BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Legislation and External Affairs Committee

FEBRUARY 27, 2014
AGENDA

NIU Board of Trustees
LEGISLATION, AUDIT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 a.m. – Thursday – February 27, 2014
Board of Trustees Room
315 Altgeld Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Verification of Appropriate Notification of Public Meeting

3. Meeting Agenda Approval

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2013

5. Chair’s Comments/Announcements

6. Public Comment*

7. University Report
   a. Division of Marketing and Communications Annual Report
   b. Illinois General Assembly Legislative Report
   c. State Budget Update
   d. Federal Relations Report

8. Other Matters

9. Next Meeting Date

10. Adjournment
The Board and its committees comply with P.A. 91-0715 through its Bylaws, Article II, Section 5.B:

1. Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and reasonable constraints determined by these Bylaws and the Chair, at each regular or special meeting of the Board or its committees that is open to the public, members of the public may request a brief time on the approved agenda of the meeting to address the Board on relevant matters within its jurisdiction.

2. Committees of the Board review University proposals for action and make adjustments and endorsements as appropriate for further consideration by the full Board. Public comments are generally most useful at meetings of Board committees, where proposals are first considered and the time for interaction most feasible.

3. To facilitate an orderly process, appearance requests must be registered on a Board-provided form and submitted to the Board's Parliamentarian at least 45 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to be called to order. To be recognized, the appearance request will include the name, address and position of the individual wishing to speak, the name of the organization or group represented, a concise summary of the presentation, and whether the requestor has appeared earlier on the topic before any other meeting of the Board. The Parliamentarian may confer with registered speakers to cooperatively assist the Chair of the meeting in assuring coordinated issue presentation and an efficient use of allocated time. The Parliamentarian will acquaint requestors with the generally acceptable rules of decorum for their presentations. In lieu of oral presentations, individuals may present brief written materials not to exceed five (5) pages to the Parliamentarian for distribution and consideration by the Board in advance of the meeting.

4. The Chair of the meeting will recognize duly registered individuals at the appropriate point during the meeting. Unduly repetitive comments may be discouraged and restricted by the Chair. To assure an orderly and timely meeting the Chair may limit time allotments to five minutes or less, may delay or defer appearances when appropriate, and defer or refer questions received from presenters for answers if available.

Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in the NIU Board of Trustees meetings should contact Ellen Andersen, Director of Special Events, at (815)753-1999, as soon as possible, normally at least a week before the scheduled Board meeting.
Minutes of the
NIU Board of Trustees
LEGISLATION, AUDIT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
November 7, 2013

Minutes will be available at the meeting.
Kathryn Buettner, Vice President of the Division of Marketing and Communications, will present a PowerPoint presentation focused on the university's 2013 marketing/recruitment metrics.
ILLYNOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BUDGET

HB4359 – Higher Education – Performance Metrics
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Fred Crespo

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that beginning in Fiscal Year 2015, allocations to public universities based upon performance metrics shall not amount to less than 1% of the overall higher education budget amount for public universities from the General Revenue Fund. Effective immediately.

HB4513 – NIU Appropriation
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Robert Pritchard
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 3, 2014

Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to Northern Illinois University for its FY15 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2014.

HB5187 – NIU Appropriation
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jim Durkin

Appropriates $2 from the General Revenue Fund to Northern Illinois University for its FY15 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2014.

HB5848 – Budget Requirements – Full Year Submission
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Carol Sente
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. In a Section concerning budget information submitted by the Governor, provides that no budget shall be submitted that encompasses less than a full fiscal year. Provides that each appropriations bill constituting the budget of the State of Illinois for the coming fiscal year and each budget implementation bill for the coming fiscal year shall be posted on the Governor's Office of Management and Budget's website not less than 10 business days before the bill is moved to third reading in the second chamber of the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

HB5979 – 72-Hour Budget Review
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cross
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Creates the 72-Hour Budget Review Act. Sets forth time requirements for which certain appropriation or revenue legislation must be made publicly available before passage. Provides that the time requirements may be waived by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the full committee or chamber considering the legislation. Effective immediately.
SB2950 – Higher Education – Performance Metrics  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Dale Righter  
Status of Bill: Senate – Committee on Assignments – February 2, 2014

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the funding for the allocations to public institutions of higher education based upon performance metrics for Fiscal Year 2015 must be at least 0.5% above Fiscal year 2014's funding and, for each of Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019, must be at least 1% above the previous fiscal year's funding. Effective immediately.

SB3451 – Higher Educ. – Pay Forward Pay Back  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Michael Frerichs  
Status of Bill: Senate – Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to create a pilot program called Pay Forward, Pay Back to replace the current system of charging undergraduate students tuition and fees and other educational expenses at a public institution of higher education. Requires the Board to identify one public institution of higher education to participate in the pilot program. Provides that the pilot program shall (1) allow undergraduate students to attend the institution without paying for tuition and fees, books and supplies, and room and board; (2) provide that, in lieu of paying, students must sign binding contracts to pay to the State of Illinois or the institution, for a specified number of years, a certain percentage of the student's annual adjusted gross income as soon as he or she earns an income after graduation from the institution, but in no event may payments begin to be made more than 10 years after graduation from the institution; (3) specify the number of years and the percentage of annual adjusted gross income for contracts and base the specifications on research to date; (4) guarantee graduation from the institution within 4 years after enrollment if the student makes sufficient educational progress and does not change his or her academic major or major concentration; and (5) establish an immediate funding source for the first 15 to 20 years of the pilot program and include the establishment of a revolving fund to deposit payments made under the pilot program. Requires the Board to submit reports to the General Assembly.

