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Iris Y. Martinez, Dale A. Righter and John G. Mulroe

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Provides that the unused portion of federal funds received for or as reimbursement for a capital facilities project (currently, the unused portion of federal funds received for a capital facilities project) shall remain in the Capital Development Board Contributory Trust Fund. Removes a provision providing that any federal funds received as reimbursement for the completed construction of a capital improvement project shall be deposited in the Capital Development Bond Retirement and Interest Fund. Amends

the Capital Development Bond Act of 1972. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 16, 2016

SB 2505 EDUC-INTL BACCALAUREATE EXAM

Position: Monitor

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Heather A. Steans

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that scores of 4 or higher on International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme examinations shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions of higher education. Provides that each institution shall determine for each International Baccalaureate test whether credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or major requirements and the International Baccalaureate scores required to grant credit for those purposes. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that scores of 4 or higher for International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subjects shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions of higher education. Provides that each institution shall determine for each International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject whether credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or major requirements and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject scores required to grant credit for those purposes. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, shall analyze each institution's Advanced Placement examination and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject score course granting policy and research by the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year (instead of requiring the Board of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, to analyze each institution's Advanced Placement examination score course granting policy and research by the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year). Provides for publication of the policy before the beginning of the 2017-2018 (instead of 2016-2017) academic year. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 2526 HIGHER ED-MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Position: Monitor

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Sue Rezin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Veterans' Home Nurses' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Act as the Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Nurse Loan Repayment Program as the Medical Providers Loan Repayment Program. Requires that the program provide assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses (rather than nurses). Provides that an applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the Illinois Student Assistance Commission finds that the applicant is working as a physician, registered professional nurse, or certified nursing assistant (rather than as a registered professional nurse). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides for grant assistance to certified nurse practitioners.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (RV)

SB 2789 UNBALANCED BUDGET RESPONSE ACT

Position: Monitor

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Unbalanced Budget Response Act. Provides authority and procedures for the Governor to establish contingency reserves of previously appropriated funds, and to transfer balances between special funds in the State treasury and the General Revenue Fund. Describes the agencies and programs subject to this authority. Provides that designated agencies may adopt emergency rules to carry out the purposes of the Act. Defines terms. Provides that the Act is repealed on July 1, 2017. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to make conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Adds actions taken under the Unbalanced Budget Response Act to a Section relating to applicability. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 16, 2016

SB 2839 COMMUNITY COLLEGE-EXPULSIONS

Position: Monitor

Committee Hearing:

Judiciary Hearing Apr 12 2016 3:00PM Capitol 400 Springfield, IL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that a community college district board of trustees may, in the board's discretion, suspend, expel, or remove a student for any act of sexual abuse, as defined in certain provisions of the Criminal Code of 2012, while enrolled at the community college, regardless of whether the act occurred on or off the community college campus or whether the act is related to a college activity or college attendance.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that a community college's school administration (rather than the community college board of trustees) may suspend, expel, or remove a student accused or convicted (rather than for any act) of sexual violence as defined in the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act (rather than sexual abuse as defined in the Criminal Code of 2012). Provides that prior to suspension, expulsion, or removal of a student, the school administration shall conduct a hearing on the matter. Provides that the administration shall provide notice to the student at least 30 days prior to the hearing and inform the student of the right to be represented by counsel or other representative.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Provides that sanctions for violation of a higher education institution's comprehensive policy may include, but are not limited to, suspension, expulsion, or removal of the student found, after complaint resolution procedures, to be in violation of the comprehensive policy. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Postponed - Judiciary

SB 2840 SCH CD-HIGH SCH EQUIVALENCY**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. With respect to the High School Equivalency Testing Program, requires a regional superintendent of schools to waive required fees for an applicant who (i) qualifies as a homeless person, child, or youth as defined in the Education for Homeless Children Act, (ii) has not attained 25 years of age as of the date of the scheduled test, and (iii) can verify his or her status as a homeless person, child, or youth. Provides that a homeless services provider that is qualified to verify an individual's housing status, as determined by the Illinois Community College Board, and that has knowledge of the applicant's housing status may verify the applicant's status.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 2873 PROCUREMENT CD-MULTIPLE AWARD**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Sue Rezin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the Code to public institutions of higher education and makes changes to those provisions. Sets forth provisions concerning multi-step sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, and small purchases. Removes the position of chief procurement officer for the Capital Development Board and transfers the responsibilities of that position to the chief procurement officer responsible for the Department of Transportation. Sets forth provisions concerning best value procurement and provisions with respect to a bidder or offeror's noncompliance with the registration requirements as of the date bids or proposals are due. Removes provisions with respect to the competitive request for proposal process and provisions concerning procurement compliance monitors. Increases the sales threshold for small businesses selling services from \$8,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and provides that a business shall not be considered a small business if it has more than 100 employees. Provides that communications between vendors and State agencies are governed by applicable provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation and that communications that violate the federal regulations are reportable to the responsible chief procurement officer. Makes other changes. Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act and the Small Business Contract Act to make conforming changes. Amends the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act. Provides that each chief procurement officer may authorize the purchase or lease of personal property, supplies, and services which have been procured through a competitive process by a federal agency or other entities. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Procurement

SB 2941 HIGHER ED-STUDENT-MONEY OWED**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Emil Jones, III

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Provides that a public university or community college district may not prohibit a student from registering for classes or refuse to issue a student transcript solely because the student owes the university or district money. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/9/2016	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

SB 2960 HIGHER ED-JNT SRVCS TRANSCRIPT**Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Apr 12 2016 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Antonio Muñoz

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Requires the governing board of each public university to develop and maintain a written policy concerning the credits that the university will award for courses on a joint services transcript. Defines "joint services transcript". Effective January 1, 2017.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Amends the Public Community College Act. Requires the board of trustees of a community college district to develop and maintain a written policy concerning the credits that the community college district will award for courses on a joint services transcript.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2016	Senate	Postponed - Higher Education

SB 2974 VEH CD-CERT OF TITLE & REG FEE**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Bill Cunningham

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that certificates of title issued by the Secretary of State shall contain an expiration date of one calendar year after the end of the term of the lien and an identification number corresponding to the lienholder, to go along with the names and addresses of any lienholders. Provides that the corresponding identification number shall appear on the certificate of title in order for the Secretary to inform the lienholder that the Secretary has received a lien release for a particular motor vehicle. Provides that an expiration date of up to one calendar year after a perfected security interest in a motor vehicle expires shall be included on each certificate of title issued in which a lienholder has perfected a security interest in the motor vehicle. Provides that if the recorded lienholder has not reaffirmed the lien by applying for a corrected title with a new expiration date before the expiration date on the original certificate of title, then the owner of the motor vehicle may apply for a corrected certificate of title without the lienholder appearing on the certificate of title. Provides that beginning with the 2017 registration year, permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued, for a one time fee of \$8.00, to vehicles that do not require a school bus driver permit to operate, and are owned by a public school district from grades K-12 or a public community college. Provides that beginning with the 2017 registration year, permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued, for a one time fee of \$8.00, to vehicles of the first division or vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds that are owned by a medical facility or hospital of a municipality, county, or township. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the bill as introduced, and removes a Section concerning the contents and effect of vehicle certificates of title. Adds a Section concerning the registration fee paid by a vehicle owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act. Provides that any vehicle owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, or a person who is the spouse of such a person, shall not be required to pay specified surcharges that would otherwise be collected in addition to the vehicle registration fee. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 3010 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT-WIOA**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chuck Weaver

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Workforce Investment Board Act. Changes the name of the Act to the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Act. Changes the name of the State Workforce Investment Board to the State Workforce Innovation Board. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, appointments to the Board shall be made in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that the members of the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate, in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (in the introduced bill, by the Governor in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act).

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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4/6/2016

Senate

Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 3023 HIGHER ED COOPERATION**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Pat McGuire

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Cooperation Act. Provides that the purpose of the Act is to promote interinstitutional cooperation and collaboration, which may involve public-private partnerships leveraging the use of public and private resources to improve outcomes for the higher educational system in this State. Provides that an institution of higher education may participate in the establishment and operation of programs of interinstitutional cooperation with other institutions of higher education or public-private partnerships, or both (instead of allowing a public institution of higher education to participate in the establishment and operation of programs of interinstitutional cooperation with other public institutions of higher education or with nonpublic institutions of higher education or with both public and nonpublic institutions of higher education). Provides that the program of financial assistance is available to public-private partnerships. Provides that the Board of Higher Education may require matching public or private resources from all participants. Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2016.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Cooperation Act. Makes changes to the definition of "nonpublic institution of higher education". Defines other terms. Provides that the purpose of the Act is to promote interinstitutional cooperation and public-private partnerships in order to leverage the use of public and private resources to provide workforce-valuable postsecondary education to improve outcomes for the higher educational system in this State. Permits a public institution of higher education to participate in the establishment and operation of programs of interinstitutional cooperation with private partners. Allows public institutions of higher education to participate in programs of interinstitutional cooperation or public-private partnerships that involve institutions or private partners based outside this State (instead of allowing public institutions of higher education to participate in interinstitutional programs that involve institutions based outside this State). Provides that the program of financial assistance is available to public-private partnerships; makes related changes. Provides that the Board of Higher Education may require the contribution of matching resources. Provides for the recognition of a not-for-profit corporation organized to administer a program of interinstitutional cooperation of higher education or public-private partnership (instead of the recognition of a not-for-profit corporation organized to administer an interinstitutional program of higher education). Effective July 1, 2016.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 17, 2016

SB 3044 FINANCE**Position: Monitor****Comment:** Forgive \$450M in special fund borrowing from FY15**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy and Dale A. Righter

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act. Eliminates the requirement that funds transferred, as authorized for cash flow borrowing during fiscal year 2015, must be repaid within 18 months. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/8/2016	Senate	Assigned to Appropriations II

SB 3058 ICCB-FEDERAL**Position:** Support**Comment:** ICCB initiative**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Sue Rezin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the ICCB Adult Education Fund and the Career and Technical Education Fund are federal funds (instead of special funds) in the State treasury. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 5, 2016

SB 3062 HIGHER ED-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**Position:** Monitor**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Heather A. Steans

