**Health Science Librarians of Illinois Legislative Committee Report**

**Submitted by Eric Edwards and Michael Wold, Committee Co-Chairs**

**