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 March 9, 2015.

The House and Senate continue the normal schedule of Tuesday through Thursday committee hearings this week until Friday, March 27, the deadline for bills to be voted out of committee.

After a bill has been filed in either chamber, it first goes to Rules committee in the House or Assignments in the Senate. That committee serves as a “traffic cop” that assigns a bill to a substantive committee where it can be heard. The assignment process is followed by the posting process. Not every bill assigned to a committee is immediately or automatically posted for hearing. Sometimes the posting process might take a week or more. Plus the sponsor might decide not to call the bill for hearing this week and wait for the committee hearing next week. Therefore, the committee process can be a bit of a guessing game.

The House has 45 standing committees, 5 appropriation committees, 2 task forces, and 25 subcommittees. The Senate has 24 standing committees, 2 appropriation committees, and 26 subcommittees.
Illinois Community College Trustees Association

HB 134

Short Description: PEN CD-TIER III-STATE SYSTEMS

House Sponsors
Rep. André M. Thapedi

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates a Tier III benefit package applicable to persons who first begin participating in one of the State-funded retirement systems on or after July 1, 2015. Provides for retirement benefits and certain employee contribution changes that supersede the corresponding provisions of the applicable retirement system. Provides that those retirement benefits may be annually increased or decreased in response to the retirement system's investment earnings. Changes the amount of the required State contributions and, in the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles, requires the actual employers to make contributions to amortize any unfunded liabilities arising out of their employees who are Tier III participants. Provides that, when the State's total debt service obligation for certain pension bonds has ended, any funds remaining available for the payment of that debt service shall be distributed to the 5 State-funded retirement systems, to be used to reduce their unfunded actuarial liabilities. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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HB 135

Committee Hearing:
State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM
Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that contracts of $250,000 or more between (i) the State and its political subdivisions, (ii) the State and other governments, or (iii) State governmental bodies are not exempt from the Code. Effective immediately.
HB 150

Committee Hearing:
Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 3:30PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

Short Description:  EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-TERRORISM

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as terrorism. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment 1
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been convicted, after September 11, 2001, of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing a Class X felony or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a Class X felony. Effective immediately.

HB 170

Short Description:  PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie-Robert W. Pritchard-Carol Ammons and Monique D. Davis
**Senate Sponsors**  
(Sen. Steven M. Landek)

**Synopsis As Introduced**  

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**HB 239**

**Short Description:** PEN CD-FELONY FORFEIT REVIEW

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Sam Yingling

**Synopsis As Introduced**  
Amends the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that in any matter involving a question of whether pension benefits should be terminated because of a felony, the board of the fund or system shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. Provides that the Attorney General or the State’s Attorney may contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony and may seek judicial review of the board’s decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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**HB 251**

**Committee Hearing:**  
Labor & Commerce Committee Hearing  Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EDU LABOR REL-AUTHORIZE STRIKE

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Joe Sosnowski
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the strike provisions of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to the conditions that must be met in order for educational employees to engage in a strike, provides that the condition that at least three-fourths of all bargaining unit employees who are members of the exclusive bargaining representative must have affirmatively voted to authorize the strike applies to all educational employees (not just those employed in the Chicago school district). Effective July 1, 2015.

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HB 254

Short Description: PEN CD-ST SYS-FUNDING RATIO

House Sponsors
Rep. Joe Sosnowski

Synopsis As Introduced
Provides that if and only if the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the consolidated case of In re Pension Reform Litigation, No. 118585, finds that either Public Act 98-599 is unconstitutional in its entirety or that the changes made by Public Act 98-599 to certain Sections of the Illinois Pension Code are unconstitutional, the Illinois Pension Code is amended to make changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the Judges Article, increases the funding ratio from 90% to 100%. Makes corresponding changes.

Effective immediately.

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HB 303

Committee Hearing:
Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

Short Description: FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Margo McDermed-Patricia R. Bellock-Robert W. Pritchard-Dwight Kay-Frances Ann Hurley, Mark Batinick, Martin J. Moylan, Steven Andersson, Brandon W. Phelps, Carol A. Sente, Patrick J. Verschoore, Fred Crespo, Ron Sandack, Jack D. Franks, Linda Chapa LaVia, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Mike Smiddy and Peter Breen
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines “severance agreement”. Provides that a severance agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

House Committee Amendment 1
Provides that all severance agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body are public records subject to inspection and copying by the public, subject to redaction as allowed by the Act. Deletes language providing that a severance agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act.

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HB 315

Short Description: PEN CD-SURS-ROTH ACCOUNT

House Sponsors
Rep. Joe Sosnowski and Thomas Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a Section relating to the self-managed plan, provides that pursuant to federal law, all employees with applicable retirement plans will be provided options to: (i) establish, (ii) contribute to, and (iii) transfer any guaranteed or vested portion of their traditional accounts, on any day, into qualified in-plan Roth accounts, without distribution. Effective immediately.

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HB 317

Short Description: $BD HIGHER ED-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael J. Madigan and Mary E. Flowers
**Synopsis As Introduced**  
Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

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**HB 319**

**Committee Hearing:**  
Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Mar 10 2015 2:30PM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** CONCEALED CARRY-PARKING LOT

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Ed Sullivan and Daniel V. Beiser

**Synopsis As Introduced**  
Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In the provision that a licensee may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, deletes language that the licensee must ensure that the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. Effective immediately.

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**HB 402**

**Committee Hearing:**  
Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL  
Income Tax Subcommittee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:35AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** INC TX-EDUCATION LOANS

**House Sponsors**  

**Synopsis As Introduced**  
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for individuals, trusts, and estates for certain qualified student loan payments made during the taxable year. Provides that the deduction is excluded from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.
HB 422

**Short Description:** PEN CD--ACTUARY--EVERY 3 YEARS

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Thomas Morrison and Carol A. Sente

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the actuary of each of the 5 State-funded systems to conduct an investigation of the system at least once every 3 (rather than 5) years. Effective immediately.