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Family Practice Residency Act. Changes the short title to the Family Practice and Behavioral Health Promotion Act (and amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Nurses in Advancement Law, the Private Medical Scholarship Agreement Act, and the Illinois Public Aid Code to reflect that change). Makes changes to the definition of "Designated Shortage Area". Provides that the Department of Public Health shall have the power and duty to allocate funds to behavioral health care programs, to include in its scholarship program the award of behavioral health care professional scholarships, and to include eligible behavioral health care professionals in its educational loan repayment program. Adds representatives of behavioral health care programs to the advisory committee. Provides that funding for family practice residency programs may not be diverted or diminished below fiscal year 2015 funding levels to fund behavioral health care programs. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill with the following changes. Adds clinical professional counselors licensed under the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act to the definition of "eligible behavioral health care professionals". Provides that "behavioral health care program" includes a behavioral health care service of a hospital operated under the University of Illinois Hospital Act, a federally qualified health center, or a community mental health center that has satisfied the Medicare conditions of participation for community mental health centers. Provides that funding for family practice residency programs, scholarships to medical students and other behavioral health care professionals, and the loan repayment program for physicians, other primary care providers, and eligible behavioral health care professionals shall not be diverted or diminished below fiscal year 2015 funding levels to fund behavioral health care programs (instead of funding for family practice residency programs may not be diverted or diminished below fiscal year 2015 funding levels to fund behavioral health care programs). Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 3099 ADULT ED-AREA PLANNING COUNCILPosition: **Support**

Comment: ICCB initiative

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Jason A. Barickman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Adult Education Act with respect to Area Planning Councils. Makes changes concerning membership on an Area Planning Council, the election of officers and the development of bylaws, the chairperson of the Council, and the designation of sub-areas within a Council district. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to determine the guidelines for the bylaws and operation of a Council. Removes provisions concerning joint Councils and Councils for school districts not included within the boundaries of a community college district. Makes changes concerning an Area Adult Education Plan and the Board's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for adult education. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/16/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading March 17, 2016

SB 3161 COLLEGE DEBIT AND PREPAID CARD SERVICESPosition: **Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the College Debit and Prepaid Card Services Regulation Act. Provides that if contracting with third-party financial firms to provide disbursement and management services of financial aid funds or management of financial accounts to students, the governing board or governing entity of a public or private post-secondary institution of education that enrolls one or more students who receive State or federal financial aid shall review and approve the contract after considering guidelines and policies established and recommended by the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the United States Department of Education. Sets forth what the contract may not permit. Requires the public or private post-secondary institution of education to make the contract available for public inspection and publish the contract on the Internet website operated by or for the public or private post-secondary institution of education. Provides that if a public university or public community college negotiates a contract with one or more third-party financial firms, the public university or public community college shall undertake reasonable efforts to establish collaboration agreements with other public universities or public community colleges to negotiate the services.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 3181 LOCAL GOV-NOTICES AND RECORDS**Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Local Government Hearing Apr 13 2016 4:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Dan Duffy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal webmaster must compile and update notices and digital public records from all school districts and units of local government without websites (currently, must only compile and update for specified units of local government). Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a school district or unit of local government may publish any notice, agenda, record, or other information or material required by law electronically instead of in a newspaper. Further provides that any requirement to store or maintain any public record in microfilm or microfiche form shall be satisfied by the school district or unit of local government's maintenance of such public record in digital form.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/8/2016	Senate	Assigned to Local Government

SB 3182 LOCAL GOV-UNFUNDED MANDATES**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dale A. Righter

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Local Unfunded Mandate Exemption Act. Provides that all units of local government, school districts, and public colleges and universities may, by a majority vote of the governing body, exempt themselves from specified mandates that are unfunded if it is determined that it is not economically feasible to comply with the unfunded mandate. Provides for notice, public hearing, and other requirements in order for a governing body to exempt itself from any mandate. Prohibits exemption from federally required mandates, mandates pertaining to health and public safety, mandates pertaining to civil rights, and instructional mandates for school districts. Provides for appeal procedures by State agencies affected by exempted mandates. Amends the State Mandate Act. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit yearly to the Governor and the General Assembly a review and report on mandates remaining in effect at the time of submittal of the report.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/8/2016	Senate	Assigned to Local Government

SB 3267 MOTOR FUEL-IRIDE**Position: Monitor****Committee Hearing:**

Executive Hearing Apr 13 2016 1:30PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. John J. Cullerton

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Illinois Road Improvement and Driver Enhancement Act. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2017, each owner or lessee of a motor vehicle (other than a commercial motor vehicle) that is required to be registered in this State shall pay a distance-based road user fee for metered use of the public roads in Illinois by the motor vehicle. Provides that the fee shall be based on a payment plan selected by the owner or lessee. Provides that the owner or lessee shall receive a credit for estimated motor fuel taxes paid by the owner or lessee. Creates the Illinois Road Improvement and Driver Enhancement Commission for the purpose of administering the Act. Sets forth the membership, powers and duties, and terms of the Commission. Creates the Illinois Road Improvement and Driver Enhancement Advisory Board and sets forth the membership of the Board. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Repeals a provision providing for the collection of an annual commercial distribution fee on vehicles of the second division weighing more than 8,000 pounds. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately, except that certain provisions take effect on July 1, 2017.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/1/2016	Senate	Assigned to Executive

SB 3277 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACT**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Heather A. Steans

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Public-Private Partnerships Act. Defines terms. Establishes the Office of Public-Private Partnerships within the Executive Branch. Provides that the Office shall provide public agencies, units of local government, and private entities assistance and expertise on public-private partnership agreements. Allows any public agency, with approval from the Office, to enter into a public-private partnership agreement with any private entity for improving transportation assets, public buildings, public services, or other public assets. Provides that within 90 days after the effective date of the Act, the Office shall establish procedures and guidelines for the submission, evaluation, and approval of projects. Creates the Local Alternative Procurement Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that money in the Local Alternative Procurement Fund shall be appropriated to public agencies and shall be used for the development, financing, and operation of transportation assets, public buildings, public services, and other public assets. Makes a corresponding change in the State Finance Act. Effective July 1, 2016.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/8/2016	Senate	Assigned to Commerce and Economic Development

SB 3300 CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**Position: Support****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Apr 12 2016 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Comment: ICCB initiative

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Credit for Prior Learning Act. Requires each public university to submit its policies and procedures for students to earn credit for prior learning to the Board of Higher Education for review and approval and each community college to submit its policies and procedures for students to earn credit for prior learning to the Illinois Community College Board for review and approval. Provides that, at a minimum, these procedures shall include a listing of the types of documentation acceptable and the dates of inclusion for which prior learning is acceptable. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to adopt rules to permit public higher education institutions to award credit for prior learning after the assessment of prior learning experiences for documented learning that demonstrates achievement of all terminal objectives for a specific course or courses.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/8/2016	Senate	Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB 3301 ILL ARTICULATION INITIATIVE**Position:** Support**Comment:** ICCB initiative**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Requires all public institutions of higher education to participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer consistency. Requires (i) all sending and receiving institutions to maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum package to ensure seamless transfer; (ii) all institutions to maintain up to 4 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major, provided the institution has equivalent majors and courses; and (iii) all institutions to provide faculty, as appointed by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, to serve on panels in the review of courses. Provides that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative codes must be directly transferable either as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as equivalent major courses, insofar as a specific major is offered at the receiving institution. Provides that students receiving the General Education Core Curriculum package must not be required to take additional freshmen or sophomore level general education courses and must be able to transfer seamlessly. Sets forth the duties of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Removes references to seamless transfers. Requires that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Codes must be transferable as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package (rather than all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative codes must be directly transferrable either as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as equivalent major courses). Provides that all public institutions of higher education shall determine if Illinois Articulation Initiative major courses are direct course equivalents or are elective credit toward the requirements of the major. Provides that if the receiving institution does not offer the course or does not offer it at the lower-division level, the student shall receive elective lower-division major credit toward the requirements of the major for the course and may be required to take the course at the upper-division level. Provides that the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall co-manage the specific requirements of the General Education Core Curriculum. Provides that panels may be convened across other fields as determined by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board. Makes other changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 3315 ST BD ED-WORKFORCE SHORTAGE**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Scott M. Bennett

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Creates the Advisory Committee on Workforce Shortages. Provides for the membership of the Advisory Committee. Provides for meetings and the election of a presiding officer. Requires the Advisory Committee to conduct a thorough review of existing career and technical education programs in the State and to identify industries and occupations within the State that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers. Requires the Advisory Committee to submit recommendations by December 31, 2016. Abolishes the Advisory Committee and repeals the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on January 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 3319 HIGHER ED-MINORITY TEACHERS**Position: Monitor****Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that a student who is already licensed to teach and is enrolled in a course of study leading to an additional teaching endorsement or a master's degree in an academic field in which he or she is teaching or plans to teach may participate in the Minority Teachers of Illinois scholarship program (rather than limiting the program to undergraduate students). Makes a conforming change. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/6/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 7, 2016

SB 3343 BD HIGHER ED-ILL COM COL BD**Position: Support****Committee Hearing:**

Higher Education Hearing Apr 12 2016 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Comment: ICCB initiative

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act, the Board of Higher Education Act, and the Public Community College Act. Provides for the Board of Higher Education's master plan for community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Provides that community college performance metrics must be adopted by ICCB by rule. Removes the need for approval from the Board of Higher Education or for ICCB approval with respect to certain community college provisions. Removes provisions requiring uniform financial accounting and reporting standards and principles for community colleges and requiring ICCB to file copies of uniform financial statements from audit reports with the Board of Higher Education. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of the Board of Higher Education. Repeals Sections concerning a State university and college information system, an annual community college education study and report, the Academic Improvement Trust Fund for Community College Foundations, adverse court decision grants, State Community College District No. 601, and a mobile response workforce training pilot program. Effective July 1, 2016.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Removes language requiring the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board to approve projects and estimated amounts with respect to levying a tax to alter or repair community college facilities. Removes language requiring the Board to approve the project and estimated amount to borrow money for certain alterations or repairs to community college facilities. Provides that the Board shall set through administrative rule (rather than shall prepare and enforce) regulations and specifications for minimum requirements for certain renovations to community college property. Effective July 1, 2016.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/8/2016	Senate	Assigned to Higher Education



Weekly Legislative Report

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

June 2016

This report contains **35 bills that passed both Houses and will be sent to the Governor** for his consideration. If you wish to look at any bill in greater detail, go to ilga.gov and enter the bill number in the search box on the left side of the page. The General Assembly adjourned on May 31 without passing a budget. The Speaker announced continuous session every Wednesday through June, while the Senate will only return to Springfield at the call of the President. We believe those days will be reserved for budget hearings/negotiations; however, anything could be considered. All bills will now need a 3/5 majority to pass if they have an immediate effective date.

