



# Weekly Legislative Report

## ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

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The 2nd year of the 100th General Assembly is officially underway. The Governor has already presented his State of the State address and this week (February 14th) he will present his budget to the General Assembly.

A number of new bills have been introduced and are listed below. February 16 is the deadline for introducing new bills. In addition to the hundreds of new bills that will be filed by the deadline, any bills not considered during 2017 are still fair game. Committees are slowly getting underway to hear these and many other issues, while everyone's main focus is on the March 20th primary. In fact, there are only 12 session days scheduled for the House and 15 for Senate prior to the primary. We have heard many rumors are that some of those days may yet be cancelled.

# ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

**HB 3185** EDUCATION-TECH Sponsor Rep. Carol Ammons; Sen. Scott M. Bennett

## House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act. Removes references to the abolished State Community College of East St. Louis. Removes outdated provisions. Removes a requirement that vacancies be filled by promotion whenever practicable. Allows the Merit Board to issue subpoenas in the course of any investigation or hearing conducted pursuant to the Act. Removes the power of the Merit Board to set probationary periods of employment. Changes various references from "Director" to "Executive Director". Provides for the appointment of Designated Employer Representatives. Provides that the enumeration of specific duties and powers that the Merit Board may delegate to the Executive Director does not preclude the Merit Board from delegating other duties and powers. Allows the Merit Board to authorize the creation and use of pilot programs to further the goals of the Act. Allows examinations under the Act to be in various forms. Requires examinations in the same classification to be uniform, and provides for the waiver of examination requirements in specified circumstances. Makes changes to provisions concerning veteran preferences and active military service. Moves certain provisions concerning employees promoted in the promotional line and seniority. Makes changes concerning hearings on demotion, removal, or discharge. Expands nondiscrimination protections to include ancestry, age, marital status, order of protection status, disability, military status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or unfavorable discharge from the military.

## House Floor Amendment No. 2

With respect to the University Civil Service Merit Board, changes a reference from "chairman" to "chairperson". Removes duplicate language concerning examinations. Allows for the waiver of examination requirements for additional positions, entry level only (instead of just additional positions). Restores language that provides that employees in positions covered by the State Universities Civil Service Act who, while in good standing, leave to engage in military service during a period of hostility shall be given credit for seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces. Makes technical corrections.

## Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2018	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading January 30, 2018

**HB 4167** SCH CD-SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIC Sponsor Rep. Lindsay Parkhurst

## Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Allows a student enrolled in an educator preparation program at a regionally accredited

## KEY

## LEGISLATION

- HB 4242 - FOIA-Harassment Settlements
- HB 4246 - HB 4248: Trustee Convention Expense Prohibition
- HB 4300 - Community College-Tuition Cap
- HB 4371 - Bonds-Pension Obligation
- HB 4495 - Vocational Opportunity Act
- SB 2597 - Higher Ed - ICCB & ISAC Consolidate

institution of higher education to apply for a substitute teaching license if the student has earned at least 90 credit hours at that institution (rather than requiring all applicants to hold a bachelor's degree or higher). Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/24/2018	House	Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing, Administration & Oversight

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**HB 4169** HIGHER ED-SEX VIOLENCE TRANSCR      **Sponsor** Rep. Jonathan Carroll

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Provides that certain higher education institutions shall note any violations of a comprehensive policy on any academic transcripts prepared for a student within 5 years following a finding of a violation. Provides that if a student transfers to another higher education institution, certain higher education institutions must also note the violation on any academic transcripts prepared within the 5 years following a finding of a violation. Limits the provisions to public universities and public community colleges.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/16/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4206** SCH CD-EDUCATOR LICENSE      **Sponsor** Rep. Thomas M. Bennett

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Allows for the issuance of a Professional Educator License endorsed in a teaching field or school support personnel area to an applicant who has not been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher education if he or she provides evidence of completing a comparable state-approved educator preparation program, as defined by the State Superintendent of Education, among other conditions. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/16/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4242** FOIA-HARASSMENT SETTLEMENTS      **Sponsor** Rep. David McSweeney

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body shall provide notice to the public if the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body enters into a severance agreement with an employee or contractor accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination. Provides that no more than 72 hours after the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body makes a payment under the severance agreement, the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body shall publish on its Internet website and cause to be published, for a period of not less than 7 days, in the newspaper of general circulation having the largest circulation within the jurisdiction of the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body the following information: (1) the name of the person receiving the payment; (2) the amount of the payment; and

