



Weekly Legislative Report

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

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The Illinois General Assembly approved a bipartisan budget deal that invests in public higher education. The budget was negotiated by bipartisan working groups, finalized by legislative leaders, and then approved in a bipartisan vote. Governor Rauner has announced he will sign the budget. Hopefully this signifies an end to partisan budget fights that decimated funding for higher education and ballooned the state's debt.

The state's operating budget totals \$38.5 billion, which is a \$600 million increase over the current budget. Higher education sees a 2% increase, which translates to a \$5 million increase for community colleges. Importantly, the budget deal does not include shifting millions in state pension costs onto the colleges.

The deal also includes a series of pension reforms the state projects will bring in \$445 million in budget savings. Those reforms include: (1) Inactive buyout – vested, inactive workers have the option to cash out when they reach the qualifying retirement age for 60% of the value; (2) COLA buyout – Tier 1 employees owed a compounding 3% COLA in retirement have the option to have the state buyout the compounded COLA for 70% of the value; (3) 6% Rule changed to 3% - if a college awards an end of career raise in excess of 3%, SURS will charge the college to cover the increased expense

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HB 3185 EDUCATION-TECH **Sponsors** Rep. Ammons; Sen. Bennett

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act. Removes references to the abolished State Community College of East St. Louis. Removes outdated provisions. Removes a requirement that vacancies be filled by promotion whenever practicable. Allows the Merit Board to issue subpoenas in the course of any investigation or hearing conducted pursuant to the Act. Removes the power of the Merit Board to set probationary periods of employment. Changes various references from "Director" to "Executive Director". Provides for the appointment of Designated Employer Representatives. Provides that the enumeration of specific duties and powers that the Merit Board may delegate to the Executive Director does not preclude the Merit Board from delegating other duties and powers. Allows the Merit Board to authorize the creation and use of pilot programs to further the goals of the Act. Allows examinations under the Act to be in various forms. Requires examinations in the same classification to be uniform, and provides for the waiver of examination requirements in specified circumstances. Makes changes to provisions concerning veteran preferences and active military service. Moves certain provisions concerning employees promoted in the promotional line and seniority. Makes changes concerning hearings on demotion, removal, or discharge. Expands nondiscrimination protections to include ancestry, age, marital status, order of protection status, disability, military status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or unfavorable discharge from the military.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

With respect to the University Civil Service Merit Board, changes a reference from "chairman" to "chairperson". Removes duplicate language concerning examinations. Allows for the waiver of examination requirements for additional positions, entry level only (instead of just additional positions). Restores language that provides that employees in positions covered by the State Universities Civil Service Act who, while in good standing, leave to engage in military service during a period of hostility shall be given credit for seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces. Makes technical corrections.

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| 5/10/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4242 FOIA-HARASSMENT SETTLEMENTS

Sponsors Rep. McSweeney; Sen. T. Cullerton

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body shall provide notice to the public if the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body enters into a

FAILED LEGISLATION

- HB 4242 - FOIA-Harassment Settlements
- HB 4246-4248 – Local Govt Convention Expense Limitations
- HB 4300 – Community College Tuition Cap
- HB 4371 - \$107B Bond – Pension Liability
- HB 4495 – Vocational Opportunity Act
- HB 4583 – OMA-Special Meetings
- HB 4838 – OMA Post Records
- HB 5471– Bookstore Sales
- SB 779 – Hybrid Benefit Plan
- SB 888 / SB 3045 – BS Nursing at Com. Col.
- SB 2234 – Higher Ed Centers of Excellence
- SB 2365 – BEP Scoring
- SB 2597 – Consolidate IBHE, ICCB, & ISAC
- SB 2845 – Employment Contract – Severance Limit
- SB 2822 – Religious Institution
- SB 3190 – Dual Credit Requirements
- SB 3566 – Uniform Admission

severance agreement with an employee or contractor accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination. Provides that no more than 72 hours after the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body makes a payment under the severance agreement, the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body shall publish on its Internet website and cause to be published, for a period of not less than 7 days, in the newspaper of general circulation having the largest circulation within the jurisdiction of the unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body the following information: (1) the name of the person receiving the payment; (2) the amount of the payment; and (3) the fact that the person receiving the payment has been accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination, as the case may be. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that when a unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body enters a severance agreement with an employee or contractor because the employee or contractor was found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual discrimination, the public body shall publish specified information on its Internet website, if one is maintained, and make available such information to the news media for inspection and copying within 72 hours of the taxing body's approval of the severance agreement. Provides exceptions to disclosure of specified information. Provides that no unit of local government, school district, community college district, or other local taxing body shall incur liability as a result of its compliance with required disclosures, except for willful or wanton misconduct. Provides that disclosure requirements do not supersede the confidentiality provisions of a severance agreement. Provides that nothing in the applicable provisions shall limit disclosure of public records required to be disclosed under the Act or the Freedom of Information Act. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Corrects a cross-reference to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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| 5/31/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4346 SCH CD/HIGHER ED-BLACK HISTORY Sponsor Rep. Jones; Sen. Harris, III