CAPITAL

HB4244 – Capital Grants  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jim Durkin  
Status of Bill: House – Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading – Short Debate

Amends the Private Colleges and Universities Capital Distribution Formula Act. Provides that if an institution received a certain grant and fails to meet the definition of "independent college" before the term of the grant is ended, the remaining funds shall be re-distributed unless its facilities for which the grant was given are operated by another institution that qualifies as an independent college. Further provides that in the event that the facilities are operated by another institution that qualifies as an independent college, the entire balance of the grant shall be transferred to that successor institution for the duration of the grant. Further provides that in the event that, on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act, the remaining funds have been re-allocated or re-distributed to other independent colleges, or the Illinois Board of Higher Education has planned for the remaining funds to be re-allocated or re-distributed to other independent colleges, before the 5-year period for the utilization of funds has ended, any funds so re-allocated or re-distributed shall be deducted from future allocations to those other independent colleges and be re-allocated or re-distributed to the initial institution or the successor entity operating the facilities of the original institution if: (i) the institution that failed to meet the definition of "independent college" once again meets the definition of "independent college" before the 5-year period has expired; or (ii) the facility or facilities of the former independent college are operated by another entity that qualifies as an "independent college" before the 5-year period has expired. Effective immediately.

CONCEALED CARRY/FIREARMS

Approximately fifty bills have been introduced or are still in consideration from the 2013 session on the topic of conceal carry and firearms. In the report we have only included the bills that have shown
movement. All other conceal carry legislation is currently in the House Rules Committee or the Senate Committee on Assignments.

**HB3762 – Firearm Owners ID 18 Years**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Jack Franks  
**Status of Bill:** House – Firearms Subcommittee – Judiciary Hearing 2/19

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Lowers the age in which a person may apply for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card without parental or legal guardian consent from 21 years of age to 18 years of age. Provides that an applicant who is 18 (rather than 21) years of age or older seeking a religious exemption to the photograph requirement must furnish with the application an approved copy of United States Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form 4029. Effective immediately

**HB4290 – Certified Firearms Instructor**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Ed Sullivan, Jr.  
**Status of Bill:** House – Assigned to the Judiciary Committee – February 11, 2014

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that a certified firearms instructor who knowingly provides or offers to provide a false certification that an applicant has completed firearms training as required under the Act is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Provides that a person guilty of this violation is not eligible for court supervision. Provides that the Department of State Police shall permanently revoke the firearms instructor certification of a person convicted of this violation. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to make a conforming change. Effective immediately.

**HB4376 – Firearm Transport**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Josh Harms  
**Status of Bill:** House – Assigned to the Judiciary Committee – February 11, 2014

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person who has been issued a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card may transport in a vehicle an accessible rifle, shotgun, or other long gun without the weapon being broken down in a non-functioning state or without the weapon being enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container if the firearm is unloaded.

**SB2594 – Firearms/Liquor Store**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Melinda Bush  
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Subcommittee of Firearms – February 4, 2014

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that any owner of an establishment that serves alcohol on its premises who maintains a retail liquor license as provided in the Act and allows for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on its premises as an on premise consumption retailer, (deletes if more than 50% of the establishment's gross receipts within the prior 3 months is from the sale of alcohol) who knowingly fails to prohibit concealed firearms on its premises or who knowingly makes a false statement or record to avoid the prohibition of concealed firearms on its premises under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act shall be guilty of a business offense with a fine up to $5,000. Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm on or into any building, real property, and parking area under the control of an establishment that maintains a retail liquor license as provided in the Liquor Control Act of 1934 and allows for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on its premises as an on premise consumption retailer (rather than serves alcohol on its premises, if more than 50% of the establishment's gross receipts within the prior 3 months is from the sale of alcohol).

**SB2646 – Firearm FOIA Liability Insurance**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Ira Silverstein  
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Subcommittee on Firearms – February 4, 2014

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides that the Department of State Police has authority to deny an application for or to revoke and seize a Firearm Owner's Identification Card
previously issued under the Act if the Department finds that the applicant or the person to whom the card was issued is or was at the time of issuance not covered by a policy of liability insurance in the amount of at least $100,000 specifically covering any damages resulting from negligent or willful acts involving the use of a firearm while owned or carried by the person. Provides that a person shall be deemed the owner of a firearm after the firearm is lost or stolen until the loss or theft is reported to the police department or sheriff of the jurisdiction in which the owner resides.

**SB2652, 53 & 54 – Conceal Carry Exemptions**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Gary Forby  
**Status of Bills:** Senate – Subcommittee on Firearms – February 4, 2014

SB 2652 - Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Deletes provision prohibiting a licensee from knowingly carrying a firearm into a building or real property that has been issued a Special Event Retailer's license during the time designated for the sale of alcohol by the Special Event Retailer's license, or a Special use permit license during the time designated for the sale of alcohol by the Special use permit license. Effective immediately.

SB 2653 - Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Deletes provision prohibiting the knowing carrying of a firearm into a public gathering or special event conducted on property open to the public that requires the issuance of a permit from the unit of local government. Effective immediately.

SB 2554 - Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Deletes provision that prohibits a licensee from knowingly carrying a firearm into a building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public or private hospital or hospital affiliate, mental health facility, or nursing home. Effective immediately.

**SB2669 – Conceal Carry – Signage Private Property**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Don Harmon  
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Subcommittee on Firearms – February 4, 2014

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that a person shall not carry a concealed firearm onto private real property of any type without prior permission from the property owner. Provides that a real property owner shall indicate permission to carry concealed firearms onto the property by clearly and conspicuously posting a sign at the entrance of a building, premises, or real property under his or her control, except this posting is not required if the property is a private residence. Provides that the sign shall be at least 4 inches by 6 inches in size (rather than exactly that size). Effective immediately.

**ETHICS**

**SB2683 – Ethics/Partisan Appointees**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Tim Bivins  
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Referred to Committee on Assignments

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that, for purposes of determining the partisanship of any person who is appointed by the Governor to an office that either requires specific partisanship or limits the number of appointees from a single political party that may be appointed, the vote of that person in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment shall determine their partisanship for that person’s term of office. Provides that a person who did not vote, or who voted but did not request a partisan ballot, in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment or who voted but requested partisan ballots for 2 or more different political parties in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment shall be deemed an independent for purposes of determining partisanship for that person’s term of office.
SB3496 – Public Official/Continuing Education  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Dave Syverson  
Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to Committee on Assignments

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Requires each public official who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, is elected or appointed to office to complete an 8-hour continuing education program established by Econ Illinois-Illinois Council on Economic Education and approved by the Illinois Community College Board within 2 years after the date he or she is first elected or appointed and every 2 years thereafter for as long as he or she remains a public official. Authorizes a fine to be levied against a public official who fails to timely complete the continuing education requirement. Prohibits a public official from being elected or appointed to public office if he or she fails to timely pay the fine and complete the required continuing education.