The Governor's Administration and members of all four legislative caucuses have been meeting to find compromise in five key areas: worker's compensation, collective bargaining, pensions, government consolidation, and property tax relief. Those working groups will continue to meet over the summer. Pressure points that could force a compromise include the lack of an appropriation for K-12 for FY17. Another pressure point may be Comptroller Munger's decision to pay or not to pay state employees. A St. Clair County court ruling has kept employee paychecks flowing, but the order ends at the end of the fiscal year - June 30th. In the meantime, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled in another case that state employees are not entitled to back pay because there was no appropriation authority.

We will continue to closely monitor summer legislative activity and report when necessary.

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

HB 4167 \$MAP APPROP **Sponsors** Rep. Madigan-Sen. J. Cullerton

Makes an appropriation to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for grant awards to students eligible for the Monetary Award Program and agency administrative and operational costs. Provides that the appropriation authority granted in the Act is valid for costs incurred before September 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

HB 4259 PEN CD-ELIGIBILITY **Sponsors** Rep. Moylan-Sen. Bertino-Tarrant

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article, provides that the definition of "employee" does not include a person who on or after the effective date becomes an employee of the following participating instrumentalities: the Illinois Municipal League; the Illinois Association of Park Districts; the Illinois Supervisors, County Commissioners and Superintendents of Highways Association; the United Counties Council; the Will County Governmental League; or certain other associations and not-for-profit corporations. In the State Universities Article, provides that a person who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, becomes an employee of any association of community college boards organized under a certain provision of the Public Community College Act, the Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools, the Illinois Association of School Administrators, the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Illinois Principals Association, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, or the Illinois Special Olympics shall not be deemed an employee under the Article. Provides that an individual that begins employment after the effective date of the amendatory Act with an entity not defined as an employer in the Article shall not be deemed an employee for the purposes of the Article. Provides that in the case of doubt as to whether any person is an employee, as defined in the Article, the decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final. In the Downstate Teacher Article, provides that an employee of a school board association who becomes an employee after the effective date of the amendatory Act is not a teacher for the purposes of the Article.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. In the State Universities Article, consolidates and makes grammatical changes to provisions that exclude from participation certain individuals who become employees of specified entities on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that in the case of doubt as to whether any person is an employee within the meaning of any rule adopted by the Board, the decision of the Board shall be final. Effective immediately.

HB 4330 SCH CD-STATE SEAL BILITERACY **Sponsors** Rep. Wheeler-Sen. Martinez

KEY

LEGISLATION

- HB 4379 (McSweeney-T. Cullerton) Local Gov-Travel Expenses
- HB 4630 (Ives-Connelly) Open Meeting-Closed Session
- SB 2046 (J. Cullerton-Currie) Full Approp
- SB 2059 (J. Cullerton-Currie) Stop Gap Approp – Higher Ed
- SB 2155 (Cunningham-K. Burke) Com Col Audit
- SB 2156 (Cunningham-K. Burke) Pen Cd – SURS – Severance Payments
- SB 2157 (Cunningham-K. Burke) Com Col Trustee Training
- SB 2158 (Cunningham-K. Burke) Com Col Employee Contract
- SB 2159 (Cunningham-K. Burke) Higher Ed – Employment Contract

Amends the School Code. For admissions purposes, requires each public university in this State to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she will be receiving or has received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Provides that each public community college and public university in this State shall establish criteria to translate a State Seal of Biliteracy into course credit based on foreign language course equivalencies identified by the community college's or university's faculty and staff and, upon request from an enrolled student, the community college or university shall award foreign language course credit to a student who has received a State Seal of Biliteracy. Requires the State Board of Education's rules to ensure that the criteria that pupils must achieve to earn a State Seal of Biliteracy meet the course credit criteria. Requires students enrolled in a public community college or public university who have received a State Seal of Biliteracy to request course credit for their seal within 3 academic years after graduating from high school.

HB 4379 LOCAL GOV-TRAVEL EXPENSES

Sponsors Rep. McSweeney-Sen. T. Cullerton.

Creates the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. Provides that school districts and non-home rule units of local government shall, by resolution or ordinance, regulate travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees including: (1) the types of official business for which travel, meal, and lodging expenses are allowable; (2) maximum allowable reimbursement for travel, meal, and lodging expenses; and (3) a standardized form for submission of travel, meal, and lodging expenses. Provides that all travel, meal, and lodging expenses may only be approved after specified documentation has been submitted and the expenses are approved by a roll call vote. Prohibits reimbursing entertainment expenses.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that the Act also applies to community college districts (currently, school districts and non-home rule units of local government); and that expenses officers or employees expend that exceed the maximum allowable expenses, and any expenses for members of the governing board or corporate authorities, must be approved by the governing board or corporate authorities (currently, all expenses must be approved by the board or corporate authorities).

HB 4630 OPEN MEETING-CLOSED SESSION

Sponsors Rep. Ives-Sen. Connelly

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires that any and all available minutes and verbatim recordings of meetings closed to the public prior to a newly elected official's term in a public body shall be available to that official for review, regardless of whether those minutes or verbatim recordings are confidential. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the bill as engrossed with the following changes: allows access to the verbatim recordings and minutes of closed meetings to duly elected officials or appointed officials filling a vacancy of an elected office in a public body; provides that access shall be granted in the public body's main office or official storage location, in the presence of a records secretary, an administrative official of the public body, or any elected official of the public body; provides that no verbatim recordings or minutes of closed meetings shall be recorded or removed from the public body's main office or official storage location, except by vote of the public body or by court order; and provides that nothing in the subsections concerning verbatim recordings and minutes of closed meetings is intended to limit the Public Access Counselor's access to records necessary to address a request for administrative review.

HB 4675 ICCB-FEDERAL

Sponsors Rep. Unes- Sen. McGuire

Provides that the ICCB Adult Education Fund and the Career and Technical Education Fund are federal funds (instead of special funds) in the State treasury. Effective immediately.

HB 4715 GOVERNMENT**Sponsors** Rep. Bryant-Sen. Radogno

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "prevails" as meaning that the plaintiff achieves his or her desired outcome through a court order or production of all requested documents. Provides that if the court determines that a public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act, or otherwise acted in bad faith, the court shall also impose upon the public body a civil penalty of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$10,000 (instead of \$5,000) for each occurrence. Provides that if the public body fails to comply with the court's order after 30 days, the court may impose an additional penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day the violation continues.

House Floor Amendment No. 3

Makes the following changes: (1) removes the definition of "prevails"; and (2) provides that the court may impose the additional daily penalty if the order is not on appeal or stayed.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the engrossed bill, and makes the following changes: (1) removes the change providing that if the court determines that a public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act, or otherwise acted in bad faith, the court shall also impose upon the public body a civil penalty of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$10,000 (instead of \$5,000) for each occurrence; (2) provides that if the Public Access Counselor issues a binding opinion, the public body does not file for administrative review of the binding opinion within 30 days after issuance of the opinion, and the public body does not comply with the binding opinion within 30 days, the requester may file an action and it shall be presumed that the public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act; and (3) provides that the amendatory Act applies to actions filed and binding opinions of the Public Access Counselor requested or issued on or after the effective date.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of Senate Amendment No. 1, and makes the following changes: provides that if the Attorney General (instead of "Public Access Counselor") issues a binding opinion and the public body does not file for administrative review of or comply with the binding opinion within 35 (instead of 30) days after the binding opinion is served on the public body (instead of issuance of the opinion), the requester may file an action and there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act.

HB 4820 LIQUOR**Sponsors** Rep. Cabello-Sen. Radogno

Provides that alcoholic liquors may be served or sold in buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees of a community college district for events that the Board of Trustees of that community college district may determine are public events and not student-related activities. Provides that the Board of Trustees of a community college district shall issue a written policy within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act concerning the types of events that would be eligible for an exemption. Provides that the Board of Trustees may issue revised, updated, new, or amended policies as it deems necessary and appropriate. Specifies factors that the Board of Trustees shall, in addition to other factors it considers relevant and important, consider in forming its written policy. Provides that the provisions do not apply to certain community college districts authorized to sell or serve alcoholic liquor. Effective immediately.

HB 5561 COM COLLEGE-ACCELERATE PROGRAM**Sponsors** Rep. McSweeney-Sen. Connelly

Creates the Accelerate College pilot program. Authorizes a community college district board of trustees to enter into an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement with any school district wholly contained within the community college district's jurisdiction. Provides that an agreement must offer a group of high school students the right to take community college courses without paying tuition for those courses. Provides for the size of the

program. Allows community colleges to charge fees limited to the actual operating costs and related student activities. Provides that any coursework completed by high school students in a community college shall be transferrable to all public universities in this State on the same basis as coursework completed by community college students who have previously earned high school diplomas. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to study the effectiveness of the program and to issue an annual report. Repeals the provisions 36 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

HB 5566 COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY BOARD

Sponsors Rep. Sims, Jr.- Sen. Trotter

Amends the School Code. Provides that the chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council may authorize the creation of a working group to focus on tuition, financial aid, and other issues related to keeping postsecondary education affordable for Illinois residents.

HB 5683 OPEN MEETINGS-CIVIL ACTION

Sponsors Rep. Breen-Sen. Nybo

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that where the provisions of this Act are not complied with, or where there is probable cause to believe that the provisions of this Act will not be complied with, any person may bring a civil action in the circuit court within 60 days of the decision by the Attorney General to resolve a request for review by a means other than the issuance of a binding opinion, if the person timely files a request for review with the Public Access Counselor. Effective immediately.