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HB 429

**Short Description:** PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Thomas Morrison

**Synopsis AsIntroduced**
Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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HB 489

Short Description: PEN CD-DOWNST TEACHER-SHORTAGE

House Sponsors
Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining “eligible employment” for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2013 to no later than June 30, 2019. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of “new benefit increase”. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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HB 495

Short Description: ELEC-TIME OF SCH BD ELEC

House Sponsors
Rep. Ron Sandack

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Election Code. Provides that the offices of elected members of school boards, school trustees, directors of boards of school directors, trustees of county boards of school trustees, members of boards of school inspectors, and members of school boards in school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code shall be filled or shall be on the ballot at the general election in the appropriate even-numbered years (now, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years). Provides that, for elections on and after June 1, 2015, a member of a Board of School Directors, a member of an elected Board of Education, a member of a Board of School Inspectors, a trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees, or a trustee of schools, as the case may be, shall be elected at the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the term of any incumbent member, to succeed each incumbent member whose term ends before the following general election. Provides that the term of an incumbent of any of those offices serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act is extended to the first Monday in the first month following the next general election after the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act not been enacted, and the term of the successor in office shall commence on that first Monday. Makes other changes. Amends the School Code to make changes conforming to the changes to the time of election of members of school boards made by this amendatory Act. Effective June 1, 2015.

Last Action
HB 819

**Short Description:** EDUCATION-TECH

House Sponsors

**Synopsis AsIntroduced**
Amends the College Campus Press Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

**House Committee Amendment 1**
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act and the Public Community College Act. Requires each community college district to offer at least one program of study in an academic or technical field that leads to a bachelor of arts or science degree awarded by the community college. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to permit a community college district to offer such a program.

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HB 1311

**Committee Hearing:**
Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL
Finance Subcommittee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:50AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-PAY IT FORWARD

House Sponsors
Rep. Jack D. Franks

**Synopsis AsIntroduced**
Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes, for 5 academic years, a program to provide loans to 400 eligible students per academic year to attend a public community college or university, to be repaid, in part, according to the income of the student borrowers. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall implement and administer the program. Creates the Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury, with moneys used for the sole purpose of awarding program loans under the Act. Sets forth provisions governing the application process and loan repayment. Requires the Department to submit progress reports to the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

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HB 1321

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning terms.

House Committee Amendment 1
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally certified by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

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HB 1334

Short Description: PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Jack D. Franks

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a member or participant of a retirement system or pension fund established under the Code who is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act in a position in which he or she is eligible to accrue service credit or creditable service under any Article of the Code shall, in the month immediately after commencing that employment, have the amount of his or her monthly retirement annuity or retirement pension offset by the amount of his or her compensation, earnings, or salary (whichever is applicable) in the immediately preceding month as certified to the applicable retirement system or pension fund by his or her employer, unless the payment of that retirement annuity or retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first $2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.
HB 1402

Committee Hearing:  
Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM  
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

Short Description:  SCHOOLS/COM COL-BLACK HISTORY

House Sponsors  
Rep. Thaddeus Jones-Rita Mayfield

Synopsis As Introduced  
Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every community college to offer and all students to take a course studying the events of Black History. Allows a community college to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

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HB 1456

Short Description:  PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

House Sponsors  
Rep. Elaine Nekritz

Synopsis As Introduced  
Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

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HB 1484

Committee Hearing:
Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL - House Committee Amendment 1

Short Description: VOCATIONAL ACADEMY-CHARTER SCH

House Sponsors
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code and the Vocational Academies Act. Requires alternative schools and charter schools to establish vocational academies for students in grades 10 through 12, in partnership with school districts, community colleges, local employers, and community-based organizations. Sets forth requirements concerning these academies. Permits the State Board of Education to adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer these provisions.

House Committee Amendment 1
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally certified by an accreditor approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system. Contains provisions conditioning Board approval.

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HB 1529

Short Description: HIGHER ED-SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

House Sponsors
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall require all public and private institutions of higher education located in this State to submit an annual report on or before April 15, 2016 and on or before each 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 institution shall include certain information in its annual report. Provides that the Board and all institutions shall hold an annual workshop open to the public in July of 2016 and each July thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to achieving stated goals. Sets forth other Board requirements. Effective immediately.

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HB 2442

Committee Hearing:
Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM Stratton Building Room D-1 Springfield, IL

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-INTERGOVERNMENTAL

House Sponsors
Rep. Dwight Kay

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that on and after the effective date of this Act, contracts of $250,000 or more between the State or any State agency and another state or the federal government may be entered into only by a separate Act of the General Assembly. Provides that a contract executed before the effective date of this amendatory Act valued at more than $250,000 between the State or any State agency and another state or the federal government may be renewed or extended only by a separate Act of the General Assembly. Provides that copies of such contract shall be filed with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of State upon execution. Effective immediately.

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HB 2520

Short Description: PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND

House Sponsors
Rep. Greg Harris
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.

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HB 2528

Committee Hearing:
State Government Administration Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

Short Description: UNIV EMPLOYEE EDUC BENEFITS

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael W. Tryon

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. With respect to any contract or collective bargaining agreement entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, provides that a university is prohibited from entering into a contract or agreement that offers its employees or contractors tuition waivers, grants, scholarships, or any other higher education benefits for the children, spouses, or other family members of the employees or contractors. Provides that nothing in this prohibition prevents or diminishes the right of a child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor to borrow money for higher education expenses or apply for and be awarded a tuition waiver, grant, scholarship, or other award for higher education expenses, provided that there is no conflict of interest and no preference is given on account of the person being the child, spouse, or other family member of an employee or contractor. Provides that nothing in this prohibition shall diminish the value of contractual rights existing before the effective date of the amendatory Act that are enjoyed by employees and contractors of the university or their children, spouses, and other family members. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver. Effective immediately.

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HB 2529

Committee Hearing:
Higher Education Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 3:30PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL

Short Description: HIGHER ED-ONLINE DEGREE-STUDY

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael W. Tryon

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.

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HB 2687

Committee Hearing:
Cities & Villages Committee Hearing Mar 10 2015 2:30PM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

Short Description: RECORDING AT OPEN MEETINGS

House Sponsors
Rep. Peter Breen

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the right of any person to record the proceedings at meetings required to be open under the Act includes the time before and after the meeting. Limits the recording before and after the meeting to the recording of public officials within 100 feet of the property where the meeting takes place.

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HB 2717
Committee Hearing:
Counties & Townships Committee Hearing Mar 12 2015 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL

Short Description: LOCAL GOVT-POST RECORDS

House Sponsors
Rep. Jeanne M Ives

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Local Records Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an annual budget of $1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the following information: (1) contact information for elected and appointed officials; (2) notice of and materials prepared for regular and emergency meetings; (3) procedures for requesting information from the unit of local government or school district; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances under which the unit of local government or school district operates; (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) campaign contributions made by a vendor; (14) a debt disclosure report; and (15) public notices. Sets forth requirements concerning a searchable expenditure and revenue database. 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. Provides a posting in perpetuity clause. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Contains a severability clause. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on the website of a unit of local government or school district. Effective immediately.

