

SPRING 2019 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Submitted for: Information.

Summary: This report updates the Board on the Spring 2019 Legislative Proposals.

Action Requested: None.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Illinois Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) legislative proposals for the Spring 2019 legislative session are:

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act Change (110 ILCS 930/3)

The IBHE is looking to reduce the number of members on the Program Board from 21 to 11. During the budget impasse, the program received no funding thereby negating a need to meet. Since the Fiscal Year 2018 budget included funding for the program, the Board has had to be reconstituted. However, with 21 members, attaining a quorum is proving difficult. Therefore, IBHE is requesting to reduce the membership to 11.

All of the appointments are made by IBHE. Members receive no compensation nor are they reimbursed for expenses. Currently there are 11 members of the Board. The Program Board is responsible for:

- (a) Establishing policy for administration of the DFI grant program authorized by the Act, including criteria to promote placement of grant recipients;
- (b) Reviewing and approving applications for participation in the DFI grant program;
- (c) Establishing subcommittees or panels as necessary to review applications and promote student placement; and
- (d) Reporting annually to the IBHE on program outcomes and results, including lists of new and continuing scholarship award recipients by institution, level, and field of study; lists of recipients retained in the program from the previous year; lists of placements of most recent program graduates; a description of institutional efforts to place program graduates; and a description of policy and administrative actions designed to increase placement of grant recipients.

This initiative was introduced in the spring of 2018 and did not advance completely through the legislative process. Therefore, it will be reintroduced in 2019.

Annual Report on Public University Revenue and Expenditures Reporting Date Change (30 ILCS 105/13.5)

Per the State Finance Act, the Revenue and Expenditure report is due to the Governor and General Assembly by October 30 each year (120 days after the conclusion of each fiscal year). IBHE would like to revise the due date for the Annual Report on Public University Revenue and Expenditures to November 30 (150 days after the conclusion of each fiscal year) each year.

Public university budget officers receive final fiscal year-end financial statements from the university fiscal officers during the last week of September or the beginning of October. Information in these statements is used to complete Historical RAMP (Resource, Allocation and Management) data submitted to IBHE. Occasionally, adjustments, extractions and in some cases proration calculations of certain data have to be made since the financial statements may not match

exactly what the legislative language requests for the Revenue and Expenditure report or what is requested in the Historical RAMP data. For these reasons, the current due date is very difficult to achieve.

Therefore, the revised due date of November 15 would operationally assist both IBHE and the public universities and would reduce the likelihood of audit findings.