

AN ACT concerning higher education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by adding Section 45 as follows:

(110 ILCS 305/45 new)

Sec. 45. Faculty and staff contact with public officials.  
All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management Act is amended by adding Section 30 as follows:

(110 ILCS 520/30 new)

Sec. 30. Faculty and staff contact with public officials.  
All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or

judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by adding Section 5-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 660/5-140 new)

Sec. 5-140. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended by adding Section 10-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 665/10-140 new)

Sec. 10-140. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or

judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended by adding Section 15-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 670/15-140 new)

Sec. 15-140. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by adding Section 20-145 as follows:

(110 ILCS 675/20-145 new)

Sec. 20-145. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or

judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is amended by adding Section 25-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 680/25-140 new)

Sec. 25-140. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended by adding Section 30-150 as follows:

(110 ILCS 685/30-150 new)

Sec. 30-150. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or

judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended by adding Section 35-145 as follows:

(110 ILCS 690/35-145 new)

Sec. 35-145. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of the University are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the University, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the University.

Section 50. The Public Community College Act is amended by adding Section 3-29.4 as follows:

(110 ILCS 805/3-29.4 new)

Sec. 3-29.4. Faculty and staff contact with public officials. All faculty and staff members of a community college are free to communicate their views on any matter of private or public concern to any member of the legislative, executive, or

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judicial branch of government, State or federal, without notice to or prior approval of the community college, so long as they do not represent that they are speaking for or on behalf of the community college.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.