

# Legislative Summary

99<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
Higher Ed Legislation

**Triton**  
COLLEGE

**HB 4630**

**OPEN MEETING-CLOSED SESSION**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/99/PDF/099-0515.pdf>

**Effective June 30, 2016**

- amends the Open Meeting Act to allow for access to verbatim recording and minutes of closed meetings to elected officials or appointed officials filling a vacancy of an elected office
  - someone filling a vacancy must be able to have access to information divulged in meetings open to the public
- no verbatim recordings or minutes of closed meetings can be copied or removed from the public body's main office or official storage location except by court order

**HB 4820**

**LIQUOR-TECH**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB4820lv.pdf>

**Effective July 15, 2016**

- alcoholic liquors may be served or sold in the buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees for a community college for public events
  - does not apply to student-related events
- the Board of Trustees must issue a written policy within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act for the types of events that would be exempt from these rules, and may issue revised, updated, new or amended policies

**SB 2505**

**EDUC-INTL BACCALAUREATE EXAM**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2505lv.pdf>

**Effective July 22, 2016**

- amends the College and Career Successes for All Students Act
- scores of 4 or higher on IB Diploma Programme exams must be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions of higher education
- each institution must determine for each IB test whether credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or major requirements and the IB scores required to grant credit for the purposes

**HB 5561**

**COM COLLEGE-ACCELERATE PROGRAM**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB5561lv.pdf>

**Effective July 22, 2016**

- amends the Public Community College Act, creates the Accelerate College pilot program
- authorizes a community college district board of trustees to enter into an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement with any school district wholly contained within the community college district's jurisdiction
- an agreement must offer a group of high school students the right to take community college courses without paying tuition for those courses
- provides for the size of the program, and allows community colleges to charge fees limited to the actual operating costs and related student activities
  - coursework completed by high school students in a community college must be transferable to all public universities in the state
  - they must be transferable on the same basis as coursework completed by community college students who previously earned high school diplomas
- requires the ICCB to study the effectiveness of the program and to issue an annual report

**HB 5894**

**ADULT ED-AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB5894lv.pdf>

**Effective July 28, 2016**

- amends the Adult Education Act with respect to Area Planning Councils
- makes changes concerning membership on an Area Planning Council, sets forth provisions for officers and the development of bylaws, the chairperson of the Council, and the designation of sub-areas within a Council district
- requires the ICCB to determine the guidelines for the bylaws and operation of a Council
- removed provisions concerning joint Councils and Councils for school districts not included within the boundaries of a community college district
- makes changes concerning an Area Adult Education plan and the Board's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for adult education

**HB 6009**

**BD HIGHER ED- ILL COM COL BD**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB6009lv.pdf>

**Effective July 28, 2016**

- amends the State Finance Act, the Board of Higher Education Act, and the Public Community College Act
- provides for the Board of Higher Education's master plan for community colleges to be made in cooperation with the ICCB
- removes the need for approval from the Board of Higher Education or for ICCB approval with respect to certain community college provisions
  - takes authority away from Board of Higher Ed
- removes provisions requiring uniform financial accounting and reporting standards and principles for community colleges
- removed the requirement for ICCB to file copies of uniform financial statements from audit reports with the Board of Higher Education
- requires a community college district to report administrator and faculty salaries and benefits to the ICCB instead of the Board of Higher Education
- repeals Sections concerning a state university and college information system, an annual community college education study and report, the Academic Improvement Trust Fund for Community College Foundations, adverse court decision grants, State Community College District No. 601, and a mobile response workforce training pilot program
- Transfers some oversight and power to the ICCB over the Board of Education

**HB 5729**

**POSTSECOND/WORKFORCE READINESS**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB5729lv.pdf>

**Effective July 29, 2016**

- creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act
- sets forth provisions concerning:
  - postsecondary career expectations
  - a competency-based, high school graduation requirements pilot program
  - transitional mathematical courses
  - reading and communication transitional competencies
  - college and career pathway endorsements
  - state Distinction programs, and administrative rules

