

# ICCTA ACTION ALERT

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March 6, 2009

*The 96<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly convened on January 14. Deadlines for the introduction of new bills have passed in both the Senate and the House. Committee hearing are being held to consider the fate of legislative proposals. The following is a list of legislation impacting community colleges. Included are staff recommendations for ICCTA positions on each bill; the recommendations are based upon historical ICCTA positions and the actual issues.*

## LEGISLATION IMPACTING COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**House Bill 79                    Higher Education Scholarship Act (Lang)**

**ICCTA Position:                SUPPORT**

Allows scholarships to be awarded to entering freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors at community colleges, colleges, and universities, whether public or private, located in Illinois. Establishes Illinois residency requirements, minimum grade point average requirements, and other requirements that the student must meet to be eligible for a scholarship.

**HB 150                            21st Century Scholars Program (Miller / Maloney)**

**ICCTA Position:                SUPPORT**

Creates the 21st Century Scholars Act to provide an incentive for low-income students in the 8th grade to improve their academic preparation for post-secondary education. Sets forth provisions concerning annual tuition scholarships to applicants who qualify; requiring the state, the participating school district, and the student to enter into a three-part compact; rules to implement the Act; and reporting to the General Assembly on awards. **Passed the House 115-0-0.**

**HB 169                            Income Tax Credit for College Savings Plan (Verschoore)**

**ICCTA Position:                MONITOR**

Authorizes the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to establish systems and programs to encourage employers to match employee contributions to prepaid college savings programs. Creates an income tax credit for employers who, during the taxable year, make a matching donation on behalf of an employee. Provides that the credit is 25 percent of the matching donation, but not to exceed \$500 per employee. Provides that the credit may be carried forward for three taxable years.

**HB 336                            Higher Education Campus Security (Pritchard)**

**ICCTA Position:                SUPPORT**

Amends the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. Provides that the inter-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional campus violence prevention plan shall also include coordination and communication with surrounding governmental agencies and school districts. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

**HB 437                            Community College Health/Safety Tax Bonds (Bieser)**

**ICCTA Position:                SUPPORT**

Allows a community college district to levy a tax or issue bonds for alteration or repair of physical facilities for certain health, safety, energy conservation, environmental protection, and handicapped accessibility purposes. Removes a provision allowing the district to borrow money not in excess of \$4,5 million in the aggregate at any one time. Provides that the district may borrow money if, among other conditions, a certified estimate of a licensed architect or engineer stating the estimated amount (instead of stating the estimated amount of not less than \$25,000) has been secured by the district.

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**HB 461 Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act (Jakobsson)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Provides that each publisher of college textbooks shall disclose, at that time and in writing, to the faculty member or, if applicable, the other adopting entity in charge of selecting textbooks for courses taught at a public institution of higher education (1) the copyright dates of the three previous editions of the textbook, if any; (2) a description of the substantial content changes made between the current edition of the textbook or supplemental materials and the previous edition, if any; and (3) the existence and price of alternative formats of the textbook or supplemental materials. Provides that publishers of college textbooks are required to offer all bundled textbooks for sale as individual unbundled textbooks and supplemental materials. Contains a provision concerning institutional autonomy and academic freedom. Effective July 1, 2010.

**HB 556 Veterans Preference in Higher Education Admissions (Chapa La Via)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Provides that, beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year, the minimum admission standards established by the Illinois Board of Higher Education for public community colleges and universities must provide for a preference for persons who were engaged in the active military or naval service of the United States for a period of at least one year and who were honorably discharged and for persons who were engaged in such military or naval service who are currently or may thereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such military or naval service, not including, however, persons who were convicted by court-martial of disobedience of orders.

**HB 615 Cosmetology School Refunds (Coulson)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Amends the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, and Nail Technology Act of 1985. In a provision concerning school refund policies, provides that refunds shall be in accordance with the requirements of the school's regional or national accrediting agency, if any, or rules that the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation shall promulgate. Effective immediately.

