

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

**Submitted for:** Information.

**Summary:** This report updates the Board on General Assembly activity through the end of May. The report includes a summary of bills of particular interest to higher education.

**Action Requested:** None.



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

The 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly evacuated legislative chambers when severe storms threatened Springfield on May 30, then evacuated the Capitol after approving a \$59 billion state budget just hours before a constitutional deadline on May 31.

The budget, presented in a separate report, included an overall 2.8 percent increase for higher education. Highlights of the Illinois Board of Higher Education budget include restoration of the matching grant program at \$9.5 million, \$200,000 for implementation of the Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education, and start-up of the P-20 Council.

Although some substantive – and significant – higher education legislation passed, more was left waiting on the legislative docket for lawmakers to return for the fall veto session after the November election, most notably a capital spending plan that passed the Senate but was not considered for a vote in the House.

Approved by both chambers and sent to the Governor were:

- Senate Bill 2691, requiring all public and private higher education institutions to develop an all-hazards emergency response plan compliant with the National Incident Management System standards, and an interdisciplinary and multi-jurisdictional campus violence prevention plan with training and exercises for the plan annually. The bill, sponsored by Senator John Sullivan and Representatives Bob Pritchard and Kevin McCarthy, implements a key recommendation of the Campus Security Task Force.
- Senate Bill 1908, raising the maximum award under the need-based Monetary Award Program by \$500 annually for the next three years, to \$6,468 by fiscal 2011. The maximum award has not been increased since 2001. However, appropriations to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in recent years have been inadequate to actually support the statutory maximum grant for any student. The bill was sponsored by Senator Edward Maloney and Representative David Miller.
- House Bill 4216, creating the Illinois Science and Technology Commission to coordinate efforts on behalf of the state and local governments and higher education institutions to attract, retain, and promote scientific endeavors and research facilities within Illinois. The 10-member commission, to be appointed by the Governor, would be comprised of members with expertise in engineering and scientific disciplines, labor and business,

higher education, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. It was sponsored by Representative Michael Fortner and Senator Michael Bond.

Both chambers also adopted House Joint Resolution 36, which directs the Illinois Board of Higher Education to establish a task force to study issues related to dual credit programs and report its findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2008. Members of the task force are to include legislators, representatives of state education agencies, and education labor unions. It was sponsored by Representative Roger Eddy and Senator Dale Righter.

Left on the legislative docket – in some instances poised for final action – were:

- Senate Bill 2288, sponsored by Senator James Meeks, is a comprehensive tax restructuring bill that would increase income taxes in exchange for property tax relief and increased funding for education, including \$300 million annually for higher education. Senator Meeks and other supporters have indicated they will attempt to gain consideration of the bill in the fall veto session.
- House Bill 5059, sponsored by Representative James Brosnahan and Senator Linda Holmes, would have created a nurse educator scholarship program through the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide up to three years of scholarships for nursing faculty who work in Illinois. The bill was passed by both chambers but remains in the House waiting for concurrence to a Senate amendment.
- Senate Bill 1982, sponsored by Senator Michael Frerichs and Representative Bill Black, would have mandated that grants under the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program be targeted to students in disciplines that address critical workforce shortage areas, such as science, technology, health, and nursing, as determined by the IBHE. The bill sits on the order of concurrence in the Senate.
- House Bill 5109, sponsored by Representative Miller and Senator Maloney, would create a new student financial aid program modeled after a highly successful initiative in Indiana, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program. Under the program, students in eighth grade agree to take a rigorous, college-prep curriculum and then are provided specialized mentoring and other academic supports and the guarantee of financial aid when they enter college. The bill passed the House but remains in Senate Rules Committee. Sponsors have indicated the measure will be revised and considered in the fall veto session.
- House Joint Resolution 100, sponsored by Representative Linda Chapa LaVia and Senator Kim Lightford, would have established a bipartisan task force on the status of underrepresented minorities in higher education. The resolution passed the House but remains in Senate Rules Committee.
- Senate Bill 326, sponsored by Senator Mattie Hunter and Representative Kevin McCarthy, would have created the Textbook Consumer Information Act, requiring publishers to reveal information regarding price, revision history, and alternative formats to faculty who select textbooks for college courses. The measure also required that

textbooks bundled with supplementary material be offered in unbundled formats as well. The bill awaits Senate concurrence to House amendments.

