



Illinois Community College Trustees Association Action Alert
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No progress on budget talks

The Illinois General Assembly met today to consider special legislation that amends the current FY 2004 budget. The legislation would give the state of Illinois \$850 million in short-term borrowing authority to pay off Medicaid bills and draw down additional federal dollars. The bills did not pass since they received less than the required 3/5-majority vote in the Senate. The General Assembly did not consider the FY 2005 budget and related issues during today's deliberations.

The four legislative leaders were scheduled to meet today with the Governor to confer on budget issues for FY 2004. To date, no agreement has been announced that indicates a successful resolution to the FY 2005 budget impasse. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of June have been reserved as potential dates for the General Assembly to reconvene in order to pass a budget for FY 2005.

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association continues to encourage calls to legislators with the following message:

Please support a \$16.7 million special appropriation for the City Colleges of Chicago, and restore the FY 2005 community college system budget to FY 2004 levels.

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