**HB 656 Harper College Baccalaureate Degree (Crespo)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Identical to Senate Bill 244, this bill provides that William Rainey Harper College may establish and offer a pilot program under which the district may offer bachelor's degrees in two fields of study if: (1) the degree programs do not compete with any nearby public university and the public universities in Illinois have the right of first refusal to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree programs on the community college campus or a community college extension site, (2) that the district identify and document unmet workforce needs, (3) that the degree programs not require any additional funding from local taxes, the state, or the community college students not enrolled in the program, (4) that the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the offering of the degree programs, and (5) that the pilot program expire four years after the initial offering of the degree programs, unless otherwise extended by law. Prohibits Harper College from becoming a primarily baccalaureate degree-granting, four-year institution of higher learning. Effective July 1, 2009.

**HB 689 ISAC Bond Issue (Miller)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Provides that bonds issued in accordance with the Act may be designated by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission as guaranteed by the state of Illinois. Proceeds from the bonds will be used to fund ISAC's participation in the federal Rehabilitation Loan Program, resulting in a stream of federal revenue for ISAC of approximately \$11 million to 15 million over 12-14 months.

**HB 725 Sign Language Requirements (Watson)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Amends the School Code to encourage school boards to implement American Sign Language (ASL) courses into school foreign language curriculum. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. In provisions concerning admissions requirements, provides that ASL constitutes a foreign language for the purposes of meeting those requirements. Requires the governing board of each public university to award academic credit for the successful completion of any ASL course offered or approved by the university, which may be applied toward the satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the university.

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### **HB 732 SURS Sick Leave Accumulation (Jakobsson)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Provides that a public university or community college employee under the State Universities Retirement System is entitled to receive service credit for up to two years (now up to one year) of unused sick leave.

### **HB 862 Community College Electronic Bidding (Black)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Identical to Senate Bill 277, this ICCTA-initiated legislation provides that electronic bid submissions shall be considered a sealed document for competitive bid requests if they are received at the designated office by the time and date set for receipt for bids. Requires electronic bid submissions to be authorized by specific language in the bid documents in order to be considered and to be opened in accordance with electronic security measures in effect at the community college at the time of opening. Provides that unless the electronic submission procedures provide for a secure receipt, the vendor assumes the risk of premature disclosure due to submission in an unsealed form. Effective immediately.

### **HB 898 Faculty / Staff Freedom of Expression (Jakobsson)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Provides that all faculty and staff members of a university or community college are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government, state or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the university or community college, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the university or community college. Effective immediately.

### **HB 899 Political Paraphernalia on Campus (Jacobsson)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Provides that a university or community college may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from (1) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on university or community college property, provided that such display by any member of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose relevant to the subject of instruction; (2) attending a partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on duty; or (3) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or her motor vehicle. Effective immediately.

### **HB 972 Veterans Day Moment of Silence (Chapa La Via)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Provides that if a public school, university, or community college holds any type of event at the institution on November 11, Veterans' Day, the governing board of the institution shall require a moment of silence at that event to recognize Veterans' Day. Effective immediately.

### **HB 1013 Green Buildings Act**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Creates the Green Buildings Act to require that state-funded building construction and major renovations of existing state-owned facilities must meet certain energy and environmental standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS) program rating system, the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, or an equivalent rating system. Permits waiver of the standards by the Illinois Capital Development Board or another agency. Specifies the criteria for waivers. Requires the Board to analyze and evaluate the Act's green building standards after the earlier of five years or the completion of 10 Board green projects. Effective immediately.

### **HB 1028 ICCB Workforce Development Grant (Flider)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Appropriates \$10 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for manufacturing curricula and workforce development.