- Senate Joint Resolution 83, sponsored by Senator Maloney and Representative Miller, would have created the Unemployment Insurance for Contingent Academic Workers Task Force to estimate the cost to higher education institutions of allowing adjunct faculty to collect unemployment benefits and to examine the growth of part-time contingent faculty over the past decade. The resolution passed the Senate but did not escape the House Rules Committee.
- House Bill 1434, sponsored by Representative Fred Crespo and Senator Dan Kotowski, would have granted permission to Harper College to offer baccalaureate degrees in two fields of study for a four-year pilot. The bill came within one vote of passing the Senate State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee, but was not reported out to the Senate floor for consideration.



**LEGISLATIVE REPORT  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**95<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Affordability**

**House Bill 4193 (amended), Franks (Althoff)** **Referred to Senate Rules**  
Amends the Baccalaureate Savings Act. Provides that while all grants awarded under the program are subject to annual appropriation of funds by the General Assembly, there shall be no expiration date placed on the grants, and any person who is denied disbursement of a grant due to a lack of funding shall remain eligible until such time as funding becomes available, provided that he or she properly applies for disbursement of the grant on an annual basis.

**House Bill 4567, Brady** **Passed Both Houses**  
Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to conduct a study of the college application and admission patterns for students designated as Illinois State Scholars in 2008 and 2009.

**House Bill 4625 (amended), Stephens** **Re-referred to House Rules**  
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Illinois Veteran Grant program, provides that assistance (which is an entitlement that a public university or community college must honor) must include reimbursement for 50 percent of the costs of textbooks required to be purchased for courses taken at the university or community college.

**House Bill 4732 (amended), Burke (Bond)** **Referred to Senate Rules**  
Allows taxation of the amount previously contributed to a tax-exempt college tuition program administered by the State of Illinois if the money, when taken out of the program, is used for purposes other than qualified educational expenses.

**House Bill 4790 (amended), May** **Re-referred to House Rules**  
Directs the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to deposit \$200 into each individual participant account created in the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund (College Illinois!), subject to appropriation. If an insufficient amount is appropriated for each participant to receive \$200, the amount must be evenly prorated across accounts.

**House Bill 4843 (amended), Reis (Frerichs)** **Referred to Senate Rules**  
Establishes the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program to be administered through the University of Illinois. Requires a loan recipient under the Program to enter into a program agreement under which he or she agrees to practice in (i) veterinary practice that is at least 51 percent devoted to large animal medicine that enhances agricultural animal health and productivity or (ii) regulatory veterinary medicine that supports public health and safety, livestock biosecurity, or food animal disease diagnosis for at least one year for each year in which he or she received a loan.

**House Bill 4903 (amended), Jakobsson** **Re-referred to House Rules**  
Creates the Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act. Provides that a public institution of higher education may not buy, sell, or allow the sale of a textbook unless and until

the publisher makes public the following information: (1) the price difference between the bundled textbook and the same unbundled textbook; (2) a summary of the substantive differences between a new edition and the prior edition; (3) an estimate of how long the new edition will remain in print; and (4) the amount and recipient of any compensation provided to faculty or administrators as inducement to adopt particular textbooks for courses, except for sample copies and royalties. Allows the Attorney General, a State's Attorney, or any affected resident of this State to bring a civil action to enforce the Act.

**House Bill 5059 (amended), Brosnahan (Holmes)**

**Order of Concurrence Senate  
Amendment 2, House**

Establishes a new nurse educator scholarship program to be administered by the Department of Public Health; directs DPH to establish a database of available nurse educator positions in the state, and creates a grant program for schools to expand nursing faculty. The amendment provides that the nurse educator scholarships are subject to appropriation. Removes the provision that provides that there is no rulemaking authority under the amendatory Act, but that the Governor may suggest rules by filing them with the General Assembly and requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact the suggested rules into law, or take other appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion. Amends the Academic Degree Act. Removes the provision that provides that the Act does not apply to any school or educational institution regulated or approved under the Nurse Practice Act.