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HB 2767

Short Description: HIGHER ED-PROP CONTROL-CAP IMP

House Sponsors
Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Property Control Act and the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, with respect to public universities, the Department of Central Management Services may require a listing of equipment items only for those items valued in excess of $5,000. Provides that the requirement that State-supported institutions of higher education submit plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board of Higher Education for approval applies only to improvements that use State funds in whole or in part. Effective immediately.

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HB 2869

Short Description: $FY16 SURS OCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds $1,002,120,100; Other State Funds $150,000,000; Total $1,152,120,100.

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HB 2871

Short Description: $FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

Synopsis As Introduced
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds $22,521,000; Other State Funds $4,110,000; Federal Funds $5,500,000; Total $32,131,000.

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HB 2881

Short Description: $FY16 ICCB OCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady
Synopsis As Introduced
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds $345,714,900; Other State Funds $54,780,000; Total $400,494,900.

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HB 2882

Short Description: $FY16 ISAC OCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Jim Durkin-Dan Brady

Synopsis As Introduced
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds $380,953,300; Other State Funds $10,705,000; Federal Funds $344,591,800; Total $736,250,100.

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HB 2937

Short Description: ELEC CD-LOCAL GOVT RECALLS

House Sponsors
Rep. Mark Batinick and Martin J. Moylan

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Local Government Elected Official Recall Act. Provides that non-home rule local officeholders that were elected during a general consolidated election may be recalled under the Act. Establishes petition requirements for recall elections.

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HB 2988

Short Description: $SURT-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

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HB 3011

Short Description: $BD HIGHER ED-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

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HB 3015

Short Description: $ICCB-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.
HB 3024

Short Description: $ISAC-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Kenneth Dunkin

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

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HB 3077

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION

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.

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HB 3124

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-HIGHER ED COMPACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Re-enacts a provision concerning the applicability of the 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 goods or services procured through a contract with a vendor approved by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. Effective immediately.

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HB 3125

Short Description: PROCUREMENT CD-ACCREDITATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that this Code shall not apply to procurement expenditures necessary to secure accreditation for public institutions of higher learning. Requires each public institution of higher learning to provide the chief procurement officer with a report of contracts that are related to the procurement of certain goods and services. Requires the chief procurement officer to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly each year that shall include an annual summary of the monthly information reported to the chief procurement officer. Repeals these provisions on December 31, 2016. Effective immediately.

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HB 3134

Short Description: LABOR AGREEMENT HEARINGS

House Sponsors
Rep. Jeanne M Ives
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that, once an agreement is reached between a public or educational employer and its employees regarding all of the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, the agreement shall be reduced to writing and published on the website of the public or educational employer. Requires the public or educational employer, not less than 14 days after publishing such an agreement, to hold an open public meeting on the ratification of that agreement. Provides that any contract between a public employer and an employee where the total compensation exceeds $150,000 shall be published on the employer’s website for a period of not less than 14 days prior to being signed by both the employer and the employee. Requires the public employer to hold an open public meeting on the contract in addition to posting it for 14 days if that contract is subject to board approval. Makes conforming changes in the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

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HB 3135

Short Description: COM COL TRUSTEES-4 YR TERM

House Sponsors
Rep. Grant Wehrli-Jack D. Franks-Patricia R. Bellock-Mike Fortner-Ron Sandack, Jeanne M Ives, Mark Batinick, Christine Winger, Margo McDermed, Peter Breen, Stephanie A. Kifowit, David McSweeney, Martin J. Moylan and Deborah Conroy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that members of the board of trustees of a community college district elected in 2017 shall be elected to serve a 2-year term and members elected in 2019 and thereafter shall be elected to serve 4-year terms (rather than members being elected to serve 6-year terms). Effective immediately.

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HB 3196

Short Description: EDUC-POSTSECONDARY/WORKFORCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Requires the State Superintendent of Education...
the executive director of the Illinois Community College Board, the executive director of the Board of Higher Education, and the executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("Appointing Authorities") to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning competency-based high school graduation requirements, student readiness for college-level instruction, and early college credit. Requires the chief executive officers of the State agencies participating in the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee to establish and select individuals to serve as members of one or more advisory committees responsible for delivering recommendations concerning career pathway endorsements and awareness, advising, and planning for postsecondary education and careers. Sets forth provisions concerning common administrative rules of the State Board of Education, Illinois Community College Board, Board of Higher Education, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission; support systems for school districts, postsecondary institutions, educators, students, and families; and implementation. Amends the School Code to make changes concerning consumer education and required high school courses. Effective immediately.

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HB 3258

Short Description: HIGHER ED-LEGIS SCHOLARSHIPS

House Sponsors
Rep. Luis Arroyo

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a legislative scholarship task force to receive and consider applications for scholarship assistance. Requires the task force to receive and consider nominations for scholarship assistance, with a total of 8 scholarships per representative district to be awarded each year. Provides that a nominee is eligible for a scholarship if the task force finds that the nominee meets certain qualifications, including that he or she is a resident of the representative district for which a scholarship is to be awarded and that he or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a public university in this State. Provides that legislative scholarships are good for a period of not more than one year while enrolled for residence credit, are applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic year, and exempt the holder from the payment of tuition and fees. Sets forth provisions concerning application for a scholarship and renewals.

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HB 3262

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-EMERGENCY PURCHASE
House Sponsors
Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that a copy of notice of all emergency procurements and all
documents provided at a public hearing shall be included in the online electronic (now, subsequent Procurement)
Bulletin. Provides that the State purchasing officer (now, the purchasing agency) shall publish information
regarding the emergency procurement. Provides that the actual total cost of an emergency purchase shall be
published no later than 5 calendar days after it is determined (now, before the 10th day of the next succeeding
month). Effective July 1, 2015.

