

Illinois Community College Trustees Association Action Alert
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House Passes Community College Ethics Legislation

The Illinois House of Representatives is currently in session in Springfield. At 11 a.m. this snowy blizzard morning, the House voted 91-11 to approve **House Bill 4189**, sponsored by Rep. Pritchard. This bill is identical to HB 3504, which passed both houses last year but was vetoed by the Governor last summer.

HB 4189 clarifies that community college districts are units of local government (not state agencies) that are subject to the local government provisions of the State Employees and Officials Ethics Act. ICCTA recently coordinated a lawsuit that was filed in DuPage County to seek judicial affirmation of community colleges' status as units of local government. Community colleges won the lawsuit, which has been appealed by the Illinois Inspector General in the 2nd Appellate Court.

HB 4189 now goes to the Illinois Senate for consideration. ICCTA is making every effort to pass this legislation as quickly as is possible.

A complete *ICCTA Action Alert* will be available next week.

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