**House Bill 5109 (amended), Miller (Maloney)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Creates the MAP Challenge Program as a pilot to be developed jointly by ISAC, IBHE, ICCB, and ISBE. The program must include cooperation between school districts and State agencies in outreach and student services and must include minimum course requirements. Students who successfully complete the program must be provided with an incentive in the form of State financial aid.

**House Joint Resolution 32 (amended), Miller**

**Adopted in House**

Resolves that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, in cooperation with concerned parties, document the overall financial need of independent students in Illinois and the degree to which they are served by the Monetary Award Program and report to the General Assembly.

**Senate Bill 1908,(amended) Maloney (Miller)**

**Passed both Houses**

Increases the maximum Monetary Award Program award by \$500 in each of the next three years (FY09, FY10, FY11). The bill also guarantees that students who aren't eligible for the maximum award will receive an increase of the same percentage by which the maximum is increased. Senate amendment provides that the maximum grant amount is subject to appropriation. Restores the provision that limits the MAP grant amount to an amount that equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters tuition and fees.

**Senate Bill 1923, Schoenberg (Currie)**

**Placed on Calendar Order of Non-Concurrence  
House Amendment 1**

Subject to appropriation, establishes a Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Assistance Program administered by ISAC in cooperation with an advisory committee made up of lawyers and law school representatives. Disbursement of awards would be in the form of forgivable loans. Amendment provides that the advisory committee the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is required to create shall include a person from an Illinois metropolitan bar association (instead of the Chicago Bar Association) and a person from an Illinois statewide bar association (instead of the Illinois State Bar Association). Provides that all policies and procedures that the Commission deems necessary or convenient for the administration of the

program and all terms and conditions of the Commission applicable to payments made under the Act must be established with the guidance and assistance of the committee (instead of authorizing the Commission to prescribe all rules, policies, and procedures necessary or convenient for the administration of the program and all terms and conditions applicable to payments made under the Act and requiring this to be done with the guidance and assistance of the committee).

**Senate Bill 1981 (amended), Clayborne, Jr.(Mautino)**

**Referred to House Rules**

Creates a new incentive for employers and their employees to contribute to the State college savings and prepaid tuition programs. The bill would allow Illinois employers to claim a tax credit, up to a maximum of \$500, for one-fourth of the amount they contribute each year toward their employees' College Illinois! prepaid tuition contracts or Bright Start college savings plans. The credit sunsets in 2019. Amendment in the Illinois Income Tax Act, with respect to the credit for student-assistance contributions, deletes a requirement that the donation be made to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission

**Senate Bill 1995, Bond (Burke)**

**Referred to House Rules**

Allows taxation of the amount previously contributed to a tax-exempt college tuition program administered by the State of Illinois if the money, when taken out of the program, is used for purposes other than qualified educational expenses.

**Appropriations**

**House Bill 5701(amended) Hannig (Trotter)**

**Passed Both Houses**

Appropriates \$27.2 billion for education and human services for fiscal year 2009.

**House Bill 6299, Coulson**

**Assigned to Appropriations-Higher Education Committee**

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for costs associated with the creation of a State Health Policy Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago for the purpose of developing and implementing evidence-based policies to improve the health and healthcare of the people of Illinois. Effective July 1, 2008.

**Budget**

**Senate Bill 2288, Meeks**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Senate**

Amends the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act, and the Property Tax Code. Increases the income tax rates for individuals, trusts, and estates from 3 percent to 5 percent of the taxpayer's net income and increases the rate of income tax for corporations from 4.8 percent to 8 percent of the taxpayer's net income. Creates an income tax credit for families with incomes below certain levels. Creates the School District Property Tax Relief Fund, and requires the General Assembly appropriate certain amounts into the Fund. Provides that grants must be made from the Fund to school districts. Requires that property taxes be abated in school districts by the amount of the grants from the Fund. Creates the Higher Education Operating Assistance Fund, and requires the General Assembly to appropriate certain amounts into the Fund. Requires certain distributions from that Fund. Creates the Invest in Illinois Fund for the purpose of funding the cost of issuance, interest, fees, principal payments, and other debt service on Invest in Illinois Bonds and requires appropriations into the Fund. Creates the Capital Strategy Board to make recommendations concerning the issuance of bonds. Contains several continuing appropriation requirements. Amends the School Code. Creates the Early Childhood Fund to support the Illinois Early Learning Standards and their use in early childhood programs and other programs. Makes