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code and various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. With respect to the requirement that the events of Black History be taught in every public elementary school and high school, provides that a student may not complete the 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying this material and that a school may meet this requirement through an online program or course. Requires every public institution of higher education and community college to offer a course studying the events of Black History. Allows public institutions of higher education and community colleges to meet the requirement by offering an online course.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Removes a provision providing that a student may not complete 8th grade or graduate from high school without studying material on the events of Black History.

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| 5/16/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4395 ETHICS-INTERNET BASED FILING Sponsor Rep. Hays; Sen. Barickman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Removes the prohibition on a candidate for elective office who is required to file a statement of economic interests in relation to his or her candidacy from using the Internet to file his or her statement of economic interests.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts a Section from the engrossed bill concerning Internet-based systems of filing, and makes changes. Removes a provision prohibiting all candidates for elective office who are required to file a statement of economic interests in relation to his or her candidacy under the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act from using the Internet to file his or her statement of economic interests. Specifies that a candidate filing for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, State Senate, or State House of Representatives shall not use the Internet to file his or her statement of economic interests, but shall file his or her statement of economic interests in a written or printed form and shall receive a written or printed receipt for his or her filing. Provides that the duly appointed ethics officer for each legislative caucus shall annually certify to the Secretary of State whether his or her caucus members will file their statements of economic interests electronically or in a written or printed format for that year. Provides that if the ethics officer for a caucus certifies that the statements of economic interests shall be written or printed, then members of the General Assembly of that caucus shall not use the Internet to file his or her statement of economic interests, but shall file his or her statement of economic interests in a written or printed form and shall receive a written or printed receipt for his or her filing. Provides that if no certification is made by an ethics officer for a legislative caucus, or if a member of the General Assembly is not affiliated with a legislative caucus, then the affected member or members of the General Assembly may file their statements of economic interests using the Internet.

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| 5/31/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4412 PEN CD-SURS-SENIOR ADMIN STAFF **Sponsor** Rep. Ammons; Sen. Sims, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Board shall make best efforts to ensure that the racial and ethnic makeup of the System's senior administrative staff represents the racial and ethnic makeup of the System's membership. Provides that "senior administrative staff" includes, but is not limited to, the Executive Director, the Chief Investment Officer, the General Counsel and Freedom of Information Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Member Services, the Director of Outreach, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Internal Audit, the Director of Operations, and the Director of Application Development and Research. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions concerning the allocation and delegation of fiduciary duties, provides that each retirement system, pension fund, or investment board shall make its best efforts to ensure that the racial and ethnic makeup of its senior administrative staff represents the racial and ethnic makeup of its membership. Effective immediately.

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HB 4467 HIGHER ED-POLICE/FIRE GRANT **Sponsor** Rep. Hurley; Sen. Raoul

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. In a Section concerning a police officer or fire officer survivor grant, provides that, with respect to disabled police and fire officers, natural children need not be born before the disability occurred in order to receive the grant. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Further amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. In a Section concerning grants for dependents of Department of Corrections employees who are killed or who become a person with a permanent disability in the line of duty, provides that, with respect to disabled employees of the Department of Corrections, natural children need not be born before the disability occurred in order to receive the grant.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that children (rather than natural children) need not be born, legally adopted, or in the legal custody of the officer or employee (rather than born) before the disability occurred in order to receive the grant.

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| 5/31/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4684 PEN CD-SURS-EMPLOYER CONTRIB **Sponsor** Rep. Martwick; Sen. Aquino

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if an employer fails to transmit required contributions to the System for more than 120 days after the payment of those contributions is due, the Board may certify to the State Comptroller the amount of those delinquent employer contributions and the State Comptroller shall deduct the certified amount from State funds to the employer and remit the amount deducted to the System. Provides that if State funds from which those deductions may be made are not available or if deductions are delayed for longer than 120 days after the date of the certification to the Comptroller, the Board may proceed against the employer to recover the amounts of such delinquent payments in the appropriate circuit court. Adds similar provisions if the employer is a community college district. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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| 5/23/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4710 HIGHER ED-CREDITCARD MARKETING **Sponsor** Rep. Scherer; Sen. Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Provides that the Board of Trustees of a public university or community college district in this State may not enter into an agreement or allow any person or group affiliated with the university or district to enter into an agreement with a credit card issuer to allow the credit card issuer to market credit cards to students. Defines terms. Repeals the Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009. Makes conforming changes in the Freedom of Information Act.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009. Creates the College Student Credit Card Marketing and Debt Task Force. Provides legislative findings. Provides for the membership of the Task Force. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall provide technical and administrative support and any other necessary assistance to the Task Force and shall be responsible for administering its operations and ensuring that the requirements of the provisions are met.