HB 5729 POSTSECOND/WORKFORCE READINESS

Sponsors Rep. Burke-Sen. Biss

Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Sets forth provisions concerning postsecondary career expectations; a competency-based, high school graduation requirements pilot program; transitional mathematics courses; reading and communication transitional competencies; College and Career Pathway Endorsements and State Distinction programs; and administrative rules. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Removes requirements concerning adopting grade-level postsecondary and career expectations for all students in grades 9 through 12. Removes certain requirements on State agencies. Makes changes to requirements of school districts participating in the pilot program and requirements for participating in the pilot program. Requires participating school districts to form a standing planning and implementation committee. Makes changes to various dates concerning implementation of the pilot program. Changes references from "transitional mathematics courses" to "transitional mathematics instruction" and makes certain requirements concerning student readiness applicable only to mathematics courses. Requires the statewide panel to recommend statewide criteria for determining projected readiness for 11th grade students for college-level mathematics courses. Makes changes to provisions concerning mathematics instruction placement and delivery. Provides how to demonstrate readiness for public high school graduates. Allows a public university to be a party to a partnership agreement at its sole discretion. Provides for the creation and publication of statewide portability standards for certain courses. Requires that the State Board of Education and Illinois Community College Board establish a phased transition plan and benchmarks by June 30, 2019 for transitional mathematics instruction implementation. Removes provisions concerning the State Distinction Program. Allows eligible school districts to award one or more College and Career Pathway Endorsements beginning in the 2019-2020 (rather than 2018-2019) school year. Removes certain requirements for support of the College and Career Pathway Endorsement program. Makes other changes.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Makes a technical correction in the provisions concerning College and Career Pathway Endorsements. Changes a reference with respect to the administrative rules of the Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Makes changes concerning the competency-based, high school graduation requirements pilot program. Provides that no waiver shall be granted relating to teacher tenure or seniority or teacher or principal evaluations. Provides that any waiver or modification of teacher educator licensure requirements to permit instruction by non-educators or educators without an appropriate license must ensure that an appropriately licensed teacher and the provider of instruction partner in order to verify the method for assessing competency of mastery and verify whether a student has demonstrated mastery. Limits the first 2 annual cohorts of the pilot program to no more than 12 school districts and any subsequent annual cohort to no more than 15 school districts, allows only one application per school district for each annual cohort of the pilot program, and prohibits the application of a school district having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants from including more than 6 schools. Provides that the expansion of a school district's competency-based learning system to a new school or new subject area requires a new application by the school district.

HB 5894 ADULT ED-AREA PLANNING COUNCIL **Sponsors** Rep. Hammond-Sen. Barickman

Amends the Adult Education Act with respect to Area Planning Councils. Makes changes concerning membership on an Area Planning Council, the election of officers and the development of bylaws, the chairperson of the Council, and the designation of sub-areas within a Council district. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to determine the guidelines for the bylaws and operation of a Council. Removes provisions concerning joint Councils and Councils for school districts not included within the boundaries of a community college district. Makes changes concerning an Area Adult Education Plan and the Board's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for adult education. Effective immediately.

HB 5913 PLUMBING LICENSE-INSTRUCTION **Sponsors** Rep. D'Amico- Sen. Harmon

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Requires a licensed plumber to provide proof of completing 4 hours of continuing education to renew his or her annual license. Provides that sponsors of continuing education shall meet the criteria provided by the Board of Plumbing Examiners and the Plumbing Code advisory council. Provides that continuing education courses shall provide instruction in plumbing, which is supervised directly by an Illinois licensed plumber only. Provides qualifying criteria for plumbing instructors. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall approve an application for a plumber's license examination if the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she has successfully completed an approved course of instruction in plumbing supervised directly by an Illinois licensed plumber in colleges, universities, or trade schools.

HB 5938 HIGHER ED-MEDICAL PROVIDERS **Sponsors** Rep. Frese-Sen. Althoff

Amends the Veterans' Home Nurses' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Act as the Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Nurse Loan Repayment Program as the Medical Providers Loan Repayment Program. Requires that the program provide assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses (rather than nurses). Provides that an applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the Illinois Student Assistance Commission finds that the applicant is working as a physician, registered professional nurse, or certified nursing assistant (rather than as a registered professional nurse). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 1 Provides for grant assistance to certified nurse practitioners.

HB 5948 PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENIST **Sponsors** Rep. Zalewski-Sen. Haine

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Changes the requirement of additional course work for public health dental hygienists from 72 to 20 hours. Makes changes to provisions concerning expanded functions for dental

assistants. Allows public health dental hygienists to continue patient care if a dentist is not available, except in cases of a serious medical condition.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the introduced bill with the following changes: Requires a public health dental hygienist to have 42 clock hours (rather than 20 hours) of additional course work in areas specific to public health dentistry. In provisions concerning public health dental supervision responsibilities, provides that if a supervising dentist, after consultation with a public health hygienist, determines that time is needed to complete an approved treatment plan on an eligible patient, then the dentist may instruct the hygienist to complete the remaining pending services prior to an oral examination by the dentist. Provides that such instruction by the dentist to the hygienist shall be noted in the patient's records. Provides that any services performed under this exception must be scheduled in a timely manner and shall not occur more than 30 days after the first appointment date.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the engrossed bill with the following changes: Requires a public health dental hygienist to have completed at least 42 clock hours of additional structured courses in dental education approved by rule by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (rather than course work) in advanced areas specific to public health dentistry provided by an educational institution, such as a dental school or dental hygiene program, or by an approved continuing education sponsor. Provides that dental assistants who meet specific requirements and have completed a structured training program provided by an educational institution, such as a dental school or dental hygiene or dental assistant program, or by an approved continuing education sponsor, may perform specific procedures. Makes other changes.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 4

Provides that a dental assistant that has completed a structured training program by a statewide dental or dental hygienist association, approved by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (rather than the Division of Oral Health in the Department of Public Health), may perform specified procedures. Provides that the dental assistant's certificate of completion of the training program must be made available to the Department (rather than the Division) upon request.

HB 6009 BD HIGHER ED-ILL COM COL BD

Sponsors Rep. Hays-Sen. McGuire

Amends the State Finance Act, the Board of Higher Education Act, and the Public Community College Act. Provides for the Board of Higher Education's master plan for community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Provides that community college performance metrics must be adopted by ICCB by rule. Removes the need for approval from the Board of Higher Education or for ICCB approval with respect to certain community college provisions. Removes provisions requiring uniform financial accounting and reporting standards and principles for community colleges and requiring ICCB to file copies of uniform financial statements from audit reports with the Board of Higher Education. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of the Board of Higher Education. Repeals Sections concerning a State university and college information system, an annual community college education study and report, the Academic Improvement Trust Fund for Community College Foundations, adverse court decision grants, State Community College District No. 601, and a mobile response workforce training pilot program. Effective July 1, 2016.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Removes language requiring the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board to approve projects and estimated amounts with respect to levying a tax to alter or repair community college facilities. Removes language requiring the Board to approve the project and estimated amount to borrow money for certain alterations or repairs to community college facilities. Provides that the Board shall set through administrative rule (rather than shall prepare and enforce) regulations and specifications for minimum requirements for certain renovations to community college property. Effective July 1, 2016.

HB 6021 PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND **Sponsors** Rep. Yingling-Sen. Biss

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.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Deletes everything after the enacting clause and reinserts similar provisions. Changes the period during which the election may be made, from calendar year 2016 to a period of one year beginning 5 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. In the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code, adds an additional reference to repayment of the survivors insurance contribution refund or additional annuity payments. Effective immediately.

HB 6302 PREPAID TUITION-INSTITUTION **Sponsors** Rep. Durkin-Sen. McConchie

Amends the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act. Changes the definition of "eligible institution" to mean an eligible educational institution as defined in Section 529 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any regulations thereunder (instead of an institution of higher learning, as defined in the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, whose students are eligible to receive benefits under Section 529(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as specified by the federal Small Business Act of 1996 and subsequent amendments to this federal law). Effective immediately.

HB 6585 \$FY16 AND FY17 APPROPRIATIONS **Sponsor** Rep. Durkin

Comment: Governor Rauner's proposal for a temporary stopgap budget with no economic development reforms that would provide additional money for the FY16 budget while paying for the first six months of the new FY17 budget with a goal of passing a final solution after the November election. The legislation would (1) fund K-12 education and early childhood education; and (2) appropriate the remaining FY16 other state funds (OSF) and federal funds (FF), FY17 OSF and FF, and a limited FY17 general funds budge

Synopsis As Introduced: Makes appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/31/2016	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jim Durkin

SB 232 COMMUNITY COLLEGE-RESIDENCY **Sponsors** Sen. Morrison-Rep. Andrade, Jr.

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to grants to community colleges, provides that students shall be classified as residents of the community college district without meeting the 30-day residency requirement of the district if they are currently residing in the district and are youth (i) who are currently under the legal guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services or have recently been emancipated from the Department and (ii) who had previously met the 30-day residency requirement of the district but who had

a placement change into a new community college district. Requires the student, a caseworker or other personnel of the Department, or the student's attorney or guardian ad litem appointed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to provide the district with proof of current in-district residency.

SB 384

OPEN MEETINGS-DISCUSSION-HIPAA

Sponsors Sen. Muñoz- Rep. Sims, Jr.

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold closed meetings to consider, among other subjects, the discussion of matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, or for the discussion of matters protected under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, by a hospital or other institution providing medical care that is operated by the public body.

SB 2046

\$FY16 APPROPRIATIONS

Sponsors Sen. J. Cullerton-Rep. Currie

Comment: Appropriates \$3.9 billion (\$3.12 billion GRF) to fund human services programs, MAP grants, state universities, community colleges, school construction, transportation safety programs, and other programs not currently being funded by court order, consent decree, or continuing appropriation. No revenue is identified to pay for the spending authorized in the bill. SB 2046 passed the General Assembly along partisan lines. The bill remains on the Governor's desk, and he has stated it will be vetoed.

Makes appropriations and reappropriations to various State agencies and educational institutions for specified purposes. Provides that all appropriation authority granted in the Act shall be used only for costs for services for which spending authority has not been authorized for fiscal year 2016 by any order of any court. Provides that the appropriation authority granted in the Act shall be valid for costs incurred prior to July 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

SB 2059

\$HIGHER ED APPROP

Sponsors Sen. J. Cullerton-Rep. Currie

Comment: Appropriates \$74 million to community colleges, \$356 million to nine public universities, and \$169 million for MAP grants to more than 128,000 low-income students. The emergency funding bill was signed into law as PA 99-502 on April, 25, 2016

Makes appropriations to: universities for specified purposes; the Illinois Community College Board for grants to community colleges; the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for ordinary and contingent expenses; and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for grant awards to students eligible for the Monetary Award Program and agency administrative and operational costs. Provides that the appropriation authority is valid only for costs incurred before September 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

Balanced Budget Note, House Floor Amendment No. 3 (Office of Management and Budget)

All appropriations in this bill are from the Education Assistance Fund and there are sufficient FY16 revenues for this fund to support these appropriations. The funds in the Education Assistance Fund can only be utilized for education funding and Senate Bill 2059 (H-AM 3) does not add to the FY16 budget deficit already projected by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)

This amendment makes the following appropriations payable from the Education Assistance Fund (EAF) for costs incurred prior to September 1, 2016, as follows: (1) \$20,107,300 -Chicago State University; (2) \$6,974,400 - Governors State University; (3) \$74,142,300- Illinois Community College Board; (4) \$6,000,000 - Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy; (5) \$10,695,100 - Northeastern Illinois University; (6) \$57,482,200 - Southern Illinois University; (7) \$168,989,500 - University of Illinois; (8) \$11,104,600 - University of Illinois,

Hospital; (9) \$12,456,500 - Eastern Illinois University; (10) \$20,934,900 - Illinois State University; (11) \$169,798,700 - Illinois Student Assistance Commission, MAP Awards; (12) \$26,403,200 - Northern Illinois University; (13) \$14,911,400 - Western Illinois University. In total, the amendment appropriates \$600,000,100 from the Education Assistance Fund. According to the State Comptroller's Ledger website, the "ending daily balance" in the Education Assistance Fund on April 19, 2016 was \$302.7 million. Since the Illinois Board of Higher Education is not privy to fiscal information regarding all obligations anticipated to be payable from the EAF for Fiscal Year 2016, a budgetary balance statement cannot therefore be provided. However, pursuant to the Balanced Budget Impact Note filed on April 21, 2016 by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, the office responsible for such monitoring such of state funds and recording obligations to be drawn accordingly, reports there will be sufficient revenues in the EAF to meet the appropriations provided in this legislation. Specifically, the Note states: "All appropriations in this bill are from the Education Assistance Fund and there are sufficient FY16 revenues for this fund to support these appropriations. The funds in the Education Assistance Fund can only be utilized for education funding and Senate Bill 2059 (H-AM 3) does not add to the FY16 budget deficit already projected by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget."