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HB 3290

Short Description: COM COL-SEVERANCE AGREEMENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Peter Breen

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that no State moneys from any State funds, proceeds of
property tax levies, or student tuition funds may be used to pay for a severance agreement entered into by a
board with an employee of the community college district. A board that pays a severance amount to a district
employee greater than the sum of one year's salary and benefits for that employee is prohibited from increasing
the district's property tax levy, tuition, or fees for a number of years as calculated as follows: the result, rounded
up to the next whole number, of the total severance amount paid to the employee divided by the sum of one
year's salary and benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

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HB 3377

Short Description: COM COL-BD OF TRUSTEES-RECALL

House Sponsors
Rep. Jack D. Franks

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows for the recall of a member of the board of trustees of a
community college district through a petition and referendum and provides for a special successor election. Effective immediately.

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HB 3408

Short Description: PENCD-SURS-HOUSING & VEHICLES

House Sponsors
Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

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.

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HB 3424

Short Description: PENCD-ST SYS-SELF DIRECT PLAN

House Sponsors
Rep. Thomas Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the 5 State-funded retirement systems shall establish self-directed retirement plans for all active participants. Provides that, except for certain annuitants who have 30 years of service credit, an annuitant shall not receive an automatic increase in retirement annuity. Requires the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance to develop a schedule that, subject to certain requirements, increases the minimum retirement age of active participants who are ineligible to retire as of the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the Division's schedule shall also provide for the adjustment of minimum retirement ages using a matrix that (i) takes into account the current statutory retirement age for various classes of persons and service credit accrued by those persons and (ii) proportionally discounts the increase in statutory retirement ages based on proximity to the currently established minimum retirement age. Requires a participant, except for a participant who is a covered employee under the State Employee Article, to contribute 8% of his or her compensation to the plan and requires the employer to contribute 7% of the participant's compensation to the plan. Establishes a schedule for vesting in employer contributions. Beginning State fiscal year 2016, makes changes to the prescribed funding formulas for the 5 State-funded retirement systems.
## HB 3428

**Short Description:** ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM-CREDIT

**House Sponsors**

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that a student who takes a College Board Advanced Placement examination and receives a score of 3 or higher on the examination is entitled to receive postsecondary level course credit at a public institution of higher education. Requires each public institution of higher education to comply with the same standard of awarding course credit to any student receiving a score of 3 or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination and applying the credit to meet a corresponding course requirement for degree completion at that institution of higher education. Effective immediately.

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## HB 3491

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Dwight Kay

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012, the Private College Act, and the Academic Degree Act. Defines “religious institution” in these Acts. Provides that any religious institution (instead of any institution devoted entirely to the teaching of religion or theology) shall not be considered to be a private business and vocational school; makes related changes. Provides that no religious institution shall be subject to the educational requirements, standards, or demands contained in the Private College Act or the Academic Degree Act or in those Acts' administrative rules.

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**HB 3520**

Short Description: HIGHER ED SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

House Sponsors
Rep. David Harris

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Investigations of Sexual Assault in Higher Education Act. Provides that municipal police with jurisdiction, or if in an unincorporated area the sheriff, shall investigate allegations of sexual assault at any public university or public community college located in this State. Provides that campus police departments shall not be involved in the investigation. Effective immediately.

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**HB 3534**

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REIMBURSEMENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Esther Golar

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that if an applicant is eligible for a grant under the Program but is not offered a grant due to insufficient appropriations for the Program, then the applicant is entitled to State reimbursement the following fiscal year in an amount equal to the grant amount he or she would have received had he or she been offered a grant.

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**HB 3575**
**Short Description:** MINORITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Robert Rita

**Synopsis As Introduced**  
Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with local school districts serving grades 9-12 and local community colleges, may create Minority Internship Recruitment Programs that focus on preparing minority youth for careers in law enforcement. Provides that the internships shall provide college credit for the participants. Further provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board shall determine the guidelines for the programs. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.

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**HB 3577**

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MED ASSISTANT GRANTS

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Robert Rita

**Synopsis As Introduced**  
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

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**HB 3593**

**Short Description:** COM COL-EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. Jeanne M Ives
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to employment contracts, other than collective bargaining agreements, entered into with an employee of a community college district, (1) the term of a contract may not exceed 3 years; (2) severance under the contract may not exceed one year; (3) the contract may not include any automatic rollover clauses, and all renewals or extensions of contracts must be made during an open meeting of the board of trustees; (4) public notice must be given of any contract entered into, amended, renewed, or extended and must include a complete description of the action to be taken, as well the contract itself, including all addendums or any other documents that change an initial contract. Effective immediately.

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HB 3596

Short Description: COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

House Sponsors
Rep. Michelle Mussman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from using imprest or petty cash accounting.

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HB 3599

Short Description: STUDENT DISCLOSE-MENTAL HEALTH

House Sponsors
Rep. David R. Leitch

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act. Defines terms. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall, at or near the time that an incoming student enrolls at the institution of higher learning, provide that student the opportunity to pre-authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental health information to a designated person. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall prepare a form for the purpose of such pre-authorization. Provides that all institutions of higher learning shall create a policy to ensure that every new student is given the opportunity to complete and submit the form if he or she so desires.
HB 3608

Short Description: SEX OFFENDER-NO COLLEGE EMPLOY

House Sponsors
Rep. John D. Anthony

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a sex offender as defined in the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly be employed by a public or private university, college, or community college.

HB 3661

Short Description: PEN CD-MERGE TRS SURS AND CTPF

House Sponsors
Rep. Mike Fortner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the State Universities, Downstate Teacher, and Chicago Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Consolidates those systems into a single retirement system under Article 15 of the Code, to be known as the Illinois Teachers' Retirement Fund. Creates a new Board for the Fund. Imposes limits on pensionable salary, and requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Changes participant contributions. Makes changes relating to State and employer funding. Shifts responsibility for a portion of the required State contribution to the actual employer and provides for the State to make certain payments to the actual employer. Authorizes actions to enforce payments by employers. Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring the retirement system to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of a required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.
HB 3662

Short Description: PEN CD-ST SYS-SELF MANAGD PLAN

House Sponsors
Rep. Mike Fortner

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Makes changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each State-funded retirement system that does not already have a self-managed plan to establish and maintain one. Authorizes participants to irrevocably elect to participate in such a plan. Provides that, for the purpose of calculating traditional benefit package benefits and contributions, the annual salary of a participant may not, except under certain circumstances, exceed certain limits. Requires participation in the self-managed plan to the extent that a participant's salary exceeds the salary cap. Revises the schedule of contributions for participants. Shifts a portion of the employer contributions for downstate teachers and university employees from the State to the actual employer. Authorizes the boards of trustees of each of these retirement systems to triennially recalculate the normal cost of benefit plans that they offer. Defines "traditional benefit package" and "self-managed plan". Changes the formula for calculating the minimum required State contribution to these systems. Provides that the State is contractually obligated to pay the annual required State contribution to these retirement systems. Contains provisions requiring these retirement systems to bring a mandamus action to compel payment of the required State contribution. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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HB 3692

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MILITARY-TUITION

House Sponsors
Rep. Katherine Cloonen

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the corresponding board of trustees shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Amends the Public Community College Act to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, if a person is utilizing benefits under the federal All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, then the board of trustees of the community college district shall deem that person an in-district resident.
and Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Effective immediately.