### **HB 1079 Dual Credit Quality (Eddy)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Requires ICCB and IBHE to develop policies to permit multiple appropriate measures using differentiated assessment for granting eligibility for dual credit to students (a dual credit course being a college course taken by a high school student for credit at both the college and high school level). Sets forth provisions concerning policies to protect the academic standing of students who are not successful in dual credit courses, standards that institutions of higher learning must meet if offering dual credit courses, oversight and review of dual credit programs, and a statewide longitudinal data system to identify high school students who participate in dual credit courses and track their success in high school and postsecondary education.

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### **HB 2235 Faculty and Administrators Salary Reports (Davis)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Requires the governing board of each school district, university, and community college to report to the State Board of Education or IBHE, on or before July 1 of each year, the base salary and benefits of all administrators and teachers or faculty employed by the school district, university, or community college district.

### **HB 2253 Community College Police Appointments (Pritchard)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Removes provisions allowing the board of trustees of a community college district to appoint persons to be members of the security department of the community college. Allows instead for the appointment of sworn and non-sworn members of the community college district police department, department of public safety, or security department. Sets forth requirements and other provisions concerning both sworn and non-sworn members. Allows the board of trustees to establish regulations that are determined to be necessary for the protection of community college students, staff, visitors, properties, and interests or for the proper maintenance, operation, or development of any community college or colleges under the jurisdiction of the board and to prescribe fines and penalties for the violation of these regulations.

### **HB 2330 Student Trustee Term of Office (Black)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Identical to SB 1580, this ICCTA-initiated legislation that provides that the student member of the board of trustees of a community college district may serve for only one term.

### **HB 2352 Student Credit Cards (Joyce)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Identical to SB 1524, this bill creates the Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009. Requires that institutions of higher education that enter into an agreement to market credit cards to students pursuing an education, or that allow their student groups, alumni associations, or affiliates to enter into agreements must make a financial education program available to all students. Contains provisions requiring institutions of higher education to disclose certain agreements with credit card companies. Prohibits certain gifts and inducements. Prohibits the distribution of personally identifiable student information for the purpose of marketing credit cards. Provides that the Attorney General may enforce the Act.

### **HB 2484 All-American Energy Student Referendum (May)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Creates the Student Referendum All-American Energy Act. Provides that students at a public institution of higher education may, by a majority vote of the students participating in a referendum, authorize the imposition of an All-American Energy Fee on students. Provides that the revenues of an All-American Energy Fee must be used for energy conservation measures in student residence halls or purchasing renewable energy resources to provide power for student residence halls or both. Provides that the referendum for an All-American Energy Fee must be submitted to a vote of the student body if a petition for such a vote is signed by no fewer than 300 students currently enrolled. If approved, the fee, which must not exceed \$10 per full-time student per term, must be imposed on students at the start of the next following term. Requires IBHE to report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than two years following the effective date of the Act concerning the fee.

### **HB 2504 Community College Jobs Training Bond (Washington)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Identical to SB 2124, this bill allows a board of trustees of a community college district to enter into an agreement with an employer concerning an arrangement to provide new jobs training program services, including (1) new jobs training; (2) adult basic education and job-related instruction; (3) vocational and skill-assessment services and testing; (4) training facilities, equipment, materials, and supplies; and (5) on-the-job training. Requires the agreement to provide for program costs that may be paid from property taxes, tuition, student fees, or special charges. Allows the board to borrow money and issue and sell certificates payable from a sufficient portion of the future receipts of payments authorized by the agreement to provide funds for the present payment of the costs of a new jobs training program. Provides that the board shall, by resolution, provide for the assessment of an annual levy of a standby tax upon all taxable property within the community college district to further secure the payment of the certificates.

**HB 2623                      Open Meetings Act Clarification (Jacobsson)**

**ICCTA Position:            MONITOR**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that the Act is not violated when, without notice or minutes, a majority of the quorum of one public body attends and discusses public business at a meeting of another public body that complies with the Act's notice and minutes requirements. Effective immediately.