(3) the fact that the person receiving the payment has been accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination, as the case may be. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

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**HB 4246** LOCAL GOV CONVENTION EXPENSES **Sponsor** Rep. David McSweeney

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Convention Expense Control Act. Provides that on or after the effective date of the Act, public funds shall not be expended by a unit of local government for expenses connected with attendance by an employee or contractor of the unit of local government at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes public funds expended (1) at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel or (2) pursuant to a entered into before the effective date of the Act. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/16/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4247** CONVENTION SPACE APPROPRIATION **Sponsor** Rep. David McSweeney

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that, for contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, State appropriations may not be expended to rent or pay for access to physical space for booths, hospitality suites, or other physical space for units of local government, school districts, community college districts, or other taxing bodies at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes appropriations for physical space expenditures at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/24/2018	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 4248** CONVENTION EXPENSE LIMITATIONS **Sponsor** Rep. David McSweeney

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Convention Expense Control Act. Provides that on or after the effective date of the Act, public funds shall not be expended by a unit of local government for expenses connected with attendance by an employee or contractor of the unit of local government at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes public funds expended (1) at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel or (2) pursuant to a contract entered into before the effective date of the Act. Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that, for contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act by units of local government, school districts, community college districts, or local taxing bodies, State appropriations shall not be expended to rent or pay for access to physical space for booths, hospitality suites, or other physical space at a convention or gathering of personnel. Excludes appropriations for physical space expenditures at any convention or gathering of public safety personnel. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**



Date	Chamber	Action
1/16/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4263** NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

**Sponsor** Rep. David B. Reis

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Provides that the Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/5/2018	House	Assigned to Executive Committee

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**HB 4298** NOTICES-ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION

**Sponsor** Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that if a governmental unit, community college district, or school district is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by law, order of court, or contract, the governmental unit may publish the notice on an official government website instead of in a newspaper. Provides conditions concerning the availability and format of the notice webpage. Repeals a Section concerning the placement of published notices on a statewide website and makes corresponding changes throughout the Act and in the Newspaper Legal Notice Act. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2018	House	To Analytics Subcommittee

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**HB 4300** COMMUNITY COLLEGE-TUITION CAP

**Sponsor** Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Removes a provision providing that the variable tuition rates and fees established by the board of trustees of a community college district for students attending a public community college shall not exceed 1/3 of the per capita cost of the college.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2018	House	Assigned to Community College Access & Affordability Committee

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**HB 4326** ELEC CD-EQUIPMENT/AUDITS

**Sponsor** Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Illinois Election Integrity Act. Amends the Election Code. Requires that each election authority (i) conduct an election day audit of a random sample of 10% of votes cast and (ii) provide by contract or employment for the performance by one or more independent auditors of post-election parallel tabulations and audits. Provides for the scope of the audits and the resulting reports. Requires that optical scan technology and direct recording



electronic voting systems meet certain federal and independent testing standards. Creates a voluntary tax checkoff for the Fund. With respect to early voting, requires that an election authority using only direct recording electronic voting systems have paper ballots available for voters wishing to use them. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Election Integrity Fund as a special fund in the State treasury.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/26/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4346** SCH CD/HIGHER ED-BLACK HISTORY **Sponsor** Rep. Thaddeus Jones

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. 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 public institution of higher education and community college to offer a course studying the events of Black History. Allows public institutions of higher education and community colleges to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/26/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4371** BONDS-PENSION OBLIGATION **Sponsor** Rep. Robert Martwick

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Authorizes the issuance of an additional \$107,420,000,000 in State Serial Long Term Pension Obligation Bonds. Amends the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act to create a continuing appropriation for payments on those Bonds. Amends the State Finance Act to create the State Pension Serial Long Term Obligation Bond Fund. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4375** LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMAIL ACT **Sponsor** Rep. Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Local Government Email Act. Provides that all emails that are in connection with the transaction of public business sent or received by a unit of local government or school district or an employee, staff member, trustee, board member, elected official, or officer of a unit of local government or school district are public records regardless if the emails are sent or received on a personal or unit-provided or district-provided email address. Requires a unit of local government or school district that provides an email address to one or more of its employees, staff members, trustees, board members, elected officials, or officers to provide an email address for all employees, staff members, trustees, board members, elected officials, and officers of the unit of local government or school district. Provides that employees, staff members, trustees, board members, elected officials, or officers shall use unit-provided or district-provided email for all communications in connection with the transaction of public business. Provides that employees, staff members, trustees, board members, elected

officials, or officers shall promptly forward, print, or otherwise provide any email sent or received on his or her personal email address to his or her unit of local government or school district if the email is in connection with the transaction of public business. Provides that if an email received on a personal email was carbon copied to a unit-provided and controlled or district-provided and controlled email, a copy of the email does not need to be provided to the unit or district. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4376**    TREASURER-COLLEGE SAVINGS                      **Sponsor** Rep. Peter Breen

