ICCTA ACTION ALERT

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LAWMAKERS ADJOURN SPECIAL SESSION ON PENSION REFORM

The Governor called the Illinois General Assembly to Springfield today for a Special Session regarding pension issues. The Senate and the House held committee hearings yesterday (Tuesday, June 18) but took no votes or other conclusive action. ICCTA and the Presidents Council testified before a Senate committee regarding a pension plan presented by Illinois public university presidents. Community college advocates expressed support for much of the proposal and indicated that more conversations needed to take place with regard to some details.

The General Assembly adjourned the single-day Special Session after assigning the pension legislation to a specially created conference committee. The conference committee process is a seldom-used legislative process that can be used to reach a compromise when there are differences between the House and the Senate.

It is possible that the General Assembly could return to Springfield in early July to consider "concealed carry" legislation if Gov. Quinn decides to either veto or amendatorily veto the bill. It is possible that pension legislation (or any other legislation) could be considered on any day that the legislature is in session. Otherwise, lawmakers will next meet for the fall Veto Session in October.

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