

Illinois Community College Trustees Association Action Alert

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The Illinois General Assembly will complete its work for the week when the House and Senate adjourn later this afternoon. Lawmakers are scheduled to return to Springfield next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A full legislative update will be available next week.

ACTION NEEDED

House Bill 3504 -- a clarification of the State Ethics Act as it applies to community colleges -- is moving through the legislative process and requires your assistance to further advance the bill.

Contact your Illinois House members by Thursday, March 22, and ask them to support House Bill 3504 when it comes up for a vote in the next few weeks. Please request that your State Representative consider becoming a sponsor of HB 3504. If your State Representative is a sponsor of the bill, thank him/her for supporting the legislation.

HB 3504 -- Clarification of Ethics Act

(chief sponsor: Granberg; chief co-sponsors -- Froelich, Black)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

This ICCTA-initiated bill clarifies that community colleges are units of local government with respect to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act Ethics Act, and as such are not under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Inspector General. The bill amends the Ethics Act to classify community college districts as units of local government that must adopt resolutions regulating the political activities and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by their officials and employees (currently, community colleges are classified as state agencies subject to the entire Act's regulation and enforcement by the Executive Ethics Commission and the Governor's Executive Inspector General). **HB 3504 passed out of the State Government Administration Committee on a vote of 11-0 and is placed on the 2nd reading calendar.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ICCTA's Lobby Day is Wednesday, April 25, in Springfield

*** For additional legislative updates, call ICCTA at 1-800-454-2282 ***

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