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Treasurer Act. In a Section concerning a college savings pool, provides that moneys may be used for qualified expenses allowed pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. Provides that, before January 1, 2026, the Treasurer shall allow a rollover of funds contained in a College Savings Pool account into an eligible ABLE account. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4395**    ETHICS-INTERNET BASED FILING                      **Sponsor** Rep. Chad Hays

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Removes the prohibition on a candidate for elective office who is required to file a statement of economic interests in relation to his or her candidacy from using the Internet to file his or her statement of economic interests.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/30/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4412**    PEN CD-SURS-SENIOR ADMIN STAFF                      **Sponsor** Rep. Carol Ammons

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Board shall make best efforts to ensure that the racial and ethnic makeup of the System's senior administrative staff represents the racial and ethnic makeup of the System's membership. Provides that "senior administrative staff" includes, but is not limited to, the Executive Director, the Chief Investment Officer, the General Counsel and Freedom of Information Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Member Services, the Director of Outreach, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Internal Audit, the Director of Operations, and the Director of Application Development and Research. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4413** PEN CD-BROADCAST MEETINGS**Sponsor** Rep. Carol Ammons**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that any open meeting of the board of trustees of a retirement system or pension fund or any committee established by a retirement system or pension fund must be broadcast to the public and maintained in real-time on the retirement system's or pension fund's website using a high-speed Internet connection. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4414** PEN CD-EXEC DIR & CIO-APPTMNT**Sponsor** Rep. Carol Ammons**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Employees, State Universities, and Downstate Teachers Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, appointments to the position of executive director or chief investment officer must be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. Amends the Chicago Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, appointments to the position of executive director, chief investment officer, or chief legal officer must be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4421** E-VERIFY REQUIRE EMPLOYER**Sponsor** Rep. David B. Reis**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Requires every employer, after hiring an employee, to verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. Provides that, in addition to any other requirement for an employer to receive a grant, loan, or performance-based incentive from any government entity, the employer shall register with and participate in the E-Verify program. Provides that before receiving the economic development incentive, the employer shall provide proof to the government entity that the employer is registered with and is participating in the E-Verify program. Provides that the State, its political subdivisions, and units of local government, including home rule units, shall require each employer to use an Employment Eligibility Verification System as a condition of receiving a government contract or a business license. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4425** ELECTIONS-VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**Sponsor** Rep. Tim Butler



### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Election Code. Provides that any campaign, party, or other organization or individual that engages in a vote by mail operation in which voters are sent applications for vote by mail ballots shall also provide the voter with a postage-paid return envelope addressed only to the appropriate local election authority for that registered voter. Provides that removing, tampering with, or otherwise knowingly making the postmark on the application unreadable by the election authority shall establish a rebuttable presumption of a violation.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 4426

 ELEC CD-EARLY VOTING HOURS

**Sponsor** Rep. Tim Butler

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Election Code. Provides that on the day before election day, a permanent polling place for early voting must remain open no later than 5:00 p.m. Makes conforming and other changes. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 4467

 HIGHER ED-POLICE/FIRE GRANT

**Sponsor** Rep. Frances Ann Hurley

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. In a Section concerning a police officer or fire officer survivor grant, provides that, with respect to disabled police and fire officers, natural children need not be born before the disability occurred in order to receive the grant. Effective immediately.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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## HB 4495

 VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

**Sponsor** Rep. André Thapedi

### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Vocational Academy Opportunity Act. Creates 2 vocational academies, one located in Cook County and the other in St. Clair County, which shall be residential institutions. Provides that each academy shall be a State agency, funded by State appropriations, private contributions, and endowments. Provides that the academies shall be governed by a single Board of Trustees for the collective operation and oversight of the academies. Provides for the membership of the Board. Specifies the duties and powers of the Board. Provides that each academy shall be empowered to lease or purchase real and personal property on commercially reasonable terms for the use by the academy.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/2/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4499** PUBLIC DUTY RULE CODIFICATION**Sponsor** Rep. Keith R. Wheeler**Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Public Duty Rule Codification Act. Contains legislative findings and a statement of legislative purpose. Provides that a local governmental entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/2/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4533** OPEN MEETINGS/FOIA-TRAINING**Sponsor** Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that an elected or appointed member of a public body of a municipality may satisfy the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act and a Freedom of Information Officer may satisfy the training requirements under the Freedom of Information Act by participating in a course of training sponsored or conducted by the Illinois Municipal League. Provides content requirements for the training. Provides that if an organization representing municipalities provides training, it must provide a certificate of course completion to each elected or appointed member of a public body who successfully completes that course of training.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/2/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4558** ENVIRONMENTAL BARRIERS-STAIRS**Sponsor** Rep. Margo McDermed**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Environmental Barriers Act. Provides that a public facility or multi-story housing shall have a detectable warning at the bottom step and top step of each stair run. Exempts stairs in dwelling units, stairs in enclosed stair towers, and stairs set to the side of the path of travel. Defines "detectable warning".

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4583** OPEN MEETINGS-SPECIAL MEETINGS**Sponsor** Rep. Brad Halbrook**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that certain notice provisions that currently apply to regular meetings of a public body shall also apply to special meetings of a public body. Requires a public body that has a website maintained by a full-time staff to post the agenda and notice of meetings for both the governing body and all subsidiary bodies of the public body. Removes a provision stating that the failure of a public body to post on its website notice of any meeting or the agenda of any meeting shall not invalidate any meeting or any actions taken at a meeting. Requires a public body that has a website to post the minutes of a regular, special, or emergency meeting of its governing body (currently, only regular meeting). Allows a court to declare null and void any final

action taken at a meeting in violation of the Act, regardless of whether or not the meeting was a closed meeting. Provides that a court shall (rather than may) assess against any party, except a State's Attorney, reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred by any other party who substantially prevails in any action brought under specified provisions of the Act.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4684** PEN CD-SURS-EMPLOYER CONTRIB      **Sponsor** Rep. Robert Martwick

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if an employer fails to transmit required contributions to the System for more than 120 days after the payment of those contributions is due, the Board may certify to the State Comptroller the amount of those delinquent employer contributions and the State Comptroller shall deduct the certified amount from State funds to the employer and remit the amount deducted to the System. Provides that if State funds from which those deductions may be made are not available or if deductions are delayed for longer than 120 days after the date of the certification to the Comptroller, the Board may proceed against the employer to recover the amounts of such delinquent payments in the appropriate circuit court. Adds similar provisions if the employer is a community college district. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2018	House	Referred to Rules Committee

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**HB 4710** HIGHER ED-CREDITCARD MARKETING      **Sponsor** Rep. Sue Scherer

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Provides that the Board of Trustees of a public university or community college district in this State may not enter into an agreement or allow any person or group affiliated with the university or district to enter into an agreement with a credit card issuer to allow the credit card issuer to market credit cards to students. Defines terms. Repeals the Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009. Makes conforming changes in the Freedom of Information Act.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/8/2018	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Sue Scherer

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**SB 863** SCH CD-TRAINED OTHER STATES      **Sponsor** Sen. Bertino-Tarrant; Rep. Chapa LaVia

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that, for State Board of Education appointments made after the effective date of the amendatory Act, 3 of the members of the State Board must represent the educator community. Sets forth the qualifications for these members and makes other changes with regard to the qualifications of members of the State Board.

**House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Allows for the issuance of a Professional Educator License endorsed in a teaching field or school support personnel area to an applicant who has not been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher education if he or she provides evidence of completing a comparable state-approved educator preparation program, as defined by the State Superintendent of Education, among other conditions. Effective immediately.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2018	Senate	Sent to the Governor

**SB 2438**

LABOR REL-FINANCIAL ABILITY

**Sponsor** Sen. Chuck Weaver

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that if a unit of local government, as an employer, and public employees provide for arbitration of impasses, the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources shall be given primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue. Modifies the factors by which an arbitration panel shall base its findings, opinions, and order on a new agreement or amendment upon. Provides that arbitration decisions regarding peace officers, fire fighters, and fire department or fire district paramedic matters under the Act shall not include residency requirements. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to collective bargaining between an educational employer (other than the Chicago school district) and an exclusive representative of its employees, provides that when making wage and benefit determinations during interest arbitration, the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources shall be given primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2018	Senate	Assigned to Labor