Provides that the Task Force shall conduct a study on student credit card debt; specifies study requirements. Provides that the Task Force shall report the findings of the study conducted and any recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 14, 2018, at which time the Task Force shall be dissolved. Repeals these provisions on November 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

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| 5/16/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4781 HIGHER ED-VETERANS SERVICE ACT **Sponsor** Rep. K. Burke; Sen. McGuire

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Creates the College and Career Interest Task Force. Provides for the membership of the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to study the feasible methods by which the college or career interest data of a high school student in this State may be collected and shared amongst public institutions of higher education. Requires the Task Force to submit the findings of the study to the General Assembly on or before January 30, 2019, at which time the Task Force is dissolved. Repeals the provision on July 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

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| 5/31/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4858 INDUSTRY DEVELOPMNT ASSISTANCE **Sponsor** Rep. Pritchard; Sen. Syverson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Industrial Development Assistance Law. Allows local school districts and community colleges to apply for and receive grants under the Act for the acquisition of land, construction of facilities, and purchase of equipment, dedicated solely to the instruction of occupations in manufacturing. Provides additional eligibility requirements for local school districts and community colleges applying for grants under the Act. Modifies the term "industrial development agency" to include local school districts and community colleges.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Makes changes to the introduced bill to provide that a community college is eligible for a grant if it provides instruction leading to industry-based certificates or degrees, or both, and its application is supported in writing by not less than 25 (in the introduced bill, 100) manufacturing employers.

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| 5/17/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 4882 EDUCATION-TECH **Sponsor** Rep. Mayfield; Sen. Martinez

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. Makes changes to the definition of "cohort", "eligible school", and "hard-to-staff school". In provisions concerning selection of grantees, removes the language providing that the consortium shall consider whether a candidate has experienced an interruption in his or her college education when recruiting potential candidates for the program. Provides that, subject to the requirements under the Dual Credit Quality Act, an institution of higher education

may offer a high school student a dual credit course under the program; defines "dual credit course". Provides that the Board of Higher Education may not adopt rules regarding candidate eligibility that are more restrictive than those in the Act. Effective immediately.

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| 5/29/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 5020 HGER ED-DIVERSE FACULTY GRANT **Sponsor** Rep. Welch; Sen. Bennett

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With regard to the Monetary Award Program, provides that beginning with the processing of applications for the 2020-2021 academic year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall annually publish a priority deadline date for renewing applicants and, subject to appropriation, a renewing applicant who files by the published priority deadline date shall receive a grant if he or she continues to meet the program's eligibility requirements; defines "renewing applicant". Provides that a renewing applicant's failure to apply by the established priority deadline date shall not disqualify him or her from receiving a grant if sufficient funding is available to provide awards after that date. Provides that beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the Commission may not make any Monetary Award Program grants to an applicant enrolled at a for-profit institution; except that until July 1, 2023, the Commission may award a grant renewal to an applicant enrolled at a for-profit institution if he or she otherwise meets the renewal requirements. Allows for rulemaking. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Removes language providing that beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission may not make any Monetary Award Program grants to an applicant enrolled at a for-profit institution.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Changes the definition of "renewing applicant" to mean a student attending an institution of higher learning (rather than a public institution of higher learning) who received a Monetary Award Program grant during the prior academic year.

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| 5/31/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 5021 IBHE-PUBLIC COLLEGE-CLOSING **Sponsor** Rep. Pritchard; Sen. Tracy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that when a public institution of higher education proposes to discontinue operations, it shall file with the Board the original or legible true copies of all academic records of the institution. Provides for the specific contents of the records required to be filed. Provides that where it appears to the Board that any such records are in danger of being lost, hidden, destroyed, or otherwise made unavailable to the Board, the Board may seize and take possession of the records, on its own motion and without order of a court. Requires the Board to maintain a permanent file of all such records coming into its possession. Provides that, as an alternative to the deposit of records with the Board, the public institution of higher education may propose a different means for permanent retention of the records, subject to the approval of the Board. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that if an

institution of higher education proposes to discontinue its operations, the chief administrative officer of the institution shall submit a plan to the Board of Higher Education for permanent retention of all academic records of the institution; defines "academic records" and "institution of higher education". Requires the plan to be approved by the Executive Director of the Board before it is executed. Provides that if it appears to the Board that the academic records may become lost, hidden, destroyed, or otherwise made unavailable to the Board, the Board may seize and take possession of the records, on its own motion and without order of a court. Effective immediately.