- this focuses on transition courses, courses in high school that allow students to enter college without remediation

**SB 2613**

**CHILD BEREAVEMENT ACT**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2613lv.pdf>

**Effective July 29, 2016**

- creates Child Bereavement Leave Act and amends the State Finance Act
- an employee may use specified amounts of leave to grieve the death of a child, attend services in relation to the death of a child, or make arrangements necessitated by the death of a child
- enforcement comes from the Department of Labor
- authorized leave is reduced from 20 work days to 10 work days, an employee must provide notice unless notice is not reasonable or practicable, there is no qualifying employment period, authorizes up to 6 weeks leave if more than one child dies within a 12-month period

**SB 2974**

**VEH CD-CERT OF TITLE & REG FEE**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2974lv.pdf>

**Effective July 29, 2016**

- amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide that beginning with the 2017 registration year, permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued, for a one time fee of \$8.00, to vehicles that do not require a school bus driver permit to operate, and are owned by a public school district from grades K-12 or a public community college

**HB 4330**

**SCH CD-STATE SEAL BILITERACY**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB4330lv.pdf>

**Effective January 1, 2017**

- requires each public university in Illinois to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework

- each public community college and public university must establish criteria to translate a State Seal of Biliteracy into course credit based on foreign language course equivalencies
- college or university must award foreign language course credit to a student who has received a State Seal of Biliteracy upon request from an enrolled student

**HB 5566**

**COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY BOARD**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB5566lv.pdf>

**Effective January 1, 2017**

- chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council may authorize the creation of a working group to focus on tuition, financial aid, and other issues related to keeping postsecondary education affordable for Illinois residents
  - Illinois P-20 Council's goal is to increase the proportion of adults in Illinois with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60% by the year 2025

**SB 2155**

**AUDGEN COM COL AUDIT**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2155lv.pdf>

**Effective January 1, 2017**

- amends the Illinois State Auditing Act and provides that the Auditor General conduct a financial and compliance audit of one-third of community colleges
  - every college is audited every three years
- requires that documentation be made available to auditor general
- provides that certain audits under the Public Community College Act not be prohibited in years a community college is not audited by the Auditor General
- ICCB must convene an advisory committee to review the findings and make recommendations for changes or additions to the law or review procedures

**SB 2157**

**COM COL- TRUSTEE TRAINING**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2157lv.pdf>

**Effective January 1, 2017**

- amends the Public Community College Act with elected board trustees who have been elected after the effective date of this act
- any voting member must complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training
- the community college must maintain on its website the names of all elected noting trustees of the community college district's board who have successfully completed the training
- provides the training may be provided by an association established for the purpose of training community college board of trustees or by other qualified providers approved by the ICCB
  - The training must cover:
    - Open Meetings Law
    - Community college and labor law
    - Freedom of information law
    - Ethics
    - Sexual violence on campus
    - Financial oversight and accountability
    - Audits
    - Fiduciary responsibilities

**SB 2158**

**COM COL- EMPLOYEE CONTRACT**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2158lv.pdf>

**Effective January 1, 2017**

- amends the Public Community College Act
- provides that “beginning 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of a new board of trustees to a community college district”:
  - no addendum to modify an employee agreement between a district and another party may be agreed to or executed
  - nor may an employment contract be made and entered into between the board of an established district and another party
- if the current board must take such action at any time during the 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of April in odd-numbered years until the first organizational meeting of the new board due to a reasonable emergency (a defined term):
  - action then must be terminated within 30 days after the first organizational meeting unless the new board reaffirms the agreed-upon addendum or new employment contract

- essentially, this prohibits changing once changes have been made to the Board of Trustees

**SB 2159**

**HIGHER ED- EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2159lv.pdf>

**Effective January 1, 2017**

- amends acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act
- sets forth provisions governing employment contracts entered into, amended, renewed, or extended after the effective date of the amendatory Act, excluding collective bargaining agreements
- requires the governing board of a university or community college district to complete an annual performance review of the president and any chancellors of the higher education institution
- the annual performance review must be considered when the board contemplated a bonus, raise or severance agreement for the president or chancellor

