

## Illinois Community College Trustees Association **ACTION ALERT**

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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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