SB 2155 AUDGEN COM COL AUDIT

Sponsors Sen. Bill Cunningham-Rep. Burke

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that recognition shall include a review of compliance with applicable State and federal laws regarding employment contracts and compensation. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board shall convene an advisory committee to review the findings and make recommendations for changes or additions to the laws or review procedures. Makes a technical change.

SB 2156 PEN CD-SURS-SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

Sponsors Sen. Cunningham-Rep. Burke

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 No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. For an employee who first becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, excludes housing allowances, vehicle allowances, and club memberships or dues from the calculation of basic compensation and earnings. Provides that the definition of "basic compensation" includes the amount of any elective deferral to a deferred compensation plan under the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in the case of doubt as to whether any person meets the definition of "employee", the decision of the Board shall be final. Provides that an individual that begins employment with certain entities or an entity not defined in the Article as an employer on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be eligible to participate in the System. Provides that when the System requests information from an employer, the employer shall respond to the request within 90 calendar days. Provides that when the System requests employment records and payroll records of an employer, the employer shall respond within 60 calendar days. Authorizes the System to assess a penalty of \$500 per day, up to a maximum of \$50,000, on an employer who fails to respond to certain requests for information after a certain number of days. Provides that if a participant, beneficiary, or annuitant fails to provide any information that is necessary for the calculation, payment, or finalization of any benefit under the Article within 90 calendar days, then the System may immediately cease processing the benefit and may not pay any additional benefit payment to the participant, beneficiary, or annuitant until the requested information is provided.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Adds bonuses to a list of items not included in the term "basic compensation" for persons who first become participants on or after the effective date.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

In the list of items not included in the term "basic compensation" for persons who first become participants on or after the effective date, removes club memberships or dues and adds social club dues and athletic club dues.

House Floor Amendment No. 3

Adds the following provisions: Provides that a participant may establish creditable service and earnings credit for periods of furlough (or voluntary reduction in pay taken in lieu of furlough) beginning on or after July 1, 2015 and ending on or before June 30, 2017 by paying, on an after-tax basis, specified employee and employer contributions, plus interest. In the provision requiring employers to make an additional contribution to the System under certain circumstances when an employee receives an increase in annual earnings exceeding 6%, provides that when assessing payment, the System shall include earnings that would have been paid to a participant had the participant not taken periods of voluntary or involuntary furlough (or voluntary reduction in pay taken in lieu of furlough) on or after July 1, 2015 and on or before June 30, 2017. Requires the employer to report such earnings in a manner prescribed by the System. Also requires the System to provide advance notice to a participant in the self-managed plan of the participant's obligation to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into one or more investment funds selected by the System at the time he or she makes his or her initial retirement plan selection. Provides that if a participant in the self-managed plan fails to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into the various investment options offered to the participant when making his or her initial retirement election choice, the System shall invest the employee and employer contributions in a default investment fund on behalf of the participant, and the investment shall be deemed to have been made at the participant's investment direction. Provides that the participant has the right to transfer account balances out of the default investment fund during time periods designated by the System.

SB 2157 COM COL-TRUSTEE TRAINING**Sponsors** Sen. Cunningham-Rep. Burke

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 No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the contents of the bill as introduced, with the following changes. Provides for application to appointed trustees (not just trustees elected or appointed to fill a vacancy). Requires every voting member of a board of trustees (to which the provisions apply) to complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training covering topics that include, but are not limited to, open meetings law, community college and labor law, freedom of information law, ethics, sexual violence on campus, financial oversight and accountability, audits, and fiduciary responsibilities of a community college trustee during the first, third, and fifth year of his or her term (instead of requiring every voting member of a board elected or appointed for an elected trustee for a term beginning after the effective date of the amendatory Act, within a year after the effective date of the amendatory Act and during the third and fifth year of his or her term, to complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training covering topics in community college and labor law, opening meetings law, freedom of information law, ethics, financial oversight and accountability, audits, and fiduciary responsibilities of a community college trustee). Provides that the community college district shall maintain on its Internet website, if any, the names of all elected or appointed voting trustees of the board who have not successfully completed the training. Requires a board member to certify completion of the training to the secretary of the board. Provides that if a board member does not satisfy all of the requirements or the certification indicates that a board member has not completed the training, the secretary shall send a notice to all elected or appointed members serving on the board and the president or acting chief executive officer of the community college of that fact. Removes the effective date provision.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 Provides that the training must cover the topic of contract law.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 4 Provides that the professional development leadership training shall include

(instead of includes) certain topics.

SB 2158 COM COL-EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

Sponsors Sen. Cunningham-Rep. Burke

Provides that beginning 45 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of the new board, no addendum to modify or amend an employee agreement between a community college district and the district's president, chancellor, or chief executive officer may be agreed to or executed; makes a related change. Provides that if the current board must take such action at any time during the 45 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, then that action shall be terminated on the 60th day after the first organizational meeting, unless the new board reaffirms the agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract.

SB 2159 HIGHER ED-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Sponsors Sen. Cunningham-Rep. Burke

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 No. 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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Provides that severance payments or contract buyouts may be placed in an escrow account (rather than may not occur) if there are pending criminal charges against the president or chancellors. Removes provisions concerning funding sources for performance-based bonus payments or compensation.

SB 2174 BD HIGH ED LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Sponsors Sen. Cunningham-Rep. Breen

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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Provides that the training may cover the topic of contract law.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 Provides that the professional development leadership training shall (instead of may) include certain topics.

SB 2505 EDUC-INTL BACCALAUREATE EXAM **Sponsors** Sen. Steans-Rep. Ammons

Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that scores of 4 or higher for International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subjects shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions of higher education. Provides that each institution shall determine for each International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject whether credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or major requirements and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject scores required to grant credit for those purposes. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, shall analyze each institution's Advanced Placement examination and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject score course granting policy and research by the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year (instead of requiring the Board of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, to analyze each institution's Advanced Placement examination score course granting policy and research by the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year). Provides for publication of the policy before the beginning of the 2017-2018 (instead of 2016-2017) academic year. Effective immediately.

SB 2839 COMMUNITY COLLEGE-EXPULSIONS **Sponsors** Sen. Silverstein-Rep. Fine

Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Provides that sanctions for violation of a higher education institution's comprehensive policy may include, but are not limited to, suspension, expulsion, or removal of the student found, after complaint resolution procedures, to be in violation of the comprehensive policy. Effective immediately.

SB 2840 SCH CD-HIGH SCH EQUIVALENCY **Sponsors** Sen. Silverstein-Rep. Franks

Amends the School Code. With respect to the High School Equivalency Testing Program, requires the regional superintendent of schools or the Illinois Community College Board to waive required fees for an applicant who (i) qualifies as a homeless person, child, or youth as defined in the Education for Homeless Children Act, (ii) has not attained 25 years of age as of the date of the scheduled test, and (iii) can verify his or her status as a homeless person, child, or youth. Requires the applicant to also have completed a high school equivalency preparation course through an Illinois Community College Board-approved provider and be taking the test at a testing center operated by a regional superintendent of schools or the Cook County High School Equivalency Office. Provides that a homeless services provider that is qualified to verify an individual's housing status, as determined by the Illinois Community College Board, and that has knowledge of the applicant's housing status may verify the applicant's status.

SB 2974 VEH CD-CERT OF TITLE & REG FEE **Sponsors** Sen. Cunningham-Rep. Hurley

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that certificates of title issued by the Secretary of State shall contain an expiration date of one calendar year after the end of the term of the lien and an identification number corresponding to the lienholder, to go along with the names and addresses of any lienholders. Provides that the corresponding identification number shall appear on the certificate of title in order for the Secretary to inform the lienholder that the Secretary has received a lien release for a particular motor vehicle. Provides that an expiration date of up to one calendar year after a perfected security interest in a motor vehicle expires shall be included on each certificate of title issued in which a lienholder has perfected a security interest in the motor vehicle. Provides that if the recorded lienholder has not reaffirmed the lien by applying for a corrected title with a new expiration date before the expiration date on the original certificate of title, then the owner of the motor vehicle may apply for a corrected certificate of title without the lienholder appearing on the certificate of title. Provides that beginning with the 2017 registration year, permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued, for a one time fee of \$8.00, to vehicles that do not require a school bus driver permit to operate, and are owned by a public school district from grades K-12 or a public community college. Provides that beginning with the 2017 registration year, permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued, for a one time fee of \$8.00, to vehicles of the first division or vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds that are owned by a medical facility or hospital of a municipality, county, or township. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the bill as introduced, and removes a Section concerning the contents and effect of vehicle certificates of title. Adds a Section concerning the registration fee paid by a vehicle owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act. Provides that any vehicle owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, or a person who is the spouse of such a person, shall not be required to pay specified surcharges that would otherwise be collected in addition to the vehicle registration fee. Effective immediately.

