

ICCTA ACTION ALERT

August 15, 2007

Governor Vetoes HB 3504 (Local Control / Ethics Act Legislation)

Yesterday afternoon (August 14) Governor Rod Blagojevich vetoed House Bill 3504. The bill clarifies that community college districts are units of local government (rather than state agencies) for purposes of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act and are subject to local government standards and requirements for implementing ethics requirements.

The Governor's veto message is included below:

August 14, 2007

*To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives
95th General Assembly*

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 3504, entitled "AN ACT concerning government." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, I believe that the provisions of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act should extend to community college districts.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 3504.

*Sincerely,
ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH, Governor*

Many community colleges have jointly filed litigation with a DuPage County court to pursue the same remedy sought by HB 3504. The next scheduled court hearing on this litigation on August 22.

ICCTA's legislative team also is reviewing options regarding the Governor's veto of HB 3504.

2 Other Community College Bills Become Law

Two other community college bills have been signed into law. Both were sent to the Governor on June 14 and signed on August 13. The Governor used the full 60-day period that the Illinois Constitution provides for a governor to act upon legislation.

Senate Bill 401 **Community College Board Quorum** (Demuzio / Black)
ICCTA Position: **SUPPORT**

This ICCTA bill amends the Public Community College Act and provides that for all meetings of a board of trustees, a quorum of members must be physically present at the location of the meeting. The bill clarifies language differences between the Open Meetings Act and the Public Community College Act. **SB 401 is now Public Act 95-116.**

SB 402 **Community College Board Meeting Schedules** (Demuzio/ Black)
ICCTA Position: **SUPPORT**

This ICCTA bill amends the Public Community College Act to provide that public notice of the schedule of regular meetings of a board of trustees for the next calendar year, as set at the organizational meeting of the board of trustees, must be given at the beginning of that calendar year. The bill clarifies language differences between the Open Meetings Act and the Public Community College Act. **SB 402 is now Public Act 95-117.**



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