FINANCE/OPERATIONS

HB3653 – Higher Education/Underserved Population  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Mary Flowers  
Status of Bill: House – Assigned to the Higher Education Committee – Hearing Feb 26, 2014

Creates the Underserved Population Loan Program Act and Amends the State Finance Act. Creates an interest-free loan program, which shall be known as the Underserved Population Loan Program, to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to provide encouragement to, an opportunity for, and an incentive for qualified persons to pursue a baccalaureate degree at a public university. Requires the Commission to consider applications for participation in the Program each academic year. Sets forth eligibility requirements for participation in the Program, including requiring an applicant to have insufficient funds to pay for the costs of attending a public university. Requires the Commission to enter into a Program agreement with each Program participant; provides that prior to receiving a loan under the Program, a participant must sign the Program agreement; and sets forth what the participant must pledge to do. Contains provisions concerning the loans, the Underserved Population Loan Program Fund, and rules. Effective immediately.

HB4268 – Labor Agreement Hearings  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jeanne Ives  
Status of Bill: House – Assigned to the State Gov't Administration Comm. – Feb. 11, 2014

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that, once an agreement is reached between a public or educational employer and its employees regarding all of the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, the agreement shall be reduced to writing and published on the website of the public or educational employer. Requires the public or educational employer, not less than 14 days after publishing such an agreement, to hold an open public meeting on the ratification of that agreement. Makes conforming changes in the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

SB68 – Minimum Wage  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Kimberly Lightford  
Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to the Executive Committee – February 5, 2014

Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

SB2202 – Smoke Free Campus  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Terry Link  
Status of Bill: Senate – Higher Education Committee - Hearing February 19, 2014

Creates the Smoke-Free Campus Act. Sets forth the General Assembly's findings. Provides that beginning on July 1, 2014, smoking is prohibited on each campus of a State-supported institution of higher education. Provides that on or before December 31, 2013, each State-supported institution of higher
education shall establish a community task force for the purpose of coordinating with community and campus leaders for the implementation of the Act. Provides that the governing board of each State-supported institution of higher education shall implement the Act and shall promulgate all policies and regulations necessary for this purpose, including, but not limited to, disciplinary action, fines, and an appeals process. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the prohibition against smoking on each campus of a State-supported institution of higher education shall not apply to any instance in which an individual is traveling through or parked on a campus in a vehicle that is not owned by a State-supported institution of higher education.

SB2724 – Earned Sick Time
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Antonio Munoz
Status of Bill: Assigned to the Labor and Commerce Committee – Hearing February 19, 2014

Creates the Earned Sick Time Act. Provides that all employers that employ 20 or more employees shall provide paid sick time to their employees. Requires all employers to provide a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked by an employee, regardless of whether the employee is full-time or part-time, with a minimum of 2 days of paid sick time per calendar year. Provides for administration by the Department of Labor. Provides enforcement provisions and sets penalties. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

SB3526 – Big Ten Feasibility Study
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Matt Murphy
Status of Bill: Senate - Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amend the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a Big Ten Feasibility Study Commission to deliberate and determine the feasibility of having another public university in this State become a part of the Big Ten Conference and how this might be accomplished, while remaining revenue neutral to this State. Sets forth the membership of the Commission, and provides that members shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement for their expenses. Requires the Commission to meet within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, to hold public hearings, to invite witnesses of interest, to take testimony, and to file a report with the General Assembly and the Board on or before January 1, 2015. Dissolves the Commission upon filing of the report, and repeals these provisions on January 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

SB3553 – Higher Education-Participation Certificate
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Michael Frerichs
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the State University Certificates of Participation Act. Provides that the board of trustees of a State university has the power to enter into financing agreements in connection with the financing or refinancing (instead of just the financing) of capital improvements by selling certificates of participation in the installment payments made under such financing agreements; makes a related change. Provides that a State university must present to the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability information on the amount being financed or refinanced (instead of just financed), the nature of the project being financed or refinanced (instead of just financed), and the status of all currently outstanding (instead of currently issued) certificates of participation. Sets forth the maximum annual debt service amount for a State university's total outstanding (instead of total) certificate of participation obligation. Provides that the Act applies until December 31, 2024 (instead of December 31, 2014); makes a related change. Effective immediately.
GRANTS/ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

SB2682 – Organized Labor History/Curriculum
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Michael Hastings
Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to the Education Committee – February 19, 2014

Amends the School Code. Requires the study of the history of organized labor in America and the collective bargaining process to be included in the teaching of the history of the United States. Effective July 1, 2014.

SB2699 – Advanced Placement Exam Credit
Primary Sponsor: Sen. William Delgado
Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to the Higher Education Committee – February 19, 2014

Amends the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that a student who takes a College Board Advanced Placement examination and receives a score of 3 or higher on the examination is entitled to receive postsecondary level course credit at a public institution of higher education. Requires each public institution of higher education to comply with the same standard of awarding course credit to any student receiving a score of 3 or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination and applying the credit to meet a corresponding course requirement for degree completion at that institution of higher education. Effective immediately.

SB3183 – College Planning Act
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Dan Kotowski
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to Committee on Assignments - February 11, 2014

Amends the College Planning Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

SB3441 – Higher Education Distance Learning
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Pat McGuire
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to Committee on Assignments - February 14, 2014

Creates the Higher Education Distance Learning Act. Provides that in recent years, distance education offered by institutions of higher learning has been increasing, with such distance education being offered on an interstate basis by many institutions. Provides that the provision of distance education is declared to affect the public safety and welfare and shall be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. Provides that the Board of Higher Education is authorized to participate in a state authorization reciprocity agreement on behalf of this State. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall be the lead agency in coordinating interstate reciprocity for distance learning for participating institutions in this State. Sets forth provisions governing agreements where Illinois is the home state or the reciprocal state. Provides that this Act applies only to distance learning programs and authorizes the Board of Higher Education to adopt rules for the execution of its powers and duties under the Act. Creates the Distance Learning Fund to supplement support for the administration and enforcement of the Act. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Distance Learning Fund.