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| 5/24/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 5122 DCFS-TUITION & FEE WAIVERS

Sponsor Rep. Welch; Sen. Castro

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Makes post-secondary education tuition and fee waivers available to youth for whom the Department of Children and Family Services has court-ordered legal responsibility, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been adopted and were the subject of an adoption assistance agreement or who have been placed in private guardianship and were the subject of a subsidized guardianship agreement. Requires applicants to have earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution or a high school equivalency certificate or have met the State criteria for high school graduation before the start of the school year for which they are applying for the waivers. Limits the tuition and fee waivers to persons under the age of 26 and provides that waivers shall be available to a student for at least the first 5 years the student is enrolled in a community college, university, or college maintained by the State. Provides that the age requirement and 5-year cap on tuition and fee waivers shall be waived and eligibility extended for applicants or students who were unable to enroll in a qualifying post-secondary school or complete an academic term because the student: (i) was called into active duty with the United States Armed Forces; (ii) was deployed for service in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; or (iii) volunteered in the Peace Corps or the AmeriCorps. Permits the Department to provide the student with a stipend to cover maintenance and school expenses during the academic years to supplement the student's earnings. Requires the Department to develop outreach programs to ensure qualifying youths are aware of the availability of the tuition and fee waivers.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that qualifying youth shall receive a tuition and fee waiver to assist them in attending and completing their post-secondary education (rather than a waiver of all tuition and fees to attend and complete their post-secondary education). In provisions requiring an applicant to meet certain academic and age requirements, provides that the applicant must also apply for federal and State grant assistance by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Provides that the community college or public university that an applicant attends must waive any tuition and fee amounts that exceed the amounts paid to the applicant under the federal Pell Grant Program or the State's Monetary Award Program.

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| 5/29/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 5137 PENCD-TRS-DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

Sponsor Rep. Martwick; Sen. McConchie

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the System shall offer a defined contribution benefit to active members of the System. Provides that the defined contribution benefit shall collect optional employee and optional employer contributions into an account and shall offer investment options

to the participant. Provides that the defined contribution benefit shall be operated in full compliance with any applicable State and federal laws, and the System shall utilize generally accepted practices in creating and maintaining the benefit for the best interest of the participants. Authorizes the System to use funds from the employee and employer contributions to defray any and all costs of creating and maintaining the benefit. Requires the System to produce an annual report on the participation in the benefit and to make that report public. Excludes any benefit increase resulting from the change made by the amendatory Act from the definition of "new benefit increase". Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Further amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the State Universities Article, provides that the System shall offer a defined contribution benefit to active members of the System. Provides that the defined contribution benefit shall collect optional employee and optional employer contributions into an account and shall offer investment options to the participant. Provides that the defined contribution benefit shall be operated in full compliance with any applicable State and federal laws, and the System shall utilize generally accepted practices in creating and maintaining the benefit for the best interest of the participants. Authorizes the System to use funds from the employee and employer contributions to defray any and all costs of creating and maintaining the benefit. Requires the System to produce an annual report on the participation in the benefit and to make that report public. Excludes any benefit increase resulting from the change made by the amendatory Act from the definition of "new benefit increase". Effective immediately.

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| 5/24/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

HB 5247 SCH CD-REG APPRENTICE PROGRAM **Sponsor** Rep. Pritchard; Sen. Weaver

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that, no later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the State Board of Education shall adopt rules as may be necessary to allow students of any high school in this State who are 16 years of age or older to participate in registered apprenticeship programs; defines "registered apprenticeship program". Provides that the rules shall include the waiver of all non-academic requirements mandated for graduation from a high school under the Code that would otherwise prohibit or prevent a student from participating in a registered apprenticeship program. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that the State Board of Education shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding to adopt rules (rather than adopt rules) as may be necessary to allow students of any high school in this State who are 16 years of age or older to participate in the registered apprenticeship programs.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Changes the definition of "registered apprenticeship program" to provide that apprentices in the program may earn postsecondary credit toward a certificate or degree, as applicable.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the definition of "registered apprenticeship program" does not include an apprenticeship program related to construction, as defined under the Employee Classification Act.

