

ICCTA ACTION ALERT

March 7, 2011

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

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

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

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

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

HB 152 Department of Education Act (M. Davis)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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HB 165 Prevailing Wage for Nonprofit Educational Purposes (Winters)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 166 University Green Jobs and Technology Act (Winters)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 170 Property Tax for Vocational Education (Dugan)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 201 Elimination of General Assembly Scholarships (Pihos)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 227 Elimination of General Assembly Scholarships (Franks)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 261 College Savings Pool Report (Chapa LaVia)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 295 Sex Offender Registration in Higher Education (DeLuca)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 304 Community College Tuition Cap Limitation (Tracy)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 1223 Objections to Candidate Petitions (W. Davis)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

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

HB 1349 Universities' Uncollectible Debt (Jakobsson)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 1353 General Assembly Scholarships (Pritchard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 1374 College Insurance Program Rate Increases (Currie)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 1412 City Colleges of Chicago (Turner)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 1493 Community College Board Chair (Bost)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 1503 IBHE Performance-Based Funding (Rose)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 1627 American-Assembled Vehicles Act (Sosnowski)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 1710 College Planning Act (Pritchard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 1885 Objections to Candidate Petitions (Rita)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 1977 College Insurance Program (McCarthy)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

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

HB 2061 Pension Code – Salary Limitations (Sente)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 2142 FY 2012 Community College Budget (Madigan)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

HB 2625 Community Colleges (Cross)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 2927 Emergency Employment Development Act (Mathias)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

HB 2950 Campus Security Police Files (Gordon)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

Senate Bill 3 Debt Restructuring Plan (Cullerton)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

SB 59 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Silverstein)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

SB 114 University Tuition Freeze (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

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

SB 120 First Generation Students (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 121 Audit-Based Presidential Salaries (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

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

SB 122 First Generation Student Report (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 131 Executive Inspector General for Higher Education (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 135 Removal of Board Tuition Authority (Sandoval)

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

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

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

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

SB 1556 College Insurance Program (Haine)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 1711 College Insurance Program (Haine)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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

ICCTA Position: OPPOSE

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

SB 1883 IBHE Program / Capital Authority (Maloney)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 1926 Local Government Consolidation Commission Act (Link)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 1967 Community College Contracts (Maloney)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

SB 2042 Community College Board Chair (Millner)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

SB 2097 Early Graduation Tuition Waiver Act (Dillard)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 2144 School Construction (Frerichs)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

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

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

SB 2386 Community Colleges Appropriations (Kotowski)

ICCTA Position: MONITOR

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

SB 2415 Community Colleges Annual Appropriation (Kotowski)

ICCTA Position: SUPPORT

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

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