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**HB 3697**

**Short Description:** COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

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**HB 3722**

**Short Description:** COM COL-AUDIT COMMITTEE

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Public Community College Act. Requires the board of trustees of each community college district to establish an audit committee. Provides that the audit committee shall have a fiduciary duty that includes, but is not limited to, assessing risk and addressing matters such as financial statement reporting, internal controls, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and board policies. Sets forth provisions concerning members of the committee, the authority of the committee and the committee's chairperson, duties of the committee's chairperson, and the powers and duties of the committee. Effective immediately.

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HB 3741

Short Description: BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PRO

House Sponsors
Rep. Tom Demmer

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Act. Establishes the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program, to be implemented and administered by the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board, with the goal of creating a model of articulation and coordination among grade K-12 schools, community colleges, and public universities that will allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding $10,000, including textbooks. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board, shall determine which public universities, public community colleges, and school districts are to participate in the pilot program (in 3 areas of this State). Requires the universities, community colleges, and school districts participating in the pilot program to coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating students from high school to community college to university to earn their baccalaureate degrees for a total cost not exceeding $10,000, including textbooks. Sets forth the components of the pilot program.

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HB 3742

Short Description: HIGHER ED-SCHOLARSHIP-CRIME

House Sponsors
Rep. Sheri L Jesiel-Keith Wheeler

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a violent crime, as defined under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Effective immediately.

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HB 3770

Short Description: $EDUCATION-ISAC-MAP

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.

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HB 3814

Short Description: VEH CD-COLLEGES OF CHI PLATES

House Sponsors
Rep. Kenneth Dunkin

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the City Colleges of Chicago Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide for the issuance of City Colleges of Chicago plates. Provides that the applicant shall pay an additional fee of $25 for original issuance of the plates, of which $10 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and $15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that an additional fee of $25 shall be charged for each renewal, of which $23 shall be deposited into the City Colleges of Chicago Fund and $2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that money in the City Colleges of Chicago Fund shall be paid as grants to the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation for the purposes of funding and expanding existing scholarship and academic assistance programs; initiating new scholarships; funding projects that support curriculum development; and funding projects that support emerging technologies that enhance the student and faculty experience.

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HB 3854

Short Description: HIGHER ED-VET GRANT-RETURN

House Sponsors
Rep. Jerry F. Costello, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Illinois Veteran Grant Program. Provides that a person is a qualified applicant for a grant if, among other qualifications, the person returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after leaving federal active duty service or, if married to a person in continued military service stationed outside this State, returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after his or her spouse left service or was stationed within this State.

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HB 3932

Short Description: HIGHER ED-CAMPUS POLICE

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Private College Campus Police Act. Provides that a campus police department subject to this Act shall disclose to the public any information that a law enforcement agency would have to disclose under the Freedom of Information Act.

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HB 3956

Short Description: HIGHER ED-TRANSCRIPT FEE-WAIVE

House Sponsors
Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community
College Act. Requires a university or community college to waive its fee for the receipt or transmission of a transcript for each veteran, member of the Armed Forces of the United States, member of the Reserve components thereof, or member of the Illinois National Guard who resides in this State and has been admitted to the institution. Effective immediately.

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HB 3972

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

House Sponsors
Rep. Norine Hammond

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Requires that as a condition of receiving or renewing a grant, a recipient must agree to meet with a higher education institution's academic and financial advisors twice a semester. Requires the institution to report to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission on whether the recipient is meeting this condition. Effective July 1, 2015.

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HB 3974

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-QUALIFY

House Sponsors
Rep. Reginald Phillips

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Monetary Award Program. Makes changes concerning definitions. Provides that, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, an applicant who is a freshman dependent college student is required to achieve at least an ACT college entrance exam composite score of 18 or a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in high school in order to be eligible for a grant.

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HB 3998

Short Description: COM COL-IMPREST ACCOUNTING

House Sponsors
Rep. Jeanne M Ives

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. Effective immediately.

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HB 3999

Short Description: COM COL-ELECT TRUSTEE-NOMINATE

House Sponsors
Rep. Jeanne M Ives

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 4005

Short Description: PEN CD-SURS-POLICE DISABILITY
House Sponsors
Rep. Jay Hoffman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a police officer receiving a disability benefit who remains unable to perform the duties of a police officer may obtain other employment, including other employment under SURS, without termination of the disability benefit due to that other employment, but subject to any applicable reduction in the disability benefit. Effective immediately.

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HB 4045

Short Description: FOIA-SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Frances Ann Hurley

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "settlement agreement" and "severance agreement". Provides that a settlement agreement or severance agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act.

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HB 4134

Short Description: HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACKAGE

House Sponsors
Rep. Ron Sandack

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that if the board of trustees of a community college district issues a monetary severance package to a district employee using State funds, the exact amount of that monetary severance package shall be deducted from the next
disbursement from the State Comptroller to that district. Effective immediately.

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**HB 4135**

Short Description: HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE PACK CAP

House Sponsors
Rep. Ron Sandack

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package approved by the board of trustees of a community college district after the effective date of this amendatory Act for a district employee is limited to one year of salary and one year of benefits for that employee. Effective immediately.

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**HB 4136**

Short Description: HIGHER ED-SEVERANCE-NAME RIGHT

House Sponsors
Rep. Ron Sandack

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Community College Districts Article of the Public Community College Act. Provides that any severance package for an employee of a community college district approved after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not include naming rights to any physical property on campus grounds. Effective immediately.