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| 5/31/2018 | House | Passed Both Houses |

SB 351

SNAP-ELIGIBILITY-STUDENTS

Sponsor Sen. Morrison; Rep. Wallace**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In regard to SNAP eligibility for part-time students, provides that an educational program offered at a community college under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 that could be a component of a SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program, as identified by the Department of Human Services, shall be considered an employment and training program under a specified federal regulation concerning SNAP work requirements, unless prohibited by federal law. Provides that the Department of Human Services, in consultation with representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, ISAC, the Illinois Workforce Investment Board, and advocates for students and SNAP recipients, shall establish a protocol to identify and verify all potential exemptions to an eligibility rule described in a specified federal regulation and to identify and verify a student's participation in educational programs. Requires the Department to adopt any rules necessary to implement specified provisions on or before January 1, 2018.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

In a provision granting the Department of Human Services rulemaking authority, removes language requiring the Department to adopt rules on or before January 1, 2018.

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| 5/9/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2354

DEGREE PROGRAM ADVICE

Sponsor Sen. McGuire; Rep. Stuart**Senate Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each public institution shall require any student who, upon completing 30 academic credit hours, is interested in pursuing an associate degree or baccalaureate degree at the public institution in which he or she is enrolled or at another public institution to indicate to the public institution in which he or she is enrolled all of his or her degree programs of interest. Provides that the public institution in which the student is enrolled shall make a reasonable attempt to conduct a meeting with the student and an academic advisor of the public institution, who shall inform the student of the prerequisite requirements for the student's degree programs of interest. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall develop a policy to foster the reverse transfer of credit for any student who has accumulated at least 15 hours of academic credit at a community college and a sufficient number of hours of academic credit at a State university in the prescribed courses necessary to meet a community college's requirements to be awarded an associate degree; defines "reverse transfer of credit". Provides that a student wishing to reverse transfer earned academic credit to obtain an associate degree shall agree to the exchange of transcript information between each community college and State university that he or she has attended and shall submit an application and his or her transcripts to a community college for conferral of an associate degree. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact's Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit shall adopt a policy regarding the award of academic credit for military training applicable to meeting a community college's requirements for awarding an associate degree. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to adopt rules to implement the provisions. Amends the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each public institution shall require any student who, upon completing 30 academic credit hours, is interested in pursuing an associate degree or baccalaureate degree at the public institution in

which he or she is enrolled or at another public institution to indicate to the public institution in which he or she is enrolled all of his or her degree programs of interest. Provides that the public institution in which the student is enrolled shall make a reasonable attempt to conduct a meeting with the student and an academic advisor of the public institution, who shall inform the student of the prerequisite requirements for the student's degree programs of interest. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education may not limit the amount of tuition revenue that a public university may waive. Repeals provisions regarding tuition waiver limitations in various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Effective immediately.

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| 5/31/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2527 SCH CD-DUAL CREDIT-ONLINE

Sponsor Sen. Weaver; Rep. Swanson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Prohibits a school board from limiting the number of dual credit courses a student may enroll in or the number of credits a student may receive from dual credit courses. Provides that if a school district establishes an online learning program for students (with exceptions), the school board may not limit (i) which students may participate in the program, (ii) the number of online courses a student may enroll in, or (iii) the number of credits a student may receive from online courses.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall not adopt a policy limiting the number of dual credit courses a student may enroll in or the number of academic credits a student may receive from dual credit courses provided that the course is taught by an instructor under the Dual Credit Quality Act or by a licensed teacher or community college professor or instructor in the State of Illinois. Provides that a school board must award high school course credit to a student for dual credit coursework, unless evidence about the course's rigor and content shows that it does not address the relevant Illinois Learning Standard at the level appropriate for the high school grade during which the course is usually taken, and that credit shall satisfy certain requirements under Code for that course. Provides that a superintendent may limit the number of academic credits a student may earn from dual credit courses if certain requirements under the Code are not being met.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that a qualified student shall be allowed to enroll in an unlimited amount of dual credit courses and earn an unlimited amount of academic credits from dual credit courses if the courses are taught by an Illinois instructor, as provided under the Dual Credit Quality Act.