changes concerning special education reimbursement for personnel. With respect to the State aid formula, makes changes concerning the foundation level of support, creation of the School Improvement Partnership Pool Fund, and supplemental general State aid. Provides that the General Assembly shall appropriate from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund an Education Appropriation Minimum.

### **Community Colleges**

**House Bill 1434, (amended) Crespo (Pritchard)**      **Held in State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee, Senate**

Provides that public and private universities and colleges in this State (instead of just public universities) have the right of first refusal; makes related changes. Provides that the right of first refusal also applies to the offering of the baccalaureate degree programs on a community college extension site. Provides that if there is a disagreement on whether the university or college program meets local workforce needs, a 5-person panel shall be appointed to determine if the university's or college's proposed program on the community college campus or extension site reasonably meets local workforce needs. Provides that the degree programs must also not require any additional funding from Community College District No. 512 students not enrolled in the pilot program. Provides that at the completion of the Community College District No. 512 pilot program, the Illinois Auditor General shall conduct an audit to determine if any funding for the pilot program was provided by local taxes, the State, or the community college students not enrolled in the program. Removes a reference to the Illinois Community College Board with respect to approving the offering of the degree programs. Provides that the Board of Higher Education's approval of the offering of the degree programs must be in a manner consistent with approving new bachelor's degree programs at all State public universities. Adds as a program condition that credits obtained by any student in the pilot program prior to the sunset date shall be automatically transferable to any public or private university or college offering the same or a similar program. Provides that the intention of the amendatory Act is to allow Community College District No. 512 to meet specific, documented workforce needs in the district that no public or private university or college is willing and able to reasonably meet. Prohibits Community College District No. 512 from becoming a primarily baccalaureate degree-granting, 4-year institution of higher learning. Changes the effective date from immediate to July 1, 2008.

**House Bill 4189, Pritchard (Maloney)**      **Passed Both Houses**

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Classifies community college districts as units of local government that must adopt resolutions regulating the political activities and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by their officials and employees. Community college districts are currently classified as State agencies subject to the entire Act's regulation and enforcement by the Executive Ethics Commission and the Governor's Executive Inspector General.

**House Bill 5074, Black (Demuzio)**      **Passed Both Houses**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that following each election and canvass, a new board of trustees shall hold its organizational meeting on or before the 28th day after the election.

**House Bill 5164 (amended), Yarbrough (Kowtoski)**      **Referred to Senate Rules**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district has the power to make its buildings available for emergency purposes, upon the

request of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency or the State-accredited emergency management agency with jurisdiction, and to cooperate in all matters with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, local emergency management agencies, public health departments, the American Red Cross and federal agencies concerned with emergency preparedness and response.

**House Joint Resolution 36 (amended), Eddy (Richter)**

**Adopted Both Houses**

Requires the Illinois Board of Higher Education to establish a task force to study issues related to dual credit and requires the task force to report the findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008.

**Senate Bill 2413, Demuzio (Black)**

**Order of Concurrence House Amendment 1, House**

Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the requirement that following each election and canvass, a new board of trustees shall hold its organizational meeting on or before the 28th day after the election.

**Senate Bill 2595,(amended) Trotter (Currie)**

**Re-referred to House Rules**

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 and the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act. Beginning July 1, 2009, requires the Department of Central Management Services to administer a program of health benefits coverage for retirees, and their dependents, of certain community college districts previously not participating in the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund. Establishes a committee to advise the State on the program and necessary adjustments in funding sources.

**Senate Bill 2603, Hunter (Golar)**

**Re-referred to House Rules**

Amends the City Colleges of Chicago Article of the Public Community College Act. Repeals provisions concerning a financial report the chief administrative officer must submit to the board of trustees.

