

## **Illinois Community College Trustees Association Action Alert**

March 29, 2007

As of Thursday, March 29, the following bills have passed out of the Illinois House of Representatives and will be sent to the Illinois Senate for consideration. To view roll calls for various votes, go to the Illinois General Assembly's website at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) and type in the bill number (i.e., "HB3504") in the "Search by Number" box.

### **House Bill 3504 -- Clarification of Ethics Act (Granberg and others)**

#### **ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

This ICCTA bill amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act to classify 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 (now, community colleges are 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). Effective immediately. **PASSED out of the House of Representatives 98-14-0.**

### **HB 414 -- Student Housing at Community Colleges (Schock)**

#### **ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Permits community college districts comprised of 8 or more counties to provide for student housing. **PASSED out of the House of Representatives 82-32-0.**

### **HB 479 -- Full Funding of Military Scholarships (Black and others)**

Requires full funding of Illinois Veterans Grants and other military scholarships. **PASSED out of the House of Representatives 114-1-0.**

*The Illinois Senate is also in session and bills are beginning to move in that chamber as well.*

### **SB 753 -- Clarification of Ethics Act (Halvorson and others)**

#### **ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

**Senate Bill 753** was amended at ICCTA's request to include the language originally contained in Senate Bill 589. Identical to **HB 3504**, it amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act to classify 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 (currently, community colleges are 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). Effective immediately. **SB 753 is currently on 3rd reading in the Senate.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ICCTA's Lobby Day is Wednesday, April 25, in Springfield**

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

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