

Illinois Community College Trustees Association **Action Alert**

October 2, 2007

The Illinois General Assembly returned to Springfield today to convene the first day of the fall 2007 veto session.

House overrides Governor's budget vetoes

In the House of Representatives, the first order of business was to override Gov. Rod Blagojevich's line-item vetoes and reductions of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. State representatives voted in two separate motions (by votes of 104-4 and 105-4) to override the vetoes, restoring **\$10 million in community college funding** that had been cut by the Governor.

In order for the funding cuts to be restored, the Illinois Senate must also vote to override the Governor's budget vetoes.

House members reported that more than 4,500 persons attended the 19 House-sponsored budget hearings conducted throughout Illinois during the month of September. Approximately 900 witnesses provided testimony at the hearings about the numerous negative impacts of the Governor's budget vetoes on colleges, social services, and public safety issues.

ICCTA seeks override of HB 3504 veto

As of 3:30 PM today, both the House and Senate are approving the override of certain vetoes. ICCTA is seeking to override the Governor's veto of **HOUSE BILL 3504**, legislation that would clarify that community colleges are units of local government that are covered under the local government provisions of the State Government Employees and Officers Act.

At this time, the sponsor of HB 3504, Rep. Kurt Granberg, has **NOT** filed a motion to override the Governor's veto.

ACTION NEEDED:

Please contact your STATE REPRESENTATIVES within the next 24 hours and request that they encourage Rep. Kurt Granberg to file a motion to override the Governor's veto on HB 3504.

ICCTA will keep you informed as the veto session progresses. The veto sessions is currently scheduled for October 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12.

*** For additional legislative updates, call ICCTA at 1-800-454-2282 ***

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