**Diversity**

**House Joint Resolution 100, Chapa LaVia (Lightford)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Commissions a bipartisan task force on the status of underrepresented minorities in higher education to evaluate the status of traditionally underrepresented populations, specifically African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans, in this State's public and private institutions of higher education.

**Miscellaneous**

**House Bill 3286(amended) Coulson (Schoenberg)**

**Passed Both Houses**

Creates the Illinois Health Policy Center Act. Creates the Illinois Health Policy Center within the University of Illinois, to be sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. Provides that the goals of the Center are to support legislators and other government officials in developing and implementing health policy to address critical issues facing the State of Illinois and to focus on identifying "best practices" appropriate for Illinois through careful and objective review of the latest scientific research and through comparative analyses of other states' policies. Sets forth duties of the Center, including: responding to requests from State government officials and agencies requiring analytical support and guidance in matters related to the development and

implementation of health policy; identifying critical issues in health policy in need of timely action; developing and sponsoring educational programs; and pursuing a research agenda that focuses on State health care policy. Creates the Illinois Health Policy Center Advisory Panel, appointed by the legislative leaders and the Governor, to provide advice and oversight concerning the creation and operation of the Illinois Health Policy Center.

**House Bill 4139 (amended), Chapa LaVia (Millner)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Amends the Criminal Code. Provides that it is unlawful for any governing body, State agency, local government, or institute of higher learning that employs peace officers to prohibit a peace officer from carrying a firearm in the performance of his or her duties, unless the peace officer fails to qualify with the firearm, is declared unfit for duty, and is unable to be armed.

**House Bill 4219 (amended), Munson (Radagno) Passed House, Referred to Senate Rules**

Provides that certain provisions of the Identity Protection Act apply to social security numbers only (instead of social security numbers and other identifying information). Provides that a person who intentionally violates the prohibitions contained in the Act is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor (instead of a Class A misdemeanor).

**House Bill 4812 (amended), May (Garrett)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department must require every State-owned building to establish a green cleaning policy whereby the building purchases and uses only environmentally-sensitive cleaning products.

**House Bill 4890 (amended), Myers (Harmon)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading, Senate**

Amends the Data Security on State Computers Act. Provides that the definition of "Agency" does not include public universities or their governing boards. Requires the governing board of each public university to implement and administer the provisions of the Act with respect to State-owned electronic data processing equipment utilized by the university. Provides that the governing board shall mandate that all hard drives of surplus electronic data processing equipment be cleared of all data and software before being prepared for sale, donation, or transfer by following certain requirements. House Amendment 1 adds exemptions from the Act for the General Assembly and constitutional officers, with the exception of the Governor. House Amendment 2 provides that the General Assembly shall have and maintain responsibility for the implementation and administration of the requirements for clearing State-owned electronic data processing equipment utilized by the General Assembly.

**House Bill 4919 (amended), Verschoore**

**1st Reading, Senate**

Amends the Government Buildings Energy Cost Reduction Act of 1991. Provides that all buildings owned or leased by the State shall implement, where practicable, real-time pricing methods for electricity usage. Provides that electricity usage shall be monitored on an hourly basis and regulated to reduce electric power usage during hours of higher-priced demand and increase electricity usage at lower-priced demand hours.

**House Bill 5113 (amended), Boland (Cullerton)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Creates the Green Buildings Act. The Act requires all new state-funded building construction and major renovations of existing state-owned facilities to seek LEED certification or equivalent standards, and, regardless of size, to achieve the highest level of certification practical within the project budget. Provides that The Green Building Initiative's Green Globes design program standards and certifications are equivalent. Requires that each building project subject to the Act

implement at least one LEED criterion for alternative transportation for public transportation or bicycle access.

**House Bill 5116 (amended), Davis (Crotty)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Amends the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service Act. Subject to appropriation, allows the Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service to award an Illinois Service Education Award Grant to recipients of a national service educational award awarded by the Corporation for National Community Service, which grant must be awarded only as a partial matching grant. Provides that an individual who successfully completes a required term of full-time national service in an approved national service position in this State may apply to receive a grant. Sets forth the purposes for which a grant may be used.