GOVERNANCE

HB3244 – Higher Education/Technical
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jack Franks
Status of Bill: Assigned to the Higher Education Committee – Hearing February 19, 2014

Amends the University of Illinois Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning tuition waivers.
HB4284 – U of I Student Trustee Residency  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Naomi Jakobsson  

Amends the University of Illinois Trustees Act. With respect to the requirement that a student trustee be a resident of this State, prohibits the University from using residency for tuition purposes as a factor in making the determination that a student is or is not a resident of this State. Effective June 1, 2014.

HB4812 – University Credit and Retail Sales Act  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jim Durkin  

Amends the University Credit and Retail Sales Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning enforcing the Act.

HB5385 – Tuition Waiver Repeal  
Primary Sponsor: Luis Arroyo  

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of State universities. Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a State university who have been employed by any one or by more than one State university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years to receive a 50% tuition waiver.

HB5677 – Higher Education/Technical  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Norine Hammond  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Western Illinois University Law. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning creating the Board of Trustees.

HB5678 – WIU Sell Property/Retain Proceeds  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Norine Hammond  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Western Illinois University Law to allow the Board of Trustees to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer and convey specified property in Rock Island County without compliance with the State Property Control Act and to retain the proceeds in the University treasury in a special, separate development fund account that the Auditor General shall examine. Allows revenues from the development fund account to be withdrawn by the University for certain purposes. Effective immediately.

HB5679 – WIU-High School Feedback  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Norine Hammond  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Western Illinois University Law. With respect to the university’s high school feedback system, requires the Board of Trustees to cooperate with the Board of Higher Education in submitting to each high school attendance center an annual report concerning the graduates of that high school attendance center. Effective immediately.

HB5681 – WIU-Board of Trustee Meeting  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Norine Hammond  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Western Illinois University Law. Requires one of the Board of Trustees’ quarterly meetings to be held on the Quad Cities campus of Western Illinois University. Effective immediately.
SB3180 – Gubernatorial Boards/Demographic Info.  
Primary Sponsor:  Sen. William Delgado  
Status of Bill:  Senate – Assigned to the Executive Appointments Comm. – February 19, 2014

Amends the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act. Provides that an application for appointment to a gubernatorial board or commission shall include a data field where an applicant shall disclose his or her ethnicity, gender, and disability status for reporting purposes. Provides that by May 1 of each year, the Governor shall file a report with the General Assembly and the Legislative Research Unit detailing (1) the demographic information (ethnicity, gender, and disability status) of each appointment made by the Governor during the prior year, (2) the aggregate demographic information for those persons who applied for an appointment with the Governor's office, but were not appointed during the prior year, and (3) the demographic composition of the gubernatorial appointees on each board, commission, and task force as of the date of the report. Requires the Legislative Research Unit to publish an annual report detailing the demographic composition of the gubernatorial appointees on each board, commission, and task force as of the date of the report.

SB3453 – Higher Education/Technical  
Primary Sponsor:  Sen. Michael Frerichs  
Status of Bill:  Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the University of Illinois Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Board of Trustees.

MISCELLANEOUS

HB2341 – Alcohol Poisoning Immunity  
Primary Sponsor:  Rep. Naomi Jakobsson  

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that a person who, in good faith, seeks or obtains emergency medical assistance for someone experiencing alcohol poisoning shall not be charged or prosecuted for violation of the Act if (1) the evidence for the charge was acquired as a result of the person seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance and (2) the individual remains at the scene of the event or medical facility until a law enforcement officer, medical provider, or emergency responder arrives. Provides that this immunity is not available to a parent seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance for a minor experiencing alcohol poisoning after the parent served the minor alcohol in violation of the Act. Provides that a person under 21 years of age who is experiencing alcohol poisoning and is in need of medical assistance shall not be charged or prosecuted for violation of this Act if evidence for the charge was acquired as a result of the person seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance. Provides that the limited immunity within the Act shall not be extended if law enforcement officers have reasonable suspicion or probable cause to detain, arrest, or search the person for criminal activity and the reasonable suspicion or probable cause is based on information obtained prior to or independent of the individual taking action to seek or obtain emergency medical assistance, and not obtained as a direct result of the action of seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that there is no immunity for violation of the Act for members of organizations, other than the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance, or individuals engaged in hazing.
HB3749 – Higher Education Employee Loans  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jack Franks  
Status of Bill: House – Placed on the Order of 3rd Reading – February 19, 2014

Creates the Higher Education Employee Loan Act. Provides that if a not-for-profit higher education institution located in this State or its foundation makes a loan to an employee or contractor of either the institution or the foundation, then the annual rate of interest must be equal to the prevailing loan interest rate in effect at the time the institution or foundation approves the loan, except that the institution or its foundation may not make a loan to an employee or contractor of either the institution or the foundation for the purpose of purchasing a non-primary residence. Prohibits such an institution or foundation from forgiving a loan made to an employee or contractor of either the institution or the foundation. Requires the Board of Higher Education to adopt enforcement rules, which may include the imposition of a civil penalty. Effective immediately.

HB5651 – Government Reform Task Force  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. John Anthony  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Creates the Government Reform Task Force to investigate ways to streamline State government, reduce spending and waste, find and suggest changes to duplicative, onerous, or redundant statutes and rules, and make suggestions to eliminate any other inefficiencies in the manner in which State government conducts State business. Sets forth Task Force membership. Provides that members of the Task Force shall not receive compensation for services, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses. Requires the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015. Contains a repeal provision.

HR750 – Congratulations – Jordan Lynch  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Robert Pritchard  
Status of Bill: House - Placed on Calendar order of Agreed Resolutions – January 29, 2014

Congratulates Jordan Lynch on all of his accomplishments at Northern Illinois University, including his 3rd place finish in the vote for the 2013 Heisman Trophy.

HR805 – House Rule Amend  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jim Durkin  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 5, 2014

Amends the House Rules. Adds Rule 37.7.