SB 3301 ILL ARTICULATION INITIATIVE

Sponsors Sen. Rose-Rep. Fortner

Creates the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Requires all public institutions of higher education to participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer consistency. Requires (i) all sending and receiving institutions to maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum package to ensure seamless transfer; (ii) all institutions to maintain up to 4 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major, provided the institution has equivalent majors and courses; and (iii) all institutions to provide faculty, as appointed by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, to serve on panels in the review of courses. Provides that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative codes must be directly transferable either as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as equivalent major courses, insofar as a specific major is offered at the receiving institution. Provides that students receiving the General Education Core Curriculum package must not be required to take additional freshmen or sophomore level general education courses and must be able to transfer seamlessly. Sets forth the duties of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Removes references to seamless transfers. Requires that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Codes must be transferable as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package (rather than all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative codes must be directly transferrable either as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as equivalent major courses). Provides that all public institutions of higher education shall determine if Illinois Articulation Initiative major courses are direct course equivalents or are elective credit toward the requirements of the major. Provides that if the receiving institution does not offer the course or does not offer it at the lower-division level, the student shall receive elective lower-division major credit toward the requirements of the major for the course and may be required to take the course at the upper-division level. Provides that the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall co-manage the specific requirements of the General Education Core Curriculum. Provides that panels may be convened across other fields as determined by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.

Illinois Community College Trustees Association **ACTION ALERT**

June 30, 2016

The Illinois House and Senate overwhelmingly approved **Senate Bill 2047** this afternoon. The bill appropriates six months of funding for state government operations based upon the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie described this appropriations bill as follows: "This is not a complete budget for Fiscal Year 2017. It is a stopgap budget that is meant to keep the lights on through December 31, 2016." SB 2047 will now be sent to Gov. Bruce Rauner, who is expected to sign the bill.

SB 2047 provides full-year funding for P-12 schools at \$7.5 billion, a \$361 million increase above the FY 2016 funding level.

The bill also appropriates \$1 billion for higher education that can be spent for Fiscal Years 2016 or 2017 expenses. This reflects approximately one-half-year of spending for higher education. Community colleges received a \$114 million lump-sum amount appropriated to the Illinois Community College Board, while public universities received individual lump-sum appropriations. Monetary Award Program grants received one-half-year funding (\$155 million) that can be expended in either FY 2016 or FY 2017.

Other legislation was approved by both houses that implement various components of this budget agreement. Additional details regarding the FY 2017 stopgap budget and accompanying legislation will soon be forthcoming.

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NEW LAWS IN 2016

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

By: Jessica Nardulli & Tom Ryder

September 9, 2016

The General Assembly is not currently in session. At the end of June, they managed to call a truce on what had been a year-long budget stand-off. Lawmakers and first-term Republican Governor Bruce Rauner agreed on a stop-gap spending plan that will keep state government operating through December of 2016 but will fund elementary and secondary education through the entire school year. Many state and community programs and services were reduced or eliminated due to the fiscal structure in place for Fiscal Year 2016. The state had been operating primarily under the authority of court orders, consent decrees, and continuing appropriations. Even without a budget in place, those mechanisms enabled the State of Illinois to spend more money than it took in.

Currently, legislators are back at home and focused on re-election campaigns. Although the stop-gap plan provides spending authority through the General Election, legislators will need to meet soon after to attempt to craft a budget that will pay for programs and services for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017. Tax increases, pension reform, spending cuts, and the Governor's Turnaround Agenda will remain points of contention. There is a lot of work to be done.

The General Assembly will return to Springfield for the Fall Veto Session on November 15, 16, and 17 and 29, 30, and December 1. When legislators return, they will be expected to address several of the Governor's vetoes, in addition to tackling the budget and any other issues they wish to address.

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

HB 4259 PEN CD-ELIGIBILITY

Public Act 99-0830
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Rep. Martin J. Moylan - Sen. Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article, provides that the definition of "employee" does not include a person who on or after the effective date becomes an employee of the following participating instrumentalities: the Illinois Municipal League; the Illinois Association of Park Districts; the Illinois Supervisors, County Commissioners and Superintendents of Highways Association; the United Counties Council; the Will County Governmental League; or certain other associations and not-for-profit corporations. In the State Universities Article, provides that a person who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, becomes an employee of any association of community college boards organized under a certain provision of the Public Community College Act, the Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools, the Illinois Association of School Administrators, the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Illinois Principals Association, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, or the Illinois Special Olympics shall not be deemed an employee under the Article. Provides that an individual that begins employment after the effective date of the amendatory Act with an entity not defined as an employer in the Article shall not be deemed an employee for the purposes of the Article. Provides that in the case of doubt as to whether any person is an employee within the meaning of any rule adopted by the Board, the decision of the Board shall be final. In the Downstate Teacher Article, provides that an employee of a school board association who becomes an employee after the effective date of the amendatory Act is not a teacher for the purposes of the Article.

HB 4330 SCH CD-STATE SEAL BILITERACY **Public Act 99-0600**
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Rep. Barbara Wheeler - Sen. Iris Y. Martinez

Amends the School Code. For admissions purposes, requires each public university in this State to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she will be receiving or has received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Provides that each public community college and public university in this State shall establish criteria to translate a State Seal of Biliteracy into course credit based on foreign language course equivalencies identified by the community college's or university's faculty and staff and, upon request from an enrolled student, the community college or university shall award foreign language course credit to a student who has received a State Seal of Biliteracy. Requires the State Board of Education's rules to ensure that the criteria that pupils must achieve to earn a State Seal of Biliteracy meet the course credit criteria. Requires students enrolled in a public community college or public university who have received a State Seal of Biliteracy to request course credit for their seal within 3 academic years after graduating from high school.

KEY LEGISLATION

- HB 4379 – Approval of Travel Expenses
- HB 4675 - Adult Education and Career and Technical Education funds are federal funds
- SB 2047 – Stop-Gap funding through 12/31/16
- SB 2059 – Higher Education emergency funding bill
- SB 2155 – ICCB to ensure compliance with new laws regarding employment contracts & compensation
- SB 2157 – Trustee training requirements
- SB 2159 – Public notice requirements for action on employment contracts

HB 4379 LOCAL GOV-TRAVEL EXPENSES**Public Act 99-0604**
Effective January 1, 2017**Sponsors** Rep. David McSweeney - Sen. Thomas Cullerton

Creates the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. Provides that school districts, community college districts, and non-home rule units of local government shall, by resolution or ordinance, regulate travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees including: (1) the types of official business for which travel, meal, and lodging expenses are allowable; (2) maximum allowable reimbursement for travel, meal, and lodging expenses; and (3) a standardized form for submission of travel, meal, and lodging expenses. Provides that all travel, meal, and lodging expenses may only be approved after specified documentation has been submitted. Expenses officers or employees expend that exceed the maximum allowable expenses, and any expenses for members of the governing board or corporate authorities, must be approved by the governing board or corporate authorities by a roll call vote. Prohibits reimbursing entertainment expenses.

HB 4630 OPEN MEETING-CLOSED SESSION**Public Act 99-0515**
Effective June 30, 2016**Sponsors** Rep. Jeanne M Ives - Sen. Michael Connelly

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Allows access to the verbatim recordings and minutes of closed meetings to duly elected officials or appointed officials filling a vacancy of an elected office in a public body; provides that access shall be granted in the public body's main office or official storage location, in the presence of a records secretary, an administrative official of the public body, or any elected official of the public body; provides that no verbatim recordings or minutes of closed meetings shall be recorded or removed from the public body's main office or official storage location, except by vote of the public body or by court order; and provides that nothing in the subsections concerning verbatim recordings and minutes of closed meetings is intended to limit the Public Access Counselor's access to records necessary to address a request for administrative review. Effective immediately.

HB 4675 ICCB-FEDERAL**Public Act 99-0777**
Effective August 12, 2016**Sponsors** Rep. Michael D. Unes - Sen. Pat McGuire

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the ICCB Adult Education Fund and the Career and Technical Education Fund are federal funds (instead of special funds) in the State treasury. Effective immediately.

HB 4715 FOIA**Public Act 99-0586**
Effective January 1, 2017**Sponsors** Rep. Terri Bryant - Sen. Christine Radogno

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that if the Attorney General issues a binding opinion, the public body does not file for administrative review of or comply with the binding opinion within 35 days after the binding opinion is served on the public body, and the public body does not comply with the binding opinion within 30 days, the requester may file an action and there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act. Provides that if the public body fails to comply with the court order after 30 days, the court may impose an additional penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day the violation continues if the order is not on appeal or stayed.

HB 4820 LIQUOR SALES ON CAMPUS**Public Act 99-0550**
Effective July 15, 2016**Sponsors** Rep. John M. Cabello - Sen. Chapin Rose

Provides that alcoholic liquors may be served or sold in buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees of a community college district for events that the Board of Trustees of that community college district may determine are public events and not student-related activities. Provides that the Board of Trustees of a community college district shall issue a written policy within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act concerning the types of events that would be eligible for an exemption. Provides that the Board of Trustees may issue revised, updated, new, or amended policies as it deems necessary and appropriate. Specifies factors that the Board of Trustees shall, in addition to other factors it considers relevant and important, consider in forming its written policy. Provides that the provisions do not apply to certain community college districts authorized to sell or serve alcoholic liquor. Effective immediately.

HB 5561 COM COLLEGE-ACCELERATE PROGRAM

Public Act 99-0611
Effective July 22, 2016

Sponsors Rep. David McSweeney - Sen. Michael Connelly

Amends the Public Community College Act. Creates the Accelerate College pilot program. Authorizes a community college district board of trustees to enter into an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement with any school district wholly contained within the community college district's jurisdiction. Provides that an agreement must offer a group of high school students the right to take community college courses without paying tuition for those courses. Provides for the size of the program. Allows community colleges to charge fees limited to the actual operating costs and related student activities. Provides that any coursework completed by high school students in a community college shall be transferrable to all public universities in this State on the same basis as coursework completed by community college students who have previously earned high school diplomas. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to study the effectiveness of the program and to issue an annual report. Repeals the provisions 36 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

HB 5566 COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY BOARD

Public Act 99-0643
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Rep. Elgie R. Sims - Sen. Donne E. Trotter

Provides that the chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council may authorize the creation of a working group to focus on tuition, financial aid, and other issues related to keeping postsecondary education affordable for Illinois residents.

HB 5683 OPEN MEETINGS-CIVIL ACTION

Public Act 99-0714
Effective August 5, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Peter Breen - Sen. Chris Nybo

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that where the provisions of this Act are not complied with, or where there is probable cause to believe that the provisions of this Act will not be complied with, any person may bring a civil action in the circuit court within 60 days of the decision by the Attorney General to resolve a request for review by a means other than the issuance of a binding opinion, if the person timely files a request for review with the Public Access Counselor. Effective immediately.

HB 5729 POSTSECOND/WORKFORCE READINESS

Public Act 99-0674
Effective July 29, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Kelly M. Burke - Sen. Daniel Biss

Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Sets forth a competency-based, high school graduation requirements pilot program; transitional mathematics instruction; reading and communication transitional competencies; College and Career Pathway Endorsements program; and administrative rules.