**HB 3652                      College Insurance Program (Currie)**

**ICCTA Position:            SUPPORT**

Identical to SB 1638, this bill increases rates that the employee, employers and the state must pay into the College Insurance Program Fund (from 0.5% to 0.75%) in order to maintain the financial solvency of the retirees health insurance program for community college retirees. Beginning July 1, 2010, includes the City Colleges of Chicago to the College Insurance Program for community college retirees.

**Senate Bill 86              Tuition, Fees Income Tax Exemption (Jones)**

**ICCTA Position:            SUPPORT**

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction in an amount equal to the amount paid by an individual taxpayer during the taxable year for unreimbursed expenses related to tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board at any college, university, or community college. Provides that the taxpayer is entitled to the deduction if the taxpayer is (i) a student at the college, university, or community college during the taxable year, or (ii) the parent or legal guardian of a student at the college, university, or community college. Exempts the deduction from the sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

**SB 204                        Emergency Building Use (Demuzio)**

**ICCTA Position:            MONITOR**

Requires (instead of allows) a board of trustees of a community college district to make the buildings of the college 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, State-certified, local public health departments, the American Red Cross, and federal agencies concerned with emergency preparedness and response. Adds a similar provision for universities. Provides that a school board shall make school buildings available for use as civil defense shelters for all persons; cooperate with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, local organizations for civil defense, disaster relief organizations, and federal agencies concerned with civil defense relative thereto; cooperate with these agencies and organizations in the use of other resources, equipment, and facilities; and cooperate with these agencies and organizations in the construction of new buildings to the end that the buildings be so designed that shelter facilities may be provided.

**SB 244                        Harper College Baccalaureate Degree (Kotowski)**

**ICCTA Position              MONITOR**

Identical to HB 656, this bill provides that William Rainey Harper College may establish and offer a pilot program under which the district may offer bachelor's degrees in two fields of study if: (1) the degree programs do not compete with any nearby public university and the public universities in Illinois have the right of first refusal to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree programs on the community college campus or a community college extension site, (2) that the district identify and document unmet workforce needs, (3) that the degree programs not require any additional funding from local taxes, the state, or the community college students not enrolled in the program, (4) that the IBHE approve the offering of the degree programs, and (5) that the pilot program expire four years after the initial offering of the degree programs, unless otherwise extended by law. Prohibits Harper College from becoming a primarily baccalaureate degree-granting, four-year institution of higher learning. Effective July 1, 2009.

**SB 277                        Community College Electronic Bidding (Demuzio)**

**ICCTA Position:            SUPPORT**

Identical to HB 862, this ICCTA-initiated legislation provides that electronic bid submissions shall be considered a sealed document for competitive bid requests if they are received at the designated office by the time and date set for receipt for bids. Requires electronic bid submissions to be authorized by specific language in the bid documents in order to be considered and to be opened in accordance with electronic security measures in effect at the community college at the time of opening. Provides that unless the electronic submission procedures provide for a secure receipt, the vendor assumes the risk of premature disclosure due to submission in an unsealed form. Effective immediately

**SB 1373 Ban on Community College Employee Residency Requirements (Kotowski)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Prohibits residence within a community college district or outside a community college district from being considered in determining whether to retain or not retain any employee of a community college or in assigning, promoting, or transferring an employee (now, permitted if employed on or after July 1, 1977 or after the adoption by the community college board of a resolution making residency within the district a condition of employment). Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

**SB 1485 Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act (Hunter)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Creates the Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act. Provides that when contacting or being contacted by prospective clients, each publisher of college textbooks shall disclose, at that time and in writing, to the faculty member or, if applicable, the other adopting entity in charge of selecting textbooks for courses taught at a public institution of higher education (1) the copyright dates of the 3 previous editions of the textbook, if any; (2) a description of the substantial content changes made between the current edition of the textbook or supplemental materials and the previous edition, if any; and (3) the existence and price of alternative formats of the textbook or supplemental materials. Provides that publishers of college textbooks are required to offer all bundled textbooks for sale as individual unbundled textbooks and supplemental materials. Contains a provision concerning institutional autonomy and academic freedom. Effective July 1, 2010.