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SB 11

Short Description: MIN WAGE-INCOME TAX CREDIT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Toi W. Hutchinson-Iris Y. Martinez-Mattie Hunter, Scott M. Bennett, Michael Noland and Emil Jones, III

House Sponsors
(Rep. Arthur Turner-Mike Smiddy-Litesa E. Wallace and Monique D. Davis)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from $8.25 to $9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it by $0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2019, at which point the minimum wage will be $11.00. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a specified ordinance adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately.

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SB 16

Short Description: CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Campus Safety Act. Contains only a short title provision.

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SB 24

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Pat McGuire

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning creation of the Board.
### SB 26

**Committee Hearing:**
Local Government Hearing Mar 11 2015 9:00AM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** LOCAL GOVT-WEB NOTICE PUBLISH

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Local Records Act. When required to publish in a newspaper, requires all units of local government and school boards that maintain a website to additionally publish notices, agendas, records, or other information or material that is required to be published in a newspaper by law or court order to their website.

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### SB 72

**Short Description:** SCHOOLS-MANDATES-TRS COSTSHIFT

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Kyle McCarter

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Project Labor Agreements Act. Prohibits the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board from requiring a project labor agreement for any school construction project or grant. Authorizes a board of education to exempt any school construction project from the requirements of the Act. Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Incrementally shifts the System's normal costs to local school districts, but only if certain State mandates are funded by the State. Includes provisions concerning billing, review, and payment. Amends the School Code. Makes changes in provisions concerning mandates for public and private schools. Repeals the Driver's Education Act. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Prohibits school districts from entering into, amending, or renewing certain technology-related collective bargaining agreements. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a board of education may exempt school construction projects undertaken in the district from the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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SB 89

Short Description:  ED LABOR REL-STRIKE-ADMIN PAY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Terry Link

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that if there is a strike of educational employees in a school district, payment of the district superintendent's salary and the salaries of all other educational administrators must be suspended for the duration of the strike. Effective immediately.

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SB 91

Short Description:  ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BD

Senate Sponsors
Sen. David Koehler

Synopsis As Introduced
The amount of $1,062,898, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for an Equalization Grant to Illinois Central College.

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SB 775

Short Description:  STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFO

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael Connelly

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Higher Education Student Online Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that the operator of an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application used primarily for higher education purposes and designed and marketed for higher education purposes shall not knowingly (1) engage in targeted advertising on the operator's site, service, or application or target advertising on any other site, service, or application when the targeting of the advertising is based upon any information that the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application; (2) use information created or gathered by the operator's site, service, or application to amass a profile about a student, except in furtherance of higher education purposes; (3) sell a student's information; or (4) disclose covered information, as defined in the Act, without a student's consent. Sets forth exceptions and other provisions concerning the construction and application of the Act. Effective January 1, 2016.
SB 777

Short Description: PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Daniel Biss

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines “plan year”. In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

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SB 806

Committee Hearing:
Higher Education Hearing Mar 10 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Short Description: STUDENT TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Kotowski-Kimberly A. Lightford and Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced
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 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 Board of Higher Education, and implementation of the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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SB 1221

Short Description: PENCD-TRS-EXCESS RAISE CONTRIB

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Matt Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision relating to employer contributions based on certain increases in teacher salary, changes the threshold increase from 6% to an amount based on the consumer price index. Exempts increases under collective bargaining agreements in effect on February 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

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SB 1260

Short Description: INC TX-EDUCATION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael Noland

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers’ Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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SB 1291

Short Description: SEVERANCE PAYMENTS
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Melinda Bush and Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities and State Employees Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to specify that severance payments are not included in "earnings" or "compensation" for pension purposes. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. Provides that, with respect to an executive administrator of a university or community college whose final rate of earnings exceeds $200,000, the governing board of the university or community college district may not award a severance payment to that employee that exceeds 30% of his or her final rate of earnings unless the severance payment is reviewed by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board and the respective Board approves the payment by a record vote of a majority of its members. Effective immediately.

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SB 1299

Short Description: PENCD-STATE SYSTEMS-OPT OUT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kyle McCarter

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those systems. In all 5 systems, provides that an active participant terminating participation in the system shall be entitled to a refund of his or her contributions (other than contributions to the defined contribution plan or self-managed plan) plus interest, minus any benefits received prior to terminating participation. Effective immediately.

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SB 1339

Committee Hearing:
Executive Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Short Description: OPEN MEETINGS-VIDEOS&AGENDAS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Scott M. Bennett

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires each board to stream or simulcast its meetings on its official website in real time. Provides that each board must make the video of each meeting available for a period of one year after the date of the meeting or until the meeting has been reduced to detailed minutes and transcripts, whichever is later. Requires each board to post on its official website the agenda of a meeting 6 days before the
meeting date, except in the case of an emergency meeting. Defines "board" as public bodies to which the Governor appoints one or more members.

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#### SB 1364

**Committee Hearing:**
Agriculture Hearing Mar 12 2015 8:30AM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

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#### SB 1369

**Committee Hearing:**
Executive Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-LATE TERM

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Julie A. Morrison

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands definition of "late term appointee" to include a person who is appointed as a director, executive director, or other similar officer by a board, commission, authority, task force, or other similar group, authorized or created by State law where the Governor appoints one or more members, 90 or fewer days before the end of the then-serving Governor's term, when the then-serving Governor does not succeed himself or herself as Governor. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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SB 1393

**Short Description:** SCH CD-TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to annually confer with the Illinois Community College Board to: (i) identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages; (ii) notify school districts of these identified industries and occupations; and (iii) approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages. Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the State Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants to school districts for each pupil in the school district who obtained a diploma if the school district has an industry-recognized certification program and the pupil successfully completed the program. Further provides that if the funds appropriated in any fiscal year are insufficient to pay the full amount of the incentive grant, the State Board of Education shall prorate the amount of its payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant. Effective July 1, 2016.

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SB 1455

**Committee Hearing:**
Education Hearing Mar 10 2015 1:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** BD OF HIGHER ED-ASSESSMENTS

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. William Delgado

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assess high school students using a college and career ready determination that shall be accepted by this State's public institutions of higher education for the purpose of student application or admissions consideration.