HR832 – College Textbook Options  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Kenneth Dunkin  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 18, 2014

Encourages the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee, and other student leaders, college officials, faculty, college bookstores, and publishers to discuss ways that college students may be better informed of these different textbook options and how access to them can be increased, without adversely impacting any existing textbook rental or already established access or affordability programs available to Illinois students.

SB2640 – Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity – Border States  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Melinda Bush  
Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to the State Gov’t & Veterans Affairs Committee – Hearing February 19, 2014

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the strategic business development plan prepared by the Illinois Business Development Council shall include: (i) an assessment of the economic development practices of states
that border Illinois and (ii) recommendations for best practices with respect to economic development, business incentives, business attraction, and business retention for counties in Illinois that border at least one other state. Effective immediately.

**SB2873 – Emerging Technology Investment**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Emil Jones, III  
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Referred to the Committee on Assignments – February 4, 2014

Amends the College Campus Press Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

**SB3314 – 21st Century Workforce**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Dave Syverson  
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Referred to the Committee on Assignments – February 14, 2014

Amends the Municipal Clerk Training Act. Extends the provisions of the Act to deputy municipal clerks. Reduces the number of ex-officio members of the Municipal Clerk Training Institute Committee to one member (currently, 9 members). Provides that the ex-officio member's term may be designated by the governing board of any Illinois university or college at the request of the Executive Board of the Municipal Clerks of Illinois. Makes other changes.

**OPEN MEETINGS/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

**HB2747 – FOIA/Electronic Requests**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Don Harmon  
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Placed on the Order of 3rd Reading – January 29, 2014

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Authorizes written FOIA requests to be submitted to a public body by electronic mail. Requires each public body to post an email address where requests for public records may be directed.

**HB4437 – Open Meetings Notification**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Halbrook  
**Status of Bill:** House – Assigned to the State Gov’t Administration Comm. – Feb. 11, 2014

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Deletes a provision which provided that if a notice or agenda is not continuously available for the required period due to actions outside of the control of the public body, then that lack of availability does not invalidate any meeting or action taken at a meeting. Effective immediately.

**HB4438 – Open Meetings-Request During Meeting**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Halbrook  
**Status of Bill:** House – Assigned to the State Gov’t Administration Comm. – Feb. 11, 2014

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that if a person requests information from the corporate authorities of a public body during a meeting and if the corporate authorities of the public body do not respond to the request during the meeting, then the corporate authorities of the public body shall provide a written response to the request prior to or at the next meeting of the public body. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

**HB4559 – Higher Education/Athletic Uniforms**  
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Derrick Smith  
**Status of Bill:** House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 4, 2014

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois and the Public Community College Act. With respect to students of a public university or community college who participate in an interscholastic, institution-sponsored, or institution-supported athletic activity, provides that if the athletes
for a particular athletic activity are required to wear uniform articles of clothing, whether during practice, during competition, or at any other time, the articles of clothing must be manufactured in the United States. Provides that the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board may adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer these provisions. Effective immediately.

**HB4719 – FOIA–Public Body Penalties**  
**Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dwight Kay**  
**Status of Bill: House – Referred to Rules Committee – February 5, 2014**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body that willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act, or otherwise acted in bad faith, is guilty of a business offense (rather than being subject to a civil penalty) and subject to a fine of not less than $2,500 nor more than $5,000 for each occurrence. Provides that an individual acting on behalf of a public body who willfully and intentionally fails to comply with the Act is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and subject to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 60 days.

**HB4794 – Open Meetings–Vendor Negotiation**  
**Primary Sponsor: Rep. Al Riley**  
**Status of Bill: House – Referred to Rules Committee – February 7, 2014**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Exempts from open meetings requirements negotiations of a public body when the discussion involves entering into contracts with a vendor.

**HB5553 – FOIA Violation Penalties**  
**Primary Sponsor: Rep. Brad Halbrook**  
**Status of Bill: House – Referred to Rules Committee – February 13, 2014**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that an individual acting on behalf of a public body who willfully and intentionally fails to comply with the Act is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Effective immediately.

**SB2926 – FOIA–Records on Website**  
**Primary Sponsor: Sen. Daniels Biss**  
**Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to the Executive Committee – February 11, 2014**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body is not required to copy and make available for public inspection a public record that is published on the public body's website if the public body's Freedom of Information officer certifies that the online record is a true and accurate copy of the original record maintained by the public body. Provides that the Freedom of Information officer shall notify the person requesting the public record that it is available online. Provides that if the person requesting the public record is unable to access the record online, the public body is then required to copy and make available the public record. Effective immediately.

**SB3072 – FOIA 911 Exemptions**  
**Primary Sponsor: Sen. Bill Cunningham**  
**Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to the Executive Committee – February 19, 2014**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts from copying and disclosure under the Act recordings of 911 emergency calls. Provides, however, that a public body shall make a copy of such a recording available to: (i) a law enforcement agency for the purpose of furthering a criminal investigation; (ii) the caller whose voice is on the 911 recording or, if the caller is deceased or incapacitated, the legal representative of the caller or the caller's estate; or (iii) any person if the caller, emergency telephone operator, or 911 agency is a defendant in a civil or criminal proceeding and the 911 emergency call relates to that proceeding.
SB3273 – FOIA-Exemptions E-Records  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Linda Holmes  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Changes the definition of "commercial purpose" to mean the purpose or intent to use (rather than "the use of") any part of a public record or records, or information derived from public records, in any form for sale, resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or services or to otherwise further a commercial, trade, or profit interest or enterprise, as those terms are commonly understood. Provides that a public body may make its records available through any publicly accessible electronic means and may respond to a request by notifying the requester that the record is available through its Internet website or other publicly accessible electronic means. Provides procedures in the event that the requester is unwilling or unable to access the record electronically. Provides that a public body is not required to respond to a request for records to be used for a commercial purpose and makes corresponding changes. Provides that a person who knowingly obtains a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose after being requested to do so by the public body is liable to the public body for a civil penalty equal to 3 times the cost of time, materials, equipment, and personnel expended by the public body in copying or producing the record and for any attorney's fees and other costs incurred by the public body in collecting the penalty. Exempts from disclosure records relating to all employee performance reviews and personnel evaluations and records and all complaints and investigatory material relating to a public body's adjudication of employee grievances or disciplinary cases. Exempts from disclosure records relating to litigation of a civil or criminal nature to which the public body is or may be a party or to which an officer or employee of the public, as a consequence of the person's office or employment, is or may be a party. Provides that the Attorney General must make available on the website of the Office of the Attorney General a copy of each binding opinion, each advisory opinion, and, for any instance in which the Attorney General resolves a request for review by mediation or by means other than the issuance of a binding opinion, each nonbinding opinion or other correspondence or document that constitutes the final decision by the Attorney General in resolving that request for review.