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| 5/24/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2540 GOVT ETHICS-STOP PAYMENT ORDER

Sponsor Sen. Barickman; Rep. Crespo

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that during the period beginning September 1 of the year of a general election and ending the day after the general election, the proper name or image of any executive branch constitutional officer or member of the General Assembly shall not be included in a public announcement on behalf of an executive branch constitutional officer, member of the General Assembly, or State agency related to any contract or grant awarded by a State agency. Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that

appropriated funds may only be expended during the fiscal year for which they were appropriated. Provides that if any State agency receives a grant or contract from itself from appropriated funds, the recipient agency shall be restricted in the expenditure of these funds to the period during which the grantor agency was so restricted. Amends the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act. Provides that the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall convene a subcommittee of the Illinois Single Audit Commission to provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the adoption of legislation. Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Sets forth provisions concerning the stop payment system. Modifies a Section concerning the adoption of supplemental rules by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Modifies a Section concerning the annual report submitted by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Provides requirements for awarded grants. Sets forth provisions concerning the travel costs incurred by the employees of the recipient or subrecipient of an awarded grant. Requires nonprofit organizations to maintain State grant funds in an account which is separate from non-grant funds. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with changes. Removes certain changes made to the State Comptroller Act and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget Act regarding stop payment orders, but adds a provision providing that upon a request for a stop payment order from a State grant-making agency for a recipient or subrecipient, the Office of the Comptroller shall notify the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit within 30 days of the request. Removes changes made to the State Finance Act regarding limitations to fiscal year appropriations and interfund transfers. Modifies provisions regarding State agencies that receive grants or contracts from appropriated funds. Provides that the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, in conjunction with the Illinois Audit Commission, shall provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the adoption of specified legislation (rather than convene a subcommittee to provide recommendations). Provides that the recommendations shall be submitted January 1, 2020 (rather than January 1, 2019). Adds provisions concerning stop payment order requests made by State grant-making agencies, and whether such stop payment order requests are in the best interests of the State. Specifies additional responsibilities for the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit. Defines and modifies terms. Makes conforming and other changes. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Removes a Section concerning public service announcements and other promotional material. Modifies provisions concerning general and lodging and subsistence travel costs. Removes a provision concerning commercial air travel costs. Makes conforming changes.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Makes changes to the engrossed bill to provide for electronic reporting of the reports included in the bill to the General Assembly. Makes conforming changes.

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| 5/31/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2559 EDU LOAN INFO PILOT PROGRAM

Sponsor Sen. Stadelman; Rep. Wallace

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the Board of Higher Education shall develop a 3-year education loan information pilot program for use by each public institution of higher education that enrolls students who are eligible to receive financial aid. Defines "education loan". Provides that the program shall require that each public institution of higher education that receives education loan information for a student enrolled at the institution provide annually to the student or the parent or guardian of the student certain information relating to the education loans. Provides that a public institution of higher education is not liable for any representations made during the pilot program. Repeals the provision on June 1, 2023.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following change. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to develop the pilot program rather than the Board of Higher Education.

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| 5/21/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2838

DUAL CREDIT PARTNERSHIPS

Sponsors Sen. Bertino-Tarrant; Rep. Manley

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Dual Credit Quality Act. Requires a community college district, upon the request of a school district within the jurisdiction of the community college district, to enter into a partnership agreement with the school district to offer dual credit coursework; specifies requirements for the partnership agreement. Provides that on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, a school district may not enter into a new contract with an out-of-state institution to provide a dual credit course without first offering the community college district in the district in which the school district is located the opportunity to provide the course. Provides for a Model Partnership Agreement and creates the Dual Credit Committee. Makes other changes.

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| 5/31/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2905

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACT-VARIOUS

Sponsor Sen. Pat McGuire; Rep. Hays

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board may, in collaboration with community colleges, furnish information for State and federal accountability purposes, promote student and institutional improvement, and meet research needs. Provides that the Board may review and approve or disapprove (rather than participate in and recommend approval or disapproval of) any contract or agreement that community colleges enter into with any organization, association, educational institution, or government agency to provide educational services and may monitor the performance under any contract. Requires the board of trustees of each community college district to file a written or electronic copy of its annual budget with the Board. Provides that any graduate from a recognized high school or student otherwise qualified to attend a public community college and residing outside a community college district may attend any recognized public community college in this State at the tuition rate of a student residing in the district; requires the Board to pay the community college the difference between the in-district and out-of-district tuition amounts. Provides that, for tuition purposes, a student shall be classified as a resident of a community college district after establishing the 30-day residency requirement of the district. Repeals provisions governing indemnification, deferred maintenance grants, the College and Career Readiness Pilot Program, a directory of graduating vocational and technical school students, and other items. Makes other changes. Amends the State Finance Act to make a conforming change.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that the Illinois Community College Board may review and approve or disapprove any contract or agreement that community colleges enter into with any organization, association, educational institution, or government agency to provide educational services for academic credit (instead of any educational services). Makes a conforming change. Corrects grammatical errors.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

With regard to the Illinois Community College Board's power to review and approve or disapprove any contract or agreement, provides that nothing in the provision shall be interpreted as applying to collective bargaining agreements with any labor organization.