**SB 1524 Student Credit Cards (Trotter)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Identical to HB 2352, this bill creates the Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009. Requires that institutions of higher education that enter into an agreement to market credit cards to students pursuing an education, or that allow their student groups, alumni associations, or affiliates to enter into agreements must make a financial education program available to all students. Contains provisions requiring institutions of higher education to disclose certain agreements with credit card companies. Prohibits certain gifts and inducements. Prohibits the distribution of personally identifiable student information for the purpose of marketing credit cards. Provides that the Attorney General may enforce the Act.

**SB 1570 Wind Solar Generation Program (Pankau)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Creates the School Wind and Solar Generation Program to fund wind generation projects and solar generation projects for school districts and community college districts. Requires the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to implement and administer the program; allows DCEO to award full or partial grants for, without limitation, engineering studies, feasibility studies, research studies, and construction costs. For each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014, requires the State Treasurer to transfer \$5 million to the School Wind and Solar Generation Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all money in the Fund must be used for the purposes of the program. Allows school districts and community college districts to own and operate solar generation turbine farms (not just wind generation turbine farms) that directly or indirectly reduce energy or other operating costs. Effective immediately.

**SB 1580 Student Trustee Term of Office (Demuzio)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Identical to HB 2330, this ICCTA-initiated legislation provides that the student member of the board of trustees of a community college district may serve for only one term.

**SB 1624 Higher Education Veterans Coordinator (Kotowski)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Requires all public colleges and universities to conduct a survey of the services and programs that are provided for veterans, active duty military personnel, and their families, at each of their respective campuses; sets forth the survey requirements. Requires each public college and university to appoint a Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services on each campus of the college or university that has an onsite, daily, full-time student headcount above 1,000 students; sets forth requirements concerning the coordinator. Provides that IBHE and the Department of Veterans' Affairs may issue a best practices report to highlight those programs and services that are most beneficial to veterans and active duty military personnel. Sets forth additional provisions concerning a college's or university's best efforts and the fiscal impact of programs and services. Effective immediately.

**SB 1638 College Insurance Program (Trotter)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Identical to SB 1638, this bill increases rates that the employee, employers and the state must pay into the College Insurance Program Fund (from 0.5% to 0.75%) in order to maintain the financial solvency of the retirees health insurance program for community college retirees. Beginning July 1, 2010, includes the City Colleges of Chicago to the College Insurance Program for community college retirees.

**SB 1696 DCEO Job Training Grant (Delgado)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Appropriates \$10 million, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the expansion of its Job Training and Economic Development Grant Program. Effective July 1, 2009.

**SB 1796 Re-Enrollment of High School Dropouts (Lightford)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Establishes the Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education (IHOPE) Program to develop a comprehensive system in this state to re-enroll significant numbers of high school dropouts in programs that will enable them to earn their high school diploma. Requires the State Board of Education to implement and administer the IHOPE Program. Provides that the IHOPE Program shall award grants to educational service regions and the Chicago school district from appropriated funds to assist in establishing instructional programs and other services designed to re-enroll high school dropouts. Provides that the IHOPE Program shall provide incentive grant funds for regional offices of education and the Chicago school district to develop partnerships with school districts, public community colleges, and community groups to build comprehensive plans to re-enroll high school dropouts in their regions or districts. Sets forth requirements for programs funded through the IHOPE Program. Provides for an IHOPE Plan, sub-grants, how funding is distributed, state aid, categories of programming, the evaluation of programs, and rules. Effective July 1, 2009.

**SB 1828 Longitudinal Educational Data System (Stearns)**

**ICCTA Position: MONITOR**

Creates the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act. Requires the State Board of Education, ICCB, and IBHE to jointly establish and maintain a longitudinal data system by entering into one or more agreements that link early learning, elementary, and secondary school student unit records with institution of higher learning student unit records.