Requires the statewide panel to recommend statewide criteria for determining projected readiness for 11th grade students for college-level mathematics courses. Provides how to demonstrate readiness for public high school graduates. Allows a public university to be a party to a partnership agreement at its sole discretion. Provides for the creation and publication of statewide portability standards for certain courses. Requires that the State Board of Education and Illinois Community College Board establish a phased transition plan and benchmarks by June 30, 2019 for transitional mathematics instruction implementation. Provides that no waiver shall be granted relating to teacher tenure or seniority or teacher or principal evaluations. Provides that any waiver or modification of teacher educator licensure requirements to permit instruction by non-educators or educators without an appropriate license must ensure that an appropriately licensed teacher and the provider of instruction partner in order to verify the method for assessing competency of mastery and verify whether a student has demonstrated mastery. Limits the first 2 annual cohorts of the pilot program to no more than 12 school districts and any subsequent annual cohort to no more than 15 school districts, allows only one application per school district for each annual cohort of the pilot program, and prohibits the application of a school district having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants from including more than 6 schools. Provides that the expansion of a school district's competency-based learning system to a new school or new subject area requires a new application by the school district. Effective immediately.

HB 5894 ADULT ED-AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

Public Act 99-0650
Effective July 28, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Norine K. Hammond - Sen. Jason A. Barickman

Amends the Adult Education Act with respect to Area Planning Councils. Makes changes concerning membership on an Area Planning Council, the election of officers and the development of bylaws, the chairperson of the Council, and the designation of sub-areas within a Council district. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to determine the guidelines for the bylaws and operation of a Council. Removes provisions concerning joint Councils and Councils for school districts not included within the boundaries of a community college district. Makes changes concerning an Area Adult Education Plan and the Board's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for adult education. Effective immediately.

HB 5902 STUDENT JOURNALIST-FREE SPEECH

Public Act 99-0678
Effective July 29, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Will Guzzardi - Sen. Daniel Biss

Creates the Speech Rights of Student Journalists Act. Defines "student journalist" as a public high school student. Defines "school official" as a school's principal or his or her designee. Provides that a student journalist has the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in school-sponsored media, regardless of whether the media is supported financially by the school district or by use of school facilities or produced in conjunction with a class in which the student is enrolled. Provides that the appropriate student journalist is responsible for determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of school-sponsored media. Provides that the Act does not authorize or protect expression by a student journalist that (1) is libelous, slanderous, or obscene; (2) constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy; (3) violates federal or State law; or (4) incites students to commit an unlawful act, to violate policies of the school district, or to materially and substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school. Sets forth provisions concerning the prior restraint of material. Provides that no expression made by students in the exercise of freedom of speech or freedom of the press shall be deemed to be an expression of school policy, and no school district or employee or parent, legal guardian, or official of the school district shall be held liable in any civil or criminal action for any expression made or published by students. Provides that immunity from liability under the Act applies except in cases of willful or wanton conduct. Effective immediately.

HB 5913 PLUMBING LICENSE-INSTRUCTION

Public Act 99-0504
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Rep. John C. D'Amico - Sen. Don Harmon

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Requires a licensed plumber to provide proof of completing 4 hours of continuing education to renew his or her annual license. Provides that sponsors of continuing education shall meet the criteria provided by the Board of Plumbing Examiners and the Plumbing Code advisory council. Provides that continuing education courses shall provide instruction in plumbing, which is supervised directly by an Illinois licensed plumber only. Provides qualifying criteria for plumbing instructors. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall approve an application for a plumber's license examination if the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she has successfully completed an approved course of instruction in plumbing supervised directly by an Illinois licensed plumber in colleges, universities, or trade schools.

HB 5938 HIGHER ED-MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Public Act 99-0813

Effective August 15, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Randy E. Frese - Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

Amends the Veterans' Home Nurses' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Act as the Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Nurse Loan Repayment Program as the Medical Providers Loan Repayment Program. Requires that the program provide assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses (rather than nurses). Provides that an applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the Illinois Student Assistance Commission finds that the applicant is working as a physician, registered professional nurse, or certified nursing assistant (rather than as a registered professional nurse). Provides for grant assistance to certified nurse practitioners. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

HB 5948 PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENIST

Public Act 99-0680

Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Rep. Michael J. Zalewski - Sen. William R. Haine

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Changes the requirement of additional course work for public health dental hygienists from 72 to 42 clock hours of additional structured courses in dental education approved by rule by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in advanced areas specific to public health dentistry provided by an educational institution, such as a dental school or dental hygiene program, or by an approved continuing education sponsor. Provides that dental assistants who meet specific requirements and have completed a structured training program provided by an educational institution, such as a dental school or dental hygiene or dental assistant program, or by an approved continuing education sponsor, may perform specific procedures. Makes changes to provisions concerning expanded functions for dental assistants. Allows public health dental hygienists to continue patient care if a dentist is not available, except in cases of a serious medical condition.

HB 6009 BD HIGHER ED-ILL COM COL BD

Public Act 99-0655

Effective July 28, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Chad Hays - Sen. Pat McGuire

Provides for the Board of Higher Education's master plan for community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Provides that community college performance metrics must be adopted by ICCB by rule. Removes the need for approval from the Board of Higher Education or for ICCB approval with respect to certain community college provisions. Removes provisions requiring uniform financial accounting and reporting standards and principles for community colleges and requiring ICCB to file copies of uniform financial statements from audit reports with the Board of Higher Education. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of the Board of Higher Education. Repeals Sections concerning a State university and college information system, an annual community college education study and report, the Academic Improvement Trust Fund for Community College Foundations, adverse court decision grants, State Community College District No. 601, and a mobile response workforce training pilot program. Removes language requiring the Executive Director of ICCB to approve projects and estimated amounts with respect to levying a tax to alter or repair community college facilities. Removes language requiring the Board to approve the project and estimated amount to borrow money for certain alterations or repairs to community

college facilities. Provides that the Board shall set through administrative rule (rather than shall prepare and enforce) regulations and specifications for minimum requirements for certain renovations to community college property. Effective July 1, 2016.

HB 6021 PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND

Public Act 99-0682
Effective July 29, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Sam Yingling - Sen. Daniel Biss

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. In the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code, adds an additional reference to repayment of the survivors insurance contribution refund or additional annuity payments. Effective immediately.

HB 6302 PREPAID TUITION-INSTITUTION

Public Act 99-0842
Effective August 19, 2016

Sponsors Rep. Jim Durkin - Sen. Dan McConchie

Amends the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act. Changes the definition of "eligible institution" to mean an eligible educational institution as defined in Section 529 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any regulations thereunder (instead of an institution of higher learning, as defined in the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, whose students are eligible to receive benefits under Section 529(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as specified by the federal Small Business Act of 1996 and subsequent amendments to this federal law). Effective immediately.

SB 232 COMMUNITY COLLEGE-RESIDENCY

Public Act 99-0845
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Sen. Julie A. Morrison - Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to grants to community colleges, provides that students shall be classified as residents of the community college district without meeting the 30-day residency requirement of the district if they are currently residing in the district and are youth (i) who are currently under the legal guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services or have recently been emancipated from the Department and (ii) who had previously met the 30-day residency requirement of the district but who had a placement change into a new community college district. Requires the student, a caseworker or other personnel of the Department, or the student's attorney or guardian ad litem appointed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to provide the district with proof of current in-district residency.

SB 384 OPEN MEETINGS-DISCUSSION-HIPAA

Public Act 99-0687
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Sen. Antonio Muñoz - Rep. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold closed meetings to consider, among other

subjects, the discussion of matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, or for the discussion of matters protected under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, by a hospital or other institution providing medical care that is operated by the public body.

SB 1059 STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE

Governor Vetoed

Sponsors Sen. Chapin Rose - Rep. Bill Mitchell

Would have amended the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides the definition of "employee" includes persons who otherwise meet that definition but are ineligible to participate in the State Universities Retirement System because they received a distribution of vested amounts under the self-managed plan established in the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code while eligible to retire under that System.

SB 2047 \$BUDGET THROUGH 12/31/16

Public Act 99-0524

Effective June 30, 2016; Some provisions have conditional effective dates

Sponsors Sen. Donne E. Trotter - Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

Makes appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017. Effective immediately with certain provisions subject to specified conditions.

The budget plans include a full year of funding for K-12 education and appropriates six months of funding for higher education, corrections, human services, aging, utility bills, veteran's homes, mental health centers, natural resources, state operations, and transportation. In addition, the agreement allocates all federal funding and local pass-through funds (such as video gaming, Use Tax, and 9-1-1 system funding).

Some of the key highlights and components include:

- Appropriates a total of \$75 billion for FY16 (\$25 billion) and FY17 (\$50 billion) for agency operations, grants, capital spending, and other spending.
- Revenue for the spending comes from a variety of sources including GRF (\$7.7 billion), Commitment to Human Services Fund (\$701 million), Education Assistance Fund (\$690 million), Fund for the Advancement of Education (\$442 million), Budget Stabilization Fund (\$275 million), and other state and federal funds.
- K-12 Education will receive a total of \$11.1 billion to fund the entire year that represents an increase of slightly more than \$1 billion more than the FY16 enacted budget including early childhood education.
- \$5.1 billion for General State Aid that will be distributed using four criteria including (1) school districts are held harmless based on 2015-16, (2) funds a \$250 million poverty grant that will funnel nearly \$100 million to Chicago, (3) school districts are held harmless to the 2016-17 year, and any extra funds will be distributed through the normal school aid formula.
- Early childhood funding is increased by \$75 million.
- Higher Education will receive \$997 million including \$151 million for MAP grants for the spring 2016 semester.
- Transportation will receive \$14.6 billion for annual operation and capital infrastructure for FY16 and FY17.
- The internet lottery program is extended by one year through July 1, 2017.
- One year prohibition on legislative COLAs.

Completing the "package" deal is a BIMP or budget implementation bill (SB 1810), two pension bills (SB 318, SB 2822), and a TIF bill (SB 2562).

Regarding pensions, Illinois will agree to pay approximately \$215 million in FY17 for the Chicago Public Schools pension system as part of the employer cost (SB 2822). This provision passed but will not be signed into law until later in the year if, and only if, the General Assembly passes a larger pension reform measure. Any pension reform measure must withstand a very rigorous constitutional test. Senate President John Cullerton's latest

version of his "consideration" theory has been embraced Rauner, but constitutional scholars are divided over how the Supreme Court will feel about the idea.