**SB 2476**

ELECTIONS-VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

**Sponsor** Sen. Terry Link

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Provides that any campaign, party, or other organization or individual that engages in a vote by mail operation in which voters are sent applications for vote by mail ballots shall also provide the voter with a postage-paid return envelope addressed only to the appropriate local election authority for that registered voter. Provides that removing, tampering with, or otherwise knowingly making the postmark on the application unreadable by the election authority shall establish a rebuttable presumption of a violation.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/8/2018	Senate	To Subcommittee on Election Law

**SB 2477**

ELEC CD-WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

**Sponsor** Sen. Terry Link

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Election Code. Provides that when a person who intends to be a write-in candidate for an uncontested office has not timely filed nomination papers but has filed a written statement or notice of his or her intent, no primary ballot shall be printed (rather than requiring a primary ballot to be prepared and a primary election held). Removes language concerning requirements for the written statement or notice. Removes language providing that an election authority has no duty to conduct a primary and prepare a ballot for a uncontested office, unless the written statement or notice is filed in a timely manner. Provides that where no primary is held, a person intending to become a write-in candidate shall re-file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the consolidated election with the appropriate election authority or authorities. Provides that a write-in candidate's notarized declaration of intent needs to be filed no more than 106 days before a primary or election for write-in votes for the candidate to be counted. Provides that a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall include specified information, otherwise, the declaration shall not be accepted. Provides that person intending to become write-in candidates for President and Vice President or Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall file a joint declaration of intent to be a write in candidate that identifies the candidate for each office. Provides that a vote cast for either candidate shall constitute a valid write-in vote for the team of candidates.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/8/2018	Senate	To Subcommittee on Election Law

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### SB 2527

SCH CD-DUAL CREDIT-ONLINE

Sponsor Sen. Chuck Weaver

**Committee Hearing:** Education Hearing Feb 13 2018 1:45PM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Prohibits a school board from limiting the number of dual credit courses a student may enroll in or the number of credits a student may receive from dual credit courses. Provides that if a school district establishes an online learning program for students (with exceptions), the school board may not limit (i) which students may participate in the program, (ii) the number of online courses a student may enroll in, or (iii) the number of credits a student may receive from online courses.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2018	Senate	Assigned to Education

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### SB 2533

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE-POSTING

Sponsors Sen. Martin Sandoval-Kimberly Lightford

**Committee Hearing:** State Government Hearing Feb 14 2018 2:30PM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL

### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Provides that invoices submitted under the Act shall be posted on the State Comptroller's website. Provides that each such invoice shall indicate which provision of the contract or subcontract has been submitted for payment and the amount due. Provides that, upon payment, the invoice number and the voucher number shall be posted on the State Comptroller's website. Provides that the State Comptroller may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago for the purpose of collecting and posting that information.

### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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2/7/2018	Senate	Assigned to State Government
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**SB 2545** EDUCATION-OPEN MEETINGS **Sponsor** Sen. Andy Manar

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the School Code. Provides that the Open Meetings Act does not apply to meetings of a joint committee formed under certain provisions of the Code. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that negotiating team strategy sessions are included in an exception to the Open Meetings Act.

**Last Action**

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**SB 2559** EDU LOAN INFO PILOT PROGRAM **Sponsor** Sen. Steve Stadelman

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the Board of Higher Education shall develop a 3-year education loan information pilot program for use by each public institution of higher education that enrolls students who are eligible to receive financial aid. Defines "education loan". Provides that the program shall require that each public institution of higher education that receives education loan information for a student enrolled at the institution provide annually to the student or the parent or guardian of the student certain information relating to the education loans. Provides that a public institution of higher education is not liable for any representations made during the pilot program. Repeals the provision on June 1, 2023.

**Last Action**

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**SB 2597** HGER ED-ICCB&ISAC CONSOLIDATE **Sponsor** Sen. Chapin Rose

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, the Public Community College Act, and the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Increases the membership of the Board of Higher Education and makes other changes to the Board's membership. Provides that all of the rights, powers, duties, and functions vested by law in the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission are transferred to the Board of Higher Education on January 1, 2019. Abolishes the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and provides for the transfer of personnel and property on that date.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2018	Senate	Referred to Assignments

**SB 2612** ELEC CD-ELECTION AUTHORITIES **Sponsor** Sen. Melinda Bush

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Election Code. Provides that by January 31 of each year, each election authority shall submit a form with specified information to the State Board of Elections. Provides that the Board, in coordination with advocacy groups, shall develop the form an election authority shall use to submit the specified information. Provides that the Board shall provide a way for an election authority to submit the form online, by mail, or by facsimile. Provides that the Board shall make the information collected available to the public on request.

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2018	Senate	Referred to Assignments