



Illinois Community College Trustees Association Action Alert
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Ask legislators to restore community college funding to FY04 levels

Yesterday the House Higher Education Appropriations Committee approved an FY05 budget that restores funding for public universities to the FY 2004 funding level, which is a \$26 million increase above the Governor's recommended budget level. The committee also approved an additional \$16.7 million appropriation for the City Colleges of Chicago to assist that district with its current financial shortfall. (This is NEW money and would not affect funding for other community colleges in the state.) The Illinois Community College Trustees Association provided support for the special appropriation for the City Colleges of Chicago. The budgets must now be approved by the full House and Senate and the Governor for final funding level authorization.

ACTION NEEDED: Please contact your legislators immediately to ask that the community college system budget be restored to the FY 2004 funding levels as were the university budgets. This would restore **nearly \$9 million** to the community college system budget for FY 2005.

For additional legislative updates, contact ICCTA at iccta@communitycolleges.org or 1-800-454-2282.