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SB 1457

**Committee Hearing:**
Higher Education Hearing Mar 10 2015 3:00PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

**Short Description:** MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESS
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Pamela J. Althoff-Thomas Cullerton

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force within the Board of Higher Education to study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the Prior Learning Assessment. Sets forth the membership of the task force and what the task force’s study must include. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on December 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

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SB 1563

Short Description: CRIM CD ARMED OFFENDER

Senate Sponsors
Sen. William E. Brady

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Enhances the penalties for certain violations of the statutes concerning unlawful use or possession of weapons by felons, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a street gang member. Changes the minimum term of imprisonment for being an armed habitual criminal from 6 years to 10 years, and the maximum term of imprisonment from 30 years to 45 years. Makes unlawful sale or delivery of firearms on the premises of any school, school conveyance, or public housing residential property a nonprobationable Class 3 felony for which a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years shall be imposed (rather than a probationable Class 3 felony). Makes use of a stolen firearm in the commission of a forcible felony a nonprobationable Class 2 felony for which a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 3 years and not more than 7 years shall be imposed (rather than a probationable Class 2 felony). Provides that the maximum term of imprisonment for unlawful sale or delivery of firearms to a felon or for possession of a stolen firearm is 10 years. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to make a conforming changes.

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SB 1565

Short Description: HIGHER ED-ILL GRANT PROGRAM

Senate Sponsors
Sen. William E. Brady

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award grants to students in financial need who are enrolled for at least 15 credit hours in an institution of higher
learning. Provides that the Commission shall receive funding for the grants through appropriations; the amount to be appropriated for the grant program each fiscal year shall equal the total amount appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund for the 2015 fiscal year; no amounts may be appropriated for higher education from the General Revenue Fund beginning with the 2016 fiscal year other than amounts appropriated for these grants; and the amount of each grant shall equal the amount appropriated for the grant program for a given fiscal year divided by the number of applicants who qualify for a grant. Requires each grant recipient to sign an agreement under which the recipient agrees to the following terms: (1) if a grant recipient graduates from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay one-half of the total amount of grants received; (2) if a grant recipient does not graduate from an institution in 4 years or less, he or she must repay the total amount of grants received; and (3) if the grant recipient resides in this State immediately following graduation from an institution, the Commission shall forgive, for each year of residency, one-eighth of the remaining grant amount owed. Effective immediately.

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SB 1583

Committee Hearing:
State Government and Veterans Affairs Hearing Mar 11 2015 1:00PM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL

Short Description: STATE EMPLOYEE INS-TRS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Terry Link-Melinda Bush, Kimberly A. Lightford, Thomas Cullerton and William Delgado

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Sets forth provisions regarding health benefits for TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries, community college benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries. Permits eligible benefit recipients and dependent beneficiaries to elect not to participate in the program of health benefits during the benefit recipient's annual open enrollment period. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary to re-enroll in the Department of Central Management Services program of health benefits upon showing a qualifying change in status without evidence of insurability and with no limitations on coverage for pre-existing conditions, provided that there was not a break in coverage of more than 63 days. Permits a benefit recipient and the dependent beneficiary who elected not to participate in the program of health benefits re-enroll in the program of health benefits during any annual benefit choice period, without evidence of insurability. Provides that benefit recipients who elect not to participate in the program of health benefits shall be furnished with a written explanation of the requirements and limitations for the election not to participate in the program and for re-enrolling in the program. Further provides that the Director shall not limit re-enrollment in a manner that is inconsistent with this amendatory Act. Makes other technical changes. Effective immediately.

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SB 1593

Short Description: PEN CD-OVERTIME PAY EXCLUDED

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Matt Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that pay to a participant in any pension fund or retirement system under the Code for overtime performed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not be considered for purposes of determining pensionable salary, earnings, or compensation.

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SB 1621

Short Description:  BD HIGHER ED-EXCLUDE COM COL

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Pat McGuire

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Higher Education Cooperation Act, and the Public Community College Act. Removes application to public community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) with respect to provisions concerning the Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) information system, approval of new units of instruction, research, and public service and review of existing programs of instruction, research, and public service, approval of plans for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities, and examination of the books, records, files, and other information of a public institution of higher education and submission of budget proposals to IBHE for operations and capital needs. Provides for IBHE's master plan and admission standards for public community colleges to be made in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. With respect to the authority of IBHE over community colleges in provisions concerning performance metrics and the underrepresentation of certain groups in higher education, changes that authority to ICCB. Removes the requirement that IBHE approve requests for new community college districts and approve educational service contracts (instead requiring just ICCB approval). Removes a requirement that ICCB file copies of community college financial statements with IBHE. Requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to ICCB instead of IBHE. Effective July 1, 2015.

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SB 1633

Short Description:  EDUC-NO EMPLOYMENT-CONVICTIONS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. In a provision of the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code that requires a license to be revoked for conviction of a Class X felony, specifically includes the offense of terrorism as one of those Class X felonies. Prohibits universities and community colleges from knowingly employing a person who has been
convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or the offense of terrorism or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as murder or felony murder (but not reckless homicide or negligent homicide) or terrorism. Effective immediately.

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#### SB 1655

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-EXEC COMPENSATION

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Executive Compensation Oversight Act. Provides that before the board of trustees of a community college district may enter into or amend a severance agreement with the president of a community college, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement. Allows a petition to be filed objecting to the terms of the severance agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the district. Provides that if such a petition is filed, the severance agreement is null and void. Provides that before the board of trustees of a public university may enter into or amend a severance agreement with an executive of the university, the board must provide public notice of the severance agreement and must submit the severance agreement to various committees of the General Assembly. Provides that the committees shall have 30 calendar days to review the severance agreement, and the severance agreement shall not become effective if, within 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees, either chamber of the General Assembly disapproves the severance agreement. Provides that a severance agreement not so disapproved shall become effective by its terms, but not less than 30 calendar days after its delivery to the committees. Allows a board to enter into an executive severance agreement only if it has been reviewed by the committees and not otherwise disapproved. Effective immediately.

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#### SB 1656

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED FACILITY NAMING

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Higher Education Facility Naming Act. Prohibits the board of trustees of a public institution of higher education from entering into any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement with the president or chancellor of the public institution of higher education if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the public institution of higher education after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district must immediately provide public notice of any severance agreement, contract buyout, or any other such agreement entered into with the president or chancellor of a community college within the last 2 years before...
the effective date of the Act if a condition of the agreement requires naming a building, program, road, park, or any other property owned by the community college after or in honor of the departing president or chancellor. Requires notice to be provided by posting the naming agreement on the Internet website of the community college for 30 days. Provides that, within the 30-day period, a petition may be filed with the board objecting to the naming agreement, signed by 5% of the eligible voters that reside within the community college district, and if such a petition is filed, the naming agreement is null and void. Effective immediately.