PENSIONS

SB2642 – Pension Stabilizations Fund  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Dale Righter  
Status of Bill: Senate – Assigned to the Subcommittee on Special Issues – Feb. 5, 2014

Amends the Budget Stabilization Act. Increases the amount transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund to 90% (currently 10%) of the specified sums. Provides that the transferred amount is intended to represent nine-tenths (currently one-tenth) of the annual savings to the State resulting from the enactment of Public Act 98-599. Effective immediately.

SB3189 – Public Employee Benefits  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Dan Kotowski  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Committee on Assignments – February 11, 2014

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

PROCUREMENT

HB3683 – Procurement-Intergovernmental  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Ron Sandack  

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that contracts of $250,000 or more between (i) the State and its political subdivisions, (ii) the State and other governments, or (iii) State governmental bodies are not exempt from the Code. Effective immediately.
HB4187 - Procurement-Intergovernmental
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dwight Kay

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that on and after the effective date of this Act, contracts of $250,000 or more between the State or any State agency and another state or the federal government may be entered into only by a separate Act of the General Assembly. Provides that a contract executed before the effective date of this amendatory Act valued at more than $250,000 between the State or any State agency and another state or the federal government may be renewed or extended only by a separate Act of the General Assembly. Provides that copies of such contract shall be filed with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of State upon execution. Effective immediately.

HB4218 – State Finance/Appropriation/Universities
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Naomi Jakobsson

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that, when an appropriation has been made by the General Assembly for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the operation, maintenance, and administration of each of the State's public universities, the State Comptroller shall draw his or her warrant on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same upon the presentation of itemized vouchers, issued, certified, and approved by the president of that university (now, by the president and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the university, with the corporate seal of the university attached). Effective immediately.

HB4430 – Procurement-Intergovernmental
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Ron Sandack

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that contracts of $250,000 or more between (i) the State and its political subdivisions, (ii) the State and other governments, or (iii) State governmental bodies are not exempt from the Code. Effective immediately.

HB5491 – Procurement Code
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 13, 2014

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that every 3 years, beginning July 1, 2014, the Policy Procurement Board shall contract with an outside vendor to conduct a procurement efficiency review, and shall report the findings from its review together with recommendations for improvement to the Governor and the General Assembly. Provides that "prohibited conduct" includes requested payments or other consideration to a third party by the University or State Agency that is not part of the solicitation or that is unrelated to the subject matter or purpose of the solicitation. Provides that all State agencies shall, in consultation with the Department of Central Management Services, evaluate the State's existing lease portfolio prior to engaging in a procurement for real property or capital improvements. Effective immediately.

HB5652 – Procurement Code
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Adam Brown
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides for the identification and reporting of emergency purchases caused by agency process failures or delays; specifies the information to be reported. Effective immediately.
HB5947 – Preferable Procurement  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires State agencies to contract for professional services preferable to businesses owned by minorities, females, or persons with disabilities.

Student Financial Aid

HB4463 – Higher Education Map Grants  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Renee Kosel  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 3, 2014

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, by rule, to determine standards for awarding Monetary Award Program grants and renewals based on financial need and academic qualifications. Provides that these rules must be adopted on or before January 1, 2015. Makes related changes concerning the eligibility of applicants. Provides that if grant assistance covers the cost of a course at an institution of higher learning and the student withdraws from or otherwise fails to complete the course prior to the end of the course, then the Commission shall proportionally reduce the amount of the grant awarded to the student or the Commission shall require the student to repay an equivalent amount to the Commission. Effective immediately.

HB4565 – Higher Education-Family Practice  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. La Shawn Ford  

Amends the Family Practice Residency Act. Makes changes concerning the purpose of the Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall have the power and duty to establish programs (instead of a program) for the repayment of the educational loans of primary care physicians and other health care providers within specialties determined to be eligible by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration for the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (instead of just the loans of primary care physicians) who agree to serve in designated shortage areas. Removes a provision setting forth the maximum annual payment that may be made to an individual. Allows the Department to use tobacco settlement recovery funding or other available funding to implement the programs. Effective immediately.

HB4652 – DCFS-Education Scholarships  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Sara Feigenholtz  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to Rules Committee – February 5, 2014

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. In provisions concerning scholarships and fee waivers, provides that each year the Department of Children and Family Services shall select a minimum of 53 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) to receive scholarships and fee waivers which will enable them to attend and complete their post-secondary education at a community college, university, or college (rather than may select from among the youth under care, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been adopted or are in a guardianship placement, a maximum of 48 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) who have earned a high school diploma from a public school district or a recognized nonpublic school or a certificate of general education development (GED), or who have met the State criteria for high school graduation). Provides that youth shall be selected from among the youth for whom the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility, youth in the KinGap program, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been adopted; and that recipients must have earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution, a General Education Development certificate or diploma, or have met the State criteria for high school graduation before the start of the school year for which they are applying for the scholarship and waiver. Provides that scholarships and fee waivers shall be available to students for at least 5 years, provided they are continuing to work toward graduation; and that unused
scholarship dollars and fee waivers shall be reallocated to new recipients. Contains provisions concerning
the selection committee and Department reports on measures of success.

**HB4749 – Education-Technical**
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Arthur Turner
**Status of Bill:** House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 5, 2014

Amends the Higher Education Loan Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning aiding an
Authority Education Loan financing program.

**HB5162 – Education-Technical**
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Jim Durkin
**Status of Bill:** House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 7, 2014

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning
the Monetary Award Program.

**HB5164 – Education-Technical**
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Jim Durkin
**Status of Bill:** House – Referred to the Rules Committee

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act’s
purpose.