SB 318 will reinstate an annual property tax level of 0.383 percent for the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. The Chicago City Council will have to approve this property tax hike that will generate approximately \$250 million annually for pensions.

SB 2562 is an omnibus TIF bill that includes extensions for several TIF projects throughout the state. The bill also permits Chicago to adopt transit-oriented TIFs. Chicago is permitted to capture \$800 million in federal money as a result of the bill.

SB 2059 \$UNIVERSITIES/IMSA/MAP

Public Act 99-0502
Effective April 25, 2016

Sponsors Sen. John J. Cullerton - Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

Makes appropriations to: universities for specified purposes; the Illinois Community College Board for grants to community colleges; the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for ordinary and contingent expenses; and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for grant awards to students eligible for the Monetary Award Program and agency administrative and operational costs. Provides that the appropriation authority is valid only for costs incurred before September 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

Balanced Budget Note (Office of Management and Budget)

All appropriations in this bill are from the Education Assistance Fund and there are sufficient FY16 revenues for this fund to support these appropriations. The funds in the Education Assistance Fund can only be utilized for education funding and Senate Bill 2059 does not add to the FY16 budget deficit already projected by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

Fiscal Note (IL Board of Higher Education)

This amendment makes the following appropriations payable from the Education Assistance Fund (EAF) for costs incurred prior to September 1, 2016, as follows:

1. \$20,107,300 - Chicago State University;
2. \$6,974,400 - Governors State University;
3. \$74,142,300 - Illinois Community College Board;
4. \$6,000,000 - Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy;
5. \$10,695,100 - Northeastern Illinois University;
6. \$57,482,200 - Southern Illinois University;
7. \$168,989,500 - University of Illinois;
8. \$11,104,600 - University of Illinois, Hospital;
9. \$12,456,500 - Eastern Illinois University;
10. \$20,934,900 - Illinois State University;
11. \$169,798,700 - Illinois Student Assistance Commission, MAP Awards;
12. \$26,403,200 - Northern Illinois University;
13. \$14,911,400 - Western Illinois University.

In total, the amendment appropriates \$600,000,100 from the Education Assistance Fund. According to the State Comptroller's Ledger website, the "ending daily balance" in the Education Assistance Fund on April 19, 2016 was \$302.7 million. Since the Illinois Board of Higher Education is not privy to fiscal information regarding all obligations anticipated to be payable from the EAF for Fiscal Year 2016, a budgetary balance statement cannot therefore be provided. However, pursuant to the Balanced Budget Impact Note filed on April 21, 2016 by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, the office responsible for such monitoring such of state funds and recording obligations to be drawn accordingly, reports there will be sufficient revenues in the EAF to meet the appropriations provided in this legislation. Specifically, the Note states: "All appropriations in this bill are from the Education Assistance Fund and there are sufficient

FY16 revenues for this fund to support these appropriations. The funds in the Education Assistance Fund can only be utilized for education funding and Senate Bill 2059 (H-AM 3) does not add to the FY16 budget deficit already projected by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget."

SB 2155 AUDGEN COM COL AUDIT

Public Act 99-0691
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Sen. Bill Cunningham - Rep. Kelly M. Burke

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that recognition shall include a review of compliance with applicable State and federal laws regarding employment contracts and compensation. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board shall convene an advisory committee to review the findings and make recommendations for changes or additions to the laws or review procedures. Makes a technical change.

SB 2156 PEN CD-SURS-SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

Public Act 99-0897
Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Sen. Bill Cunningham - Rep. Kelly M. Burke

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. For an employee who first becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, excludes housing allowances, vehicle allowances, bonuses, social club dues, and athletic club dues from the calculation of basic compensation and earnings. Provides that the definition of "basic compensation" includes the amount of any elective deferral to a deferred compensation plan under the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in the case of doubt as to whether any person meets the definition of "employee", the decision of the Board shall be final. Provides that an individual that begins employment with certain entities or an entity not defined in the Article as an employer on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be eligible to participate in the System. Provides that when the System requests information from an employer, the employer shall respond to the request within 90 calendar days. Provides that when the System requests employment records and payroll records of an employer, the employer shall respond within 60 calendar days. Authorizes the System to assess a penalty of \$500 per day, up to a maximum of \$50,000, on an employer who fails to respond to certain requests for information after a certain number of days. Provides that if a participant, beneficiary, or annuitant fails to provide any information that is necessary for the calculation, payment, or finalization of any benefit under the Article within 90 calendar days, then the System may immediately cease processing the benefit and may not pay any additional benefit payment to the participant, beneficiary, or annuitant until the requested information is provided.

Provides that a participant may establish creditable service and earnings credit for periods of furlough (or voluntary reduction in pay taken in lieu of furlough) beginning on or after July 1, 2015 and ending on or before June 30, 2017 by paying, on an after-tax basis, specified employee and employer contributions, plus interest. In the provision requiring employers to make an additional contribution to the System under certain circumstances when an employee receives an increase in annual earnings exceeding 6%, provides that when assessing payment, the System shall include earnings that would have been paid to a participant had the participant not taken periods of voluntary or involuntary furlough (or voluntary reduction in pay taken in lieu of furlough) on or after July 1, 2015 and on or before June 30, 2017. Requires the employer to report such earnings in a manner prescribed by the System. Also requires the System to provide advance notice to a participant in the self-managed plan of the participant's obligation to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into one or more investment funds selected by the System at the time he or she makes his or her initial retirement plan selection. Provides that if a participant in the self-managed plan fails to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into the various investment options offered to the participant when making his or her initial retirement election choice, the System shall invest the employee and employer contributions in a default investment fund on behalf of the participant, and the investment shall be deemed to have been made at the participant's investment direction. Provides that the participant has the right to transfer account balances out of the default investment fund during time periods designated by the System.

SB 2157 COM COL-TRUSTEE TRAINING**Public Act 99-0692**
Effective January 1, 2017**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Cunningham - Rep. Kelly M. Burke

Amends the Public Community College Act. With regard to all community college districts with elected or appointed board trustees who have been elected or appointed 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 board of trustees (to which the provisions apply) to complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training covering topics that shall include, but are not limited to, open meetings law, community college and labor law, freedom of information law, contract law, ethics, sexual violence on campus, financial oversight and accountability, audits, and fiduciary responsibilities of a community college trustee during the first, third, and fifth year of his or her term. Provides that the community college district shall maintain on its Internet website, if any, the names of all elected or appointed voting trustees of the board who have not 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. Requires a board member to certify completion of the training to the secretary of the board. Provides that if a board member does not satisfy all of the requirements or the certification indicates that a board member has not completed the training, the secretary shall send a notice to all elected or appointed members serving on the board and the president or acting chief executive officer of the community college of that fact.

SB 2158 COM COL-EMPLOYEE CONTRACT**Public Act 99-0693**
Effective January 1, 2017**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Cunningham - Rep. Kelly M. Burke

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that, beginning 45 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 or amend an employee agreement between a community college district and the district's president, chancellor, or chief executive officer may be agreed to or executed, nor may an employment contract be made and entered into between the board of an established district and the district's president, chancellor, or chief executive officer. Provides that if the current board must take such action at any time during the 45 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 60 days after the first organizational meeting, unless the new board reaffirms the agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract.

SB 2159 HIGHER ED-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**Public Act 99-0694**
Effective January 1, 2017**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Cunningham - Rep. Kelly M. Burke

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 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 be placed in an escrow account 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.

SB 2174 BD HIGH ED LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Public Act 99-0695

Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Sen. Bill Cunningham - Rep. Peter Breen

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.

SB 2505 EDUC-INTL BACCALAUREATE EXAM

Public Act 99-0624

Effective July 22, 2016

Sponsors Sen. Heather A. Steans - Rep. Carol Ammons

Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that scores of 4 or higher for International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subjects shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions of higher education. Provides that each institution shall determine for each International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject whether credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or major requirements and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject scores required to grant credit for those purposes. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, shall analyze each institution's Advanced Placement examination and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject score course granting policy and research by the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year (instead of requiring the Board of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, to analyze each institution's Advanced Placement examination score course granting policy and research by the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year). Provides for publication of the policy before the beginning of the 2017-2018 (instead of 2016-2017) academic year. Effective immediately.

SB 2839 COMMUNITY COLLEGE-EXPULSIONS

Public Act 99-0741

Effective August 5, 2016

Sponsors Sen. Ira I. Silverstein - Rep. Laura Fine

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Provides that sanctions for violation of a higher education institution's comprehensive policy may include, but are not limited to, suspension, expulsion, or removal of the student found, after complaint resolution procedures, to be in violation of the comprehensive policy. Effective immediately.

SB 2840 SCH CD-HIGH SCH EQUIVALENCY

Public Act 99-0742

Effective August 5, 2016

Sponsors Sen. Ira I. Silverstein - Rep. Jack D. Franks

Amends the School Code. With respect to the High School Equivalency Testing Program, requires a regional superintendent of schools and the Illinois Community College Board to waive required fees for an applicant who (i) qualifies as a homeless person, child, or youth as defined in the Education for Homeless Children Act, (ii) has

not attained 25 years of age as of the date of the scheduled test, (iii) can verify his or her status as a homeless person, child, or youth, (iv) has completed a high school equivalency preparation course through an Illinois Community College Board-approved provider, and (v) be taking the test at a testing center operated by a regional superintendent of schools or the Cook County High School Equivalency Office. Provides that a homeless services provider that is qualified to verify an individual's housing status, as determined by the Illinois Community College Board, and that has knowledge of the applicant's housing status may verify the applicant's status.

SB 3301 ILL ARTICULATION INITIATIVE

Public Act 99-0636

Effective January 1, 2017

Sponsors Sen. Chapin Rose - Rep. Mike Fortner

Creates the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Requires all public institutions of higher education to participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer consistency. Requires (i) all sending and receiving institutions to maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum package; (ii) all institutions to maintain up to 4 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major, provided the institution has equivalent majors and courses; and (iii) all institutions to provide faculty, as appointed by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, to serve on panels in the review of courses. Provides that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education codes must be transferable as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package, insofar as a specific major is offered at the receiving institution. Provides that all public institutions of higher education shall determine if Illinois Articulation Initiative major courses are direct course equivalents or are elective credit toward the requirements of the major. Provides that if the receiving institution does not offer the course or does not offer it at the lower-division level, the student shall receive elective lower-division major credit toward the requirements of the major for the course and may be required to take the course at the upper-division level. Provides that students receiving the General Education Core Curriculum package must not be required to take additional freshmen or sophomore level general education courses. Sets forth the duties of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.