**SB 3301**

**IL ARTICULATION INITIATIVE**

**Public Act**

**PDF:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB3301lv.pdf>

**Effective January 1, 2017**

- creates the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act, and requires all public institutions of higher education to participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer consistency
- requires:
  - all sending and receiving institutions to maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum package to ensure seamless transfer
  - all institutions to maintain up to 4 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major, provided the institution has equivalent majors and courses
  - all institutions to provide faculty, as appointed by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, to serve on panels in the review of courses
  - provides that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative codes must be directly transferable either as a part of the General Education



Core Curriculum package or as equivalent major courses to a college offering the specific major

- provides that students receiving the General Education Core Curriculum package must not be required to take additional freshman or sophomore level general education courses and must be able to transfer seamlessly
- sets forth the duties of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board
- intention of bill is to ease transfer for students enrolled in participant community colleges and universities

**HB 4675**

**ICCB-FEDERAL**

**Updated 8/4/2016: Sent to Governor**

**PDF: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB4675lv.pdf>**

- amends the Public Community College Act to provide that ICCB Adult Education Fund and the Career and Technical Education Fund are federal funds, not “special funds”, in the State treasury
  - affects how Triton College receives this funding

**HB 5683**

**OPEN MEETINGS-CIVIL ACTION**

**Updated 8/4/2016: Sent to Governor**

**PDF: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB5683lv.pdf>**

- when provisions of the Open Meeting Act are not complied with a person may bring a civil action in the circuit court within 60 days of the decision by the Attorney General

**HB 5938**

**HIGHER ED-MEDICAL PROVIDERS**

**Updated 8/4/2016: Sent to Governor**

**PDF: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/HB/PDF/09900HB5938lv.pdf>**

- amends the Veteran’s Home Nurses Loan Repayment Act and renames the Act to the Veteran’s Home Medical Provider’s Loan Repayment Act and renames the Nurse Loan Repayment Program and the Medical Providers Loan Repayment Program
- requires that the program provide assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses (not just nurses)
- provides that an applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the Illinois Student Assistance Commission finds that the applicant is working as a physician, registered professional nurse, or certified nursing assistant

**SB 232**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE-RESIDENCY**

**Updated 8/4/2016: Sent to Governor**

**PDF: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB0232lv.pdf>**

- amends Public Community College Act with respect to grants to community colleges

- provides that students be classified as residents of the district without meeting the 30-day residency requirement of the district if they are currently residing in the district and are youth who are either:
  - Currently under the legal guardianship of the IL Department of Children and Family Services or
  - who have been recently emancipated from the Department and who had previously met the 30-day residency requirement of the district but had a placement change into a new community college district
- requires the student or a caseworker to provide the district with proof of current in-district residency
- this changes residency rules for children who's guardianship has been taken over by the IL Department of Children and Family Services

**SB 2156**

**PEN CD-SURS-SEVERANCE PAYMENTS**

**Updated 8/4/2016: Sent to Governor**

**PDF: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2156lv.pdf>**

- amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code
- provides that severance payments are not included in the definition of "earnings" (therefore not pensionable)

**SB 2839**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE-EXPLUSIONS**

**Updated 8/4/2016: Sent to Governor**

**PDF: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2839lv.pdf>**

- amends the Public Community College Act to provide that a community college district board of trustees may, in the board's discretion, suspend, expel, or remove a student for any act of sexual abuse, as defined in certain provisions of the Criminal Code of 2012, while enrolled at the community college, regardless of whether the act occurred on or off the community college campus or whether the act is related to a college activity or college attendance

**SB 2840**

**SCH CD- HIGH SCH EQUIVALENCY**

**Updated 8/4/2016: Sent to Governor**

**PDF: <http://ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB2840lv.pdf>**

- amends the school code with respect to the High School Equivalency Testing Program, requires a regional superintendent of schools to waive required fees for an applicant who:
  - qualifies as a homeless person, child or youth
  - is not yet 25 at the time of the test
  - can verify status as a homeless person