**HB5836 – Higher Education-Business Scholarship**
**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Dwight Kay
**Status of Bill:** House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to establish and administer a program in which
businesses in this State provide scholarships to eligible students who agree to practice in professions in
areas of this State demonstrating the greatest need. Provides that, prior to receiving scholarship
assistance for any academic year from a business, the scholarship recipient shall be required by the
business to sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges to practice full-time in a profession
agreed upon with the business in an area of this State agreed upon with the business one year for each
year he or she is a scholarship recipient. Sets forth provisions concerning the failure of recipient to fulfill
the scholarship obligation. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement the program. Provides
for a tax credit for contributions made to the scholarships.

**SB2765 – EIU-Tuition Waiver Limit Program**
**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Dale Righter
**Status of Bill:** Senate – Assigned to the Higher Education Committee – February 19, 2014

Amends the Eastern Illinois University Law. Makes changes in provisions concerning the tuition waiver
limitation pilot program. Removes language referring to the program as a pilot program, terminating the
program after the 2015-2016 academic year, and repealing the provisions on July 1, 2019. Provides for
an institutional tuition waiver limitation of 10% in the fourth year of the program and thereafter (instead
of 10% in the fourth year of the pilot program). Requires the Board of Trustees to report to the Board of
Higher Education every 2 years instead of annually.
SB3260 – Income Tax-Student Loans  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Michael Frerichs  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction in an amount equal to the difference between the total amount of interest paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year on any qualified education loan and the amount of the deduction claimed by the taxpayer under a provision of the Internal Revenue Code for the same loan. Provides that the deduction is exempt from the Act’s automatic sunset provision. Effective immediately.

SB3306 – Higher Education-MAP Grants  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Chapin Rose  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With respect to the Monetary Award Program, provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall, twice a year (instead of each year), receive and consider applications for grant assistance. Provides that the first application period for grants for the next academic year shall be open to all eligible students and the second application period shall occur immediately before commencement of the academic year and shall be open only to non-traditional students and traditional students who missed the first application deadline due to unforeseen circumstances, as defined by the Commission. Requires the Commission to apportion grant funds between persons who applied during the first application period and person who applied during the second application period, in such manner as the Commission shall determine. Effective immediately.

SB3307 – Education-Technical  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Chapin Rose  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the State scholar program.

SB3511 – Education-Technical  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Pat McGuire  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change concerning the Act’s purpose.

SB3519 – Education-Technical  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Daniel Biss  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Monetary Award Program.

SB3527 – Higher Education-Prepaid Tuition  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Jason Barickman  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignment Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act. Requires public institutions of higher education to certify the future costs of tuition and mandatory fees at the public institution of higher education. Effective immediately.
SB3528 – Prepaid Tuition Contracts  
Primary Sponsor: Sen. Jason Barickman  
Status of Bill: Senate – Referred to the Assignments Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the State Treasurer Act and the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act. With respect to the College Savings Pool, provides that for accounts opened on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the State Treasurer may receive moneys paid into the pool by the Illinois Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, which shall be permitted to match, dollar for dollar, with limitations, annual contributions made to an account. Provides that Illinois prepaid tuition contracts may not be entered into on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that only annuities may be purchased under the Illinois prepaid tuition program. Provides that the purchaser of a contract entered into before the effective date of the amendatory Act may (i) retain funds under the contract, (ii) transfer the cash value of the contract to the College Savings Pool, (iii) cash out of the contract pursuant to the contract's terms, or (iv) transfer funds into an annuity. Effective immediately.

VETERANS

HB4744 – Personnel-Veterans  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Donald Moffitt  

Amends the Personnel Code. Provides that a person is qualified for a veterans preference of 2 points if the person completed his or her first term of enlistment or obligation, regardless of whether or not that person was placed on active duty status, and the person: (1) was discharged under honorable conditions, (2) was discharged on the ground of hardship, or (3) was released from active duty because of a service connected disability. Effective immediately.

HB5581 – Vehicle Code-Military Plate Parking  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. Michael McAuliffe  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that persons with a special issue license plate in the military series are exempted from the payment of fees generated by parking in a metered space or in a publicly owned parking area.

HB5590 – University-In State Tuition-Veterans  
Primary Sponsor: Rep. John Anthony  
Status of Bill: House – Referred to the Rules Committee – February 14, 2014

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that if a person is a veteran (defined as any person who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces or any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia), then the governing board of the university shall deem that person an Illinois resident for tuition purposes even if he or she is not a resident of this State. Effective July 1, 2014.
STATE BUDGET UPDATE

On February 4, 2014, the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved its Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Recommendations for Higher Education Operations, Grants and Capital. Using an approach first developed in FY09, the IBHE budget recommendations provide funding levels or spending plans at four investment or "step" levels. For public universities, the level of General Funds provided in the step budget proposals are Step 1: 0.0 percent or flat, and in Steps 2, 3 and 4, increases of 2.0 percent, 4.1 percent, and 6.3 percent, respectively.

Table 1: Provides the Higher Education budget at the Step 1 level. While public universities overall are funded at FY14 levels or "flat" funded, NIU would lose $28,000 at this step due to the 0.5 percent or $6.0 million carve out for performance funding. Several other schools also lose funding at this Step.

Table 2: Provides the IBHE capital priority list for FY15. NIU has four projects on the list, and the Computer Science/Health Informatics building is number 2 on the list.

Table 3: Provides detail on the IBHE's $350 million recommendation for capital renewal funds. In this recommendation, NIU would receive $20.4 million for critical repair and maintenance projects.

Tables 4-7: Provide details on Public University funding at all four Steps. NIU loses $28,000 in Step 1, then would see an increase of 1.9 percent, 3.9 percent, and 6.1 percent in Steps 2, 3 and 4.
### Table 1

**ILLINOIS HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET**

General Funds Appropriations for Operations & Grants and Retirement

FY 2015 IBHE Recommendations (Step 1)

($ in 000s)

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Note: General Funds = General Revenue Fund and Education Assistance Fund. Does not include CSU/ Sinai/ UI Pharmacy funding from the General Professions Dedicated Fund, CSU Education Improvement Fund, State College and University Trust Funds (license plates), Fire Prevention Fund, Emergency Public Health Fund, Used Tire Fund, Hazardous Waste fund.
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## Table 3

### ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

#### Capital Renewal Allocations

**FY 2015 IBHE Recommendations**

($ in 000s)

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### Table 4

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**

General Funds Appropriations for Operations

**FY 2015 IBHE Recommendations**

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**Note 1:** At Steps 2, 3 and 4, the Public University Total increases 2.0 %, 4.1 % and 6.3 %, respectively.