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| 5/30/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2927

AIM HIGH GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

Sponsor Sen. McGuire; Rep. K. Burke

House Floor Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Defines "public university" and "public university campus". Creates the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program. Makes legislative findings and defines terms. Provides that beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each public university in this State may establish a merit-based scholarship pilot program known as the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program. Provides that each year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall receive and consider applications from public universities to participate in the Program and the public university campuses shall distribute grant funds to eligible students; specifies requirements for the grants and other requirements of the Program. Repeals the provision on October 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

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| 5/31/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 2941

HIGH SCH GRAD REQUIREMENT PROG

Sponsors Sen. McGuire; Rep. Mayfield

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. With respect to the State Board of Education's competency-based, high school graduation requirements pilot program, provides that a school district may participate in the program for some or all of its schools (instead of for some or all of its schools serving grades 9 through 12). Allows school districts to collaboratively apply to participate in the pilot program; sets forth provisions governing a collaborative of districts.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Adds an immediate effective date.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Further amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Makes changes with regard to the statewide panel to define transitional mathematics instruction recommendations, transitional mathematics instruction placement and delivery, high school and community college partnership agreements for transitional mathematics instruction, and transitional mathematics instruction statewide supports.

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| 5/30/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if an employer fails to transmit required contributions to the System for more than 120 days after the payment of those contributions is due, the Board may certify to the State Comptroller the amount of those delinquent employer contributions and the State Comptroller shall deduct the certified amount from State funds to the employer and remit the amount deducted to the System. Provides that if State funds from which those deductions may be made are not available or if deductions are delayed for longer than 120 days after the date of the certification to the Comptroller, the Board may proceed against the employer to recover the amounts of such delinquent payments in the appropriate circuit court. Adds similar provisions if the employer is a community college district. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that for State fiscal years (rather than academic years) beginning on or after July 1, 2017, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any State fiscal year exceeds the amount of the salary set by law for the Governor that is in effect on July 1 of that fiscal year (rather than the salary set for the Governor), the participant's employer shall pay to the System an additional contribution. Provides that the additional contribution may be paid within 90 days after issuance (rather than receipt) of the bill. Provides that if the employer contributions are not paid within 90 days after issuance (rather than receipt) of the bill, then interest will be charged at a specified rate compounded annually from the 91st day after issuance (rather than receipt) of the bill. Provides that all payments must be received (rather than concluded) within 3 years after issuance (rather than the employer's receipt) of the bill. Provides that if the employer fails to make complete payment, including payment of any applicable interest, within 3 years, then the System may, after giving notice to the employer, certify the delinquent amount to the State Comptroller, and the Comptroller shall thereupon deduct the certified delinquent amount from State funds payable to the employer and pay them instead to the System. Provides that the provisions concerning earnings in excess of the Governor's salary do not apply to the extent an employer pays the employer normal cost of such earnings. Provides that the changes are intended to apply retroactively to July 6, 2017. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Further amends the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions of the Downstate Teacher Article that require a participant's employer to make an additional contribution if the participant's salary exceeds the amount of salary set for the Governor, removes a provision that specifies that the salary of the participant is determined on a full-time equivalent basis.

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| 5/30/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employee Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act, eligible TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries, community college benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries may elect not to participate in the program of health benefits under the Act. Provides that the election must be made during the benefit recipient's annual open enrollment period, subject to specified conditions. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts and modifies the provisions of the engrossed bill. Removes provisions allowing eligible TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries, community college

benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries to elect not to participate in the program of health benefits under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that eligible TRS benefit recipients and eligible community college benefit recipients may enroll or re-enroll in the program of health benefits established under the Act during any applicable annual open enrollment period and as otherwise permitted by the Department of Central Management Services. Provides that TRS benefit recipients and community college benefit recipients shall not be deemed ineligible to participate solely by reason of the TRS benefit recipient or community college benefit recipient having made a previous election to disenroll or otherwise not participate in the program of health benefits.

