

# ICCTA ACTION ALERT

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ICCTA needs your assistance with several procurement-related bills that are working through the Illinois General Assembly this spring.

## **SENATE BILL 1334**

**Senate Bill 1334**, sponsored by Sen. James Clayborne, would require community colleges to adopt policies and implement procedures for increasing the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to 20% of the amount spent on construction and professional services, including (but not limited to) insurance services, investment management services, information technology services, accounting services, and legal services. The bill would also require significant reporting requirements under the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Community colleges are not part of BEP currently.

Here is a [link to SB 1334](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09900SB1334sam001&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=87815&DocNum=1334&GAID=13&Session) (the substance of the bill is Amendment 1):

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09900SB1334sam001&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=87815&DocNum=1334&GAID=13&Session>

Because we interpret the bill's content to require new administrative and reporting responsibilities for community colleges and because the bill could interfere with current professional services relationships, ICCTA opposed the bill in committee. ICCTA has been asked to begin discussions about the bill with the sponsor and others after the Easter/Passover break.

After you have had an opportunity to review this alert (and the bill/amendment), we would appreciate hearing from you about the consequences of this bill for your college and your current policies and practice in this area. Your opinion and information will be most helpful as we prepare to discuss this bill and negotiate its content.

## **SENATE BILL 688**

ICCTA has spent several weeks discussing another bill as well. **Senate Bill 688**, sponsored by Sen. Kimberly Lightford, has gone through several versions as a result of negotiation. It is similar to the bill above in that it requires each community college to establish policies to increase the use of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities. In addition, each college would be required to name a person as a single point of contact for minority businesses, and each college would be required to report on the college's outreach to attract more minority business. Finally, each college would be required to report the spending to businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in both dollars amount and as a percentage of total spending. However, the reporting is anticipated to be much simpler (a single page). No goals are required in this amendment, but the sponsor has inferred that she would like to see goals set at some point in the future.

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A copy of the latest version of SB 688 is attached. Please note that the attached [amendment](#) has not been filed and is only being used for discussion purposes.

Here is a [link to SB 688](#):

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&SessionId=88&GA=99&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=688&GAID=13&LegID=84912&SpecSess=&Session>

As with SB 1334, we would appreciate hearing from you about the consequences of SB 688. Your opinion will be most helpful as we prepare to discuss this legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Monaghan, Tom Ryder or Jessica Nardulli. We appreciate your help.

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