**SB 1847 Community College Construction Act (Harmon)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Creates the Community College Construction Act. Contains only a short title provision. This is a shell bill for community college use.

**SB 1879 ICCB Technical Bill (Burzynski)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes a technical change in a section concerning the Illinois Community College Board.

**SB 1883 IBHE Baccalaureate Program Grants (Burzynski)**

**ICCTA Position: SUPPORT**

Provides that IBHE shall implement and administer the Collaborative Baccalaureate Degree Development Grant Program, to help deliver upper division courses and bachelor's degree programs offered by bachelor's degree-granting colleges and universities at a location geographically convenient to student populations currently being served by existing public community colleges. Provides that a grant application must be jointly submitted by one public community college and one or more public or private, not-for-profit, four-year colleges or universities. Provides that the Board shall require that each partnering institution (both the community college and the four-year institution or institutions) must also invest in the partnership.

**SB 2013                    ICCB Baccalaureate Program Grants (Demuzio)**

**ICCTA Position:        SUPPORT**

Provides that ICCB shall implement and administer the Collaborative Baccalaureate Degree Development Grant Program, to help deliver upper division courses and bachelor's degree programs offered by bachelor's degree-granting colleges and universities at a location geographically convenient to student populations currently being served by existing public community colleges. Provides that a grant application must be jointly submitted by one public community college and one or more public or private, not-for-profit, 4-year colleges or universities. Provides that the Board shall require that each partnering institution (both the community college and the 4-year institution or institutions) must also invest in the partnership.

**SB 2018                    Elimination of Sales Tax on Textbooks (Bivins)**

**ICCTA Position:        SUPPORT**

Provides that, beginning July 1, 2009, the tax with respect to textbooks required for use at state universities and public community colleges or certain other institutions of higher learning is imposed under these Acts at the rate of 1.25% (eliminating the state's portion of the tax). Authorizes the Department of Revenue to adopt rules. Amends the State Finance Act to adjust the distribution with respect to this tax. Effective immediately.

**SB 2044                    Whistleblower Act Referendum (Kotowski)**

**ICCTA Position:        MONITOR**

Amends the Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act. Provides that the electors of any school district, public community college district, municipality, municipal corporation, or unit of local government may pass, by initiative petition and referendum, a binding ordinance adopting the provisions of the Act (at present, these entities may adopt the provisions of the Act by ordinance or resolution). Provides the requirements for filing a petition and hearing an objection to a petition.

**SB 2124                    Community College Jobs Training Bond (Garrett / Link)**

**ICCTA Position:        SUPPORT**

Allows a board of trustees of a community college district to enter into an agreement with an employer concerning an arrangement to provide new jobs training program services, including (1) new jobs training; (2) adult basic education and job-related instruction; (3) vocational and skill-assessment services and testing; (4) training facilities, equipment, materials, and supplies; and (5) on-the-job training. Requires the agreement to provide for program costs that may be paid from property taxes, tuition, student fees, or special charges. Allows the board to borrow money and issue and sell certificates payable from a sufficient portion of the future receipts of payments authorized by the agreement to provide funds for the present payment of the costs of a new jobs training program. Provides that the board shall, by resolution, provide for the assessment of an annual levy of a standby tax upon all taxable property within the community college district to further secure the payment of the certificates.

**House Resolution 50    Post-Secondary Education Guarantee (Miller)**

**ICCTA Position:        MONITOR**

Resolves that the state of Illinois must guarantee up to two years of post-secondary education or training for all Illinoisans.

**HR 97                      Sustainability Network (Reitz)**

**ICCTA Position:        MONITOR**

Urges the U.S. Congress to fund the Illinois Community College Sustainability Network's request for \$648.6 million from the federal government for the training and development of a green-collar workforce and the creation of green-collar jobs through community college renewable energy and energy conservation projects.

**Senate Joint Resolution 8    Higher Education Minorities Task Force (Lightford)**

**ICCTA Position:        SUPPORT**

Commissions a bi-partisan 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.