**House Bill 5493 (amended), Watson (Demuzio)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Notes there are more than 1 million Illinoisans who are deaf or hard of hearing, that American Sign Language is a fully developed language and one of hundreds of visual languages in the world, and that the deaf community has a distinct culture with ASL as their language. Encourages school boards to adopt ASL into their foreign language curriculum in a manner deemed appropriate by the Illinois State Board of Education. Amends each public university act to add ASL as a foreign language in fulfillment of admissions requirements. Requires universities to give credit for ASL as fulfillment of foreign language requirements (except for requirements related to the content of a student's major).

**House Bill 5905(amended) Coulson (Hultgren)**

**Passed Both Houses**

Amends Acts relating to governance of public universities. Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year, Provides that the person on active military duty must have been stationed in this State for at least 3 years immediately prior (instead of immediately prior) to being reassigned out of State. Provides that the person on active military duty and his or her dependents shall be deemed Illinois residents for tuition purposes as long as that person or his or her dependent (i) applies for admission to the university within 18 months of the person on active military duty being reassigned or (ii) remains continuously enrolled at the university.

**House Resolution 853, Davis**

**Resolution Adopted**

Urges the Governor's Travel Control Board to negotiate with Amtrak for a special travel rate for part-time student employees of State universities between Chicago and specified Illinois cities.

**House Resolution 1019, Pritchard**

**Resolution Adopted**

Mourns the victims of the tragic events at Northern Illinois University on February 14, 2008.

**Senate Bill 2322, Cullerton (Turner)**

**Re-referred to House Rules**

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934 relating to sale of alcoholic liquors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Deletes a similar provision allowing the sale or delivery of alcoholic liquors at professional soccer and womens' basketball games on the campus of the U. of I-Chicago. Provides that alcoholic liquors may be served or sold in buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for events that the Board may determine are public events and not related student activities.

**Senate Bill 2691(amended) Sullivan (Pritchard)**

**Passed Both Houses**

Amends the Campus Security Act. Changes the short title of the Act to the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Requires each public university, public community college, and independent, not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution located in this State to (1) develop a National Incident Management System-compliant, all-hazards, emergency response

plan in partnership with the institution's county or major municipal emergency management official, report the plan to this official, and have training and exercises for the plan annually at a minimum; and (2) develop an inter-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional campus violence prevention plan in partnership with the institution's county or major municipal emergency management official, report the plan to this official, and have training and exercises for the plan annually at a minimum. Requires county and major municipal emergency managers and Illinois Emergency Management Agency regional coordinators to assist in the planning and training process for the plans with all resources available to them and to provide the higher education institutions with appropriate standards and guidelines for the plans and for the training and exercises for these plans.

**Senate Bill 2736, Koehler**

**3rd Reading, Senate**

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and amends the Public Community College Act. Allows the governing board of each public university and community college district to enter into a contract with a third party for non-instructional services currently performed by an employee or bargaining unit member or lay off those educational support personnel employees upon 90 days written notice. Adds conditions on the entering of such a contract. Notwithstanding these conditions, allows a board to enter into a contract, of no longer than 3 months in duration, with a third party for non-instructional services currently performed by an employee or bargaining unit member for the purpose of augmenting the current workforce in an emergency situation that threatens the safety or health of students or staff. Provides that the amendatory Act is not applicable to non-instructional services that on the effective date of the amendatory Act are performed by a third party.

**Senate Bill 2745, Noland**

**3rd Reading, Senate**

Amends the Fire Investigation Act. Provides that the fire chief, or a subordinate delegated by the fire chief, of any municipality or fire protection district that contains, in whole or in part, a university, college, or community college or that has a university, college, or community college within one mile of the boundaries of the municipality or fire protection district may inspect of any rental property within the corporate boundaries of a municipality to ensure compliance with the fire and life safety codes in force in the municipality or fire protection district.

**Senate Bill 2757, (amended) Cullerton (Yarbrough)**

**Re-referred to House Rules**

Amends the Smoke Free Illinois Act. Provides that smoking is allowed in enclosed laboratories, not open to the public, in an accredited university or government facility where the activity of smoking is exclusively conducted for the purpose of medical or scientific health-related research. Amendment replaces everything after the enacting clause.