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### SB 1709

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MAP-FOR PROFIT INST

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, removes a provision that requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to determine the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with specified criteria. Instead, prohibits the Commission from making grants to applicants enrolled at for-profit institutions. Effective July 1, 2016.

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### SB 1710

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the monetary award program provisions of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that if a recipient of a monetary award program grant is not permitted to continue attending a higher education institution because he or she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to attend the institution, then that person may not receive a grant during the following academic year; provides for rulemaking. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to request that the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators or a committee designated by this association from among its membership make recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they are offered. Requires institutions to provide specified information concerning grant recipients to the Commission, if requested, to demonstrate the value of the program and determine where improvements could be made; makes related changes.

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SB 1711

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-LIMIT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that no applicant, other than a non-traditional student, is eligible for monetary award program consideration after receiving assistance for 4 academic years or, if a particular academic program requires more than 4 academic years to complete, the normal time it takes to complete the program.

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SB 1712

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MAP GRANT-REPAY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the monetary award program, provides that, prior to receiving grant assistance for any academic year, each recipient of a grant shall be required to sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges that, within the one-year period following the termination of the academic program for which the recipient was awarded a grant, the recipient shall reside and work in this State for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years. Provides that if the recipient fails to fulfill this obligation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall require the recipient to repay, over the next 10 years, the amount of all of the grants he or she received, prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees; sets forth exceptions.

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SB 1896

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Pat McGuire

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning territory not included in a community college district.
SB 1931

Short Description: NIU-BOARD MEETINGS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dan Kotowski

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Northern Illinois University Law. Provides that meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at least once each quarter on the campus of Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois or on any other University-owned campus (instead of University-owned property) located in this State.

SB 2004

Short Description: $FY16 BD OF HIGHER ED OCE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Christine Radogno

Synopsis As Introduced
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds $22,521,000; Other State Funds $4,110,000; Federal Funds $5,500,000; Total $32,131,000.

SB 2008

Short Description: $FY16 ICCB OCE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Christine Radogno

Synopsis As Introduced
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds $345,714,900; Other State Funds $54,780,000; Total $400,494,900.
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**SB 2019**

**Short Description:** $FY16 ISAC OCE

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015: General Funds $380,953,300; Other State Funds $10,705,000; Federal Funds $344,591,800; Total $736,250,100.

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**SB 2020**

**Short Description:** $FY16 SURS OCE

**Senate Sponsors**
Sen. Christine Radogno

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows: General Funds $1,002,120,100; Other State Funds $150,000,000; Total $1,152,120,100.

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**HR 55**

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Peter Breen-Ron Sandack, Dan Brady, Mary E. Flowers, Monique D. Davis, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Grant Wehrli, Mike Fortner, Deborah Conroy, Norine Hammond, Joe Sosnowski, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Thomas Morrison, Keith P. Sommer, David McSweeney, Margo McDermed, Dwight Kay, Michael W. Tryon, Steven Andersson, David Harris, Thomas Bennett, Tom Demmer, Michael Unes, Terri Bryant, John D. Cavaletto, David Reis, John D. Anthony, Brian W. Stewart, John M. Cabello, Mark Batinick, Robert W. Pritchard, Keith Wheeler, David R. Leitch, Rich Brauer, Donald L. Moffitt, Randy Frese, Charles E.
Synopsis As Introduced
Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

House Amendment 1
Replaces everything after the heading with language concerning the College of DuPage's expenditures of public moneys. Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

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HR 152

Short Description:  CAREER AND TECHNICAL ED MONTH

House Sponsors
Rep. Katherine Cloonen, Carol A. Sente and Michelle Mussman

Synopsis As Introduced
Designates February of 2015 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Illinois.

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HR 162

Short Description:  COLLEGE OF DUPAGE AUDIT

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
HR 171

**Short Description:** COLLEGE OF DUPAGE - AUDIT GEN

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the College of DuPage, covering Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014, by entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the College of DuPage that sets forth the scope of the audit.

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HR 187

**Short Description:** EDUCATION PENSION COST SHIFT

**House Sponsors**

**Synopsis As Introduced**
States the opinion of the Illinois House of Representatives that the proposed educational pension cost shift from the State of Illinois to local school districts, community colleges, and institutions of higher education is financially wrong.

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HR 241

Short Description: ICCB-RECONSIDER GED CONTRACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

Synopsis As Introduced
Requests that the Illinois Community College Board reconsider the contract it holds with the GED Testing Service with regard to high school equivalency testing, evaluate the results of other companies that provide high school equivalency testing versus historic data concerning the Test of General Educational Development, and study the feasibility of other companies providing high school equivalency testing in this State or having this State implement its own high school equivalency testing by looking at how other, comparable states administer high school equivalency testing.

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SR 138

Short Description: COLLEGE OF DUPAGE-AUDIT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael Connelly

Synopsis As Introduced
Directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided to the College of DuPage in Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013, and Fiscal Year 2014.

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HJR 11

Committee Hearing:
Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee Hearing Mar 11 2015 8:00AM
Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL

Short Description: EDUCATION/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE
House Sponsors
Rep. Jehan A. Gordon-Booth

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Alignment, which will conduct a thorough review of the existing curriculum and how it assists in workforce development, make recommendations to implement alterations to the current curriculum, and consider the long-term implications and outcomes of the new curriculum.

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HJR 20

Short Description: DUPAGE COLLEGE - BREUDER

House Sponsors
Rep. Jeanne M Ives-Jerry F. Costello, Il-David Harris-David R. Leitch-Jim Durkin, Mike Fortner, John D. Anthony, Terri Bryant, Margo McDermed, Randy Frese, Ron Sandack, Grant Wehrli, Dwight Kay, Reginald Phillips, Robert W. Pritchard, Barbara Wheeler, Adam Brown, Thomas Morrison, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Patricia R. Bellock and Peter Breen

Synopsis As Introduced
Urges the Board of Trustees at the College of DuPage to reconsider the severance agreement reached with Dr. Robert Breuder and to rename the College of DuPage Homeland Security Education Center in honor of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller.

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HJR 35

Short Description: COMMUNITY COLL AFFORDABILITY

House Sponsors
Rep. Dan Brady and Adam Brown

Synopsis As Introduced
Affirms that community colleges play a dynamic and essential role in driving the economy and workforce of the State.
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