**Note 2:** At Steps 2, 3 and 4, NIU increases 1.9 %, 3.9 % and 6.1 %, respectively.
## Table 5

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| PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TOTAL              | $1,232,192.0 | $1,256,835.8 | $24,643.8 | 2.0%   |
### Table 6

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**

General Funds Appropriations for Operations

**FY 2015 IBHE Recommendations**

($ in 000s)

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**PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TOTAL**

|                  | $1,232,192.0 | $1,282,868.9 | $50,676.9 | 4.1% |

Legislation and External Affairs Committee

February 27, 2014
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FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT

The Omnibus Spending Bill Passes on January 16, 2014

The House and Senate have negotiated an appropriations bill that will fund the Federal government for the remainder of federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2014. The bill establishes a non-defense discretionary spending target of $1.012 trillion in 2014 and $1.14 trillion in 2015. The bill does roll back some of the spending cuts under sequestration and preliminary analyses suggest that many Research & Development (R&D) agencies would recover the funding lost from sequestration with a number of agencies poised to receive funding allocations slightly ahead of FY12 levels.

Prior to the Bill passing, NIU’s President Baker joined with the Presidents from the University of Illinois, Northwestern University and Southern Illinois University, to express their support of a bipartisan budget agreement.

Below are some initial projections for the federal agencies that may be of interest to the NIU Community.

National Science Foundation: The NSF will receive a 4 percent increase, or $288 million over FY13. The bill included full funding for the international ocean drilling program and the Noyce scholars program to train science teachers while removing restrictions on Political Science programs. Other appropriations for general NSF activities include: $5.8 billion for research and related activities, $846.5 million for education and human resources, and $200 million for major research equipment and facilities construction. Preliminary estimates project that the increase will allow the Foundation to support 780 more competitive grants.

National Institutes of Health: While nearly all institutes will get a modest bump, funding remains lower than FY12 levels meaning the agency has still not regained its footing due to last year’s funding drop. The National Institute on Aging received a funding boost due to both Congress’ and the White House’s aim to focus research on Alzheimer’s disease as did the National Institute of Mental Health and National Institute of Neurological Disease and Stroke due in part to the President’s BRAIN initiative. NIH will continue to fund its science education programs while Congress debates the President’s proposal to consolidate federal STEM education programs. Preliminary estimates indicate that the bill will allow NIH to fund 385 more research grants than it did in 2013.

Department of Defense: While the agency will experience an estimated $6.9 – 8.4 billion decrease in research and development depending on the benchmark date for comparison. Most of the funding decreases will be in the Department’s downstream technology development programs (for example the development and engineering support for maturing or already-fielded weapons systems, vehicles, and communications platforms). While there is an overall decrease in funding, several medical research programs will see marked increases including: cancer research, traumatic brain injury and psychological health research, suicide prevention outreach programs, and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs.

Department of Energy: DOE will receive a 20 percent increase over sequestration levels and a 9.3 percent increase above FY12 levels (or a 5.3 percent increase in constant dollars). The DOE Office of Science is the primary federal agency supporting basic energy research as well as directly supporting open access user facilities (e.g. Argonne National Laboratory and Fermilab). Basic research programs in Advanced Computing, Fusion Energy and Nuclear Physics fared exceptionally well as did High Energy
Physics. The Advanced Research Projects –Agency (ARPA-E) fared better than expected while the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OERE) stands poised to shift its funding from bioenergy to advanced manufacturing.

**Department of Education (and International Education Programs):** The FY14 budget appropriation for the Department of Education is $70.6 billion, representing a $740 million decrease from FY13 pre-sequestration levels. Despite the decrease, Congress appropriated $75 million for the new First in the World (FITW) program. FITW has been billed as a replacement for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education’s Comprehensive Program and modeled after Investing in Innovation (I3).

International education programs, including Fulbright-Hays grants and Title VI were funded at $72.1 million, representing a modest recovery from sequester induced cuts. Title VI programs include programs such as the Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowships and National Resource Centers. Also of note, the FY2014 omnibus did not heed the recommendation from last year’s Senate report that $2 million be set aside for study abroad under Section 604(b) of the Higher Education Act and instead encourages the Department of Education to explore other sources of support for study abroad.

Most Education programs, particularly those within the Office of Postsecondary Education (Titles III and V, TRIO, GEAR UP) will receive level funding for the third straight year. Appropriations included a complete lack of funding for the Top College Affordability programs, instead allotting an increase in the Federal Pell Grant to $5,730; with total funding for the Pell Grant Program at $22.8 billion. Work study received $975 million while the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need and Javits Fellowship programs received a combined $29 million.

**Arts and Humanities**

**National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)/National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH):** Each agency will be funded at just over $146 million for FY14, a decrease of about $250,000 from pre-sequestration FY13 levels. Appropriations for the NEA are being well received after last year’s sequestration cuts threatened to reduce the agency by 49 percent.

**Institute for Museum and Library Science:** The agency will experience a modest decrease in funding from $232 million in FY13 (pre-sequester) to $226.86 million in FY14.

**Corporation for Public Broadcasting:** The agency will receive $445 million for FY14. This funding is consistent with the agency’s FY13 pre-sequester funding level.

**Support for Veterans Education Legislation**

In January, NIU provided a letter to Representative Foster (IL D-11) in support of his amendment to HR300, the GI Bill Fairness Act, which would permit foster children and wards of service men and women to be eligible for GI Bill education benefits. NIU also provided a letter to Representative Kinsinger (IL R-16) detailing recent enhancements to the support we provide to veterans and service members to enroll at NIU and to succeed here as students. The letter noted that over the last year, enrollment among veterans and service members has increased 10 percent to nearly 1,000 students.