**Senate Joint Resolution 75, Maloney (McCarthy)**

**Adopted Both Houses**

Recognizes international education as an essential component of higher education.

**Senate Joint Resolution 83 (amended), Maloney (Miller)**

**Referred to House Rules**

Establishes the Unemployment Insurance for Contingent Academic Workers Task Force to (1) estimate costs to higher education institutions of a change in law that allows contingent academics to collect unemployment insurance and (2) examine the growth of employment of part-time contingent faculty over the past 10 years. Resolves that one member of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Department of Employment Security (instead of the Director of Labor). Resolves that the Task Force may hold hearings (instead of shall hold 3 statewide hearings) on the issue of unemployment insurance for contingent academic workers and will report its finding to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2009.

**House Bill 5621 (amended), Brauer (Lightford)**

**Referred to Senate Rules**

Encourages the implementation of International Baccalaureate programs through the one-time funding of \$3,000 for equipment, \$100 for each student scoring a 4 (on a 1-7 scale) or better on at least one IB exam and \$650 for each student graduating from an IB diploma program.

**House Bill 5914, Rose**

**Re-referred to House Rules**

Amends the Election Code and the School Code. Provides for a State Board of Education consisting of 7 members elected on a nonpartisan basis at the general election in 2010 and every 6 years thereafter (now, the Board consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate). Provides that when the new elected members take office and every 2 years thereafter, one member of the Board shall be elected by the members of the Board to serve as chairperson (now, the chairperson is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate).

**Senate Bill 2412, (amended), Demuzio**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading, Senate**

Original bill amended the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education shall work in collaboration to support school leadership preparation statewide, including without limitation support for a systematic approach to school leadership preparation, partnerships between school districts and preparation programs, and preparation program selectivity and rigor. Amended to shell the bill.

**Research/Economic Development**

**House Bill 4216 (amended), Fortner (Bond)**

**Passed Both Houses**

Creates the Illinois Science and Technology Commission. Sets forth the purpose of the Commission. Sets forth the appointing authority and terms of the members.

**House Joint Resolution 49, Miller (Harmon)**

**Order of Resolutions**

Provides for a bipartisan task force that shall hold public hearings, gather evidence, develop, and propose legislation and ultimately furnish a report concerning business and job development in Illinois.

**House Joint Resolution 82, Fortner (Hultgre)**

**Approved Both Houses**

Urges Congress to restore the fiscal year 2008 federal funding of the State's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory to the level requested in the President's fiscal year 2008 budget request.

**Senate Bill 2148, Watson (Flider)**

**Re-referred to House Rules**

Creates an income tax deduction for taxpayers who are individuals, corporations, or not-for-profit organizations for income, royalties, or receipts from patents for an invention resulting from a development process conducted in Illinois.

**Senate Joint Resolution 65, Clayborne, Jr.**

**Order of Resolutions**

Provides for a bipartisan task force that shall hold public hearings, gather evidence, develop and propose legislation, and ultimately furnish a report concerning business and job development in Illinois.

## **TeacherPrep**

### **Senate Bill 2481, Lightford (Smith)**

### **Referred to House Rules**

Amends the Teacher Certification Article of the School Code. Removes a provision that provides that a person who holds a valid and comparable out-of-state certificate is not required to take the tests of basic skills and subject matter knowledge. Removes a provision that requires a provisional certificate holder to pass the examinations set forth by the State Board of Education within 9 months. Removes a provision that provides that a failure to pass the tests of basic skills and subject matter knowledge shall result in cancellation of a provisional certificate.

## **Workforce**

### **Senate Bill 1982, (amended) Frerichs(Black) Order of Concurrence House Amendment 1**

Amends the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program Act. Provides that grants to institutions of higher education shall support work experiences for students in academic program priority areas that address critical workforce skills shortages, including without limitation science, technology, engineering, mathematics, health, nursing, education, and other academic program priority areas as determined annually by the Board of Higher Education.