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| 5/30/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 3138 HGHR ED-STUDNT IDENTIY-PRIVATE **Sponsor** Sen. Bennett; Rep. Welch

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the identity and address of a scholarship, grant, or financial assistance applicant or recipient under the Act is private information and is exempt from inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act. Makes conforming changes in the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the identity and address of a scholarship, grant, or other financial assistance applicant or recipient under a program administered by the Commission is private information and is exempt from inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that the provision does not apply to the identity of a student recognized through the State Scholar program, Merit Recognition Scholarship program, Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program, or any other program created on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act that is administered by the Commission with the purpose of providing a recipient public recognition of achievement. Makes conforming changes in the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the personal identity and address of a scholarship, grant, or other financial assistance applicant or recipient under a non-discretionary program administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, where eligibility data is obtained from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or is protected from disclosure under federal or State law or under rules and regulations implementing federal or State law, is information that is intended to remain private and shall be exempt from inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

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| 5/28/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 3220 SCH CD-ALT TEACHER LICENSE **Sponsor** Sen. Aquino; Rep. Welch

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends an Article of the School Code concerning educator licensure. Provides that the State Board of Education shall not approve a course of study under the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers unless the State Board can demonstrate that there is a need for a particular type of licensed educator offered by the course of study.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that an institution of higher education that is denied a recommendation for recognition by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board to offer an educator preparation program at the institution may appeal the decision to the State Board of Education. Requires the appeal to state the reasons why the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board's decision should be reversed and to include any other information required by the State Board of Education. Provides that if a majority of the members of the State Board of Education determines that the appeal is untimely or that the proposed educator preparation program does not comply with applicable administrative rules, the State Board of Education must hold a public hearing; specifies hearing requirements.

House Floor Amendment No. 4

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that a not-for-profit institution, institution of higher education, or for-profit institution that is denied an initial recommendation for recognition by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may appeal the denial of recommendation for recognition to the State Board of Education, as provided by rules adopted by the State Board of Education; specifies hearing requirements for an appeal requested by a for-profit institution. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules.

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| 5/31/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 3404 SEXUAL VIOLENCE-HIGHER EDUC

Sponsor Sen. Raoul; Rep. C. Mitchell

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Provides that a statement of the higher education institution's obligation to include an amnesty provision that provides immunity to any student who reports, in good faith, an alleged violation of the higher education institution's comprehensive policy to a responsible employee shall include possession or use of a controlled substance. Amends the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act. Provides that every hospital providing hospital emergency services and forensic services to sexual assault survivors shall provide after a medical evidentiary or physical examination, access to a shower at no cost, unless showering facilities are unavailable. Amends the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Provides that upon the request of the victim, the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall provide a free copy of the police report concerning the incident, as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 5 business days from the request. Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934 and the Illinois Controlled substances Act limiting prosecution for certain offenses if the person is reporting the commission of a sexual assault if certain perquisites are met. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that reporting to law enforcement authorities includes consenting to an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit under the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act. Amends the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act. Provides that law enforcement shall give notice that the sexual assault forensic evidence collected will not be used to prosecute the victim for any offense related to the use of alcohol, cannabis, or a controlled substance. Makes other changes.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Provides that if the victim consented to the collection of evidence using an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit under the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act, it shall constitute reporting for purposes of the provision (in Senate Amendment No. 1, reporting to law enforcement authorities includes consenting to an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit under the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act).

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Deletes language providing that the victim's attorney may be present during any stage of a medical

examination.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill. Further amends the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act. Provides a victim shall have 10 years (currently, 5 years) from the completion of an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit, or 10 years from the age of 18 years, whichever is longer, to sign a written consent to release the sexual assault evidence to law enforcement for testing. Makes conforming changes to the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act.

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| 5/31/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SB 3604 GOVERNMENT SEVERANCE PAY ACT **Sponsor** Sen. T. Cullerton; Rep. Kifowit

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Government Severance Pay Act. Provides that a unit of government that enters into a contract or employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement, that contains a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent, employee, or contractor must include specified provisions in the contract. Provides that nothing in the Act creates an entitlement to severance pay in the absence of its contractual authorization or as otherwise authorized by law. Defines terms.

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| 5/29/2018 | Senate | Passed Both Houses |

SR 1647 COLLEGE COMPLETION RATES **Sponsor** Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced

Recognizes that there are significant disparities in college degree completion rates for low-income and first generation college students and students of color at institutions across the State. Commits to closing statewide racial and socioeconomic degree attainment gaps and institutional achievement gaps and encourages institutions of higher education to implement and expand existing student success efforts that have evidence of improving educational outcomes for low-income and first generation college students and students of color. Urges the State's P20 Council is to update the State's 60 by 25 goal to include equity-focused targets aimed at closing institutional racial and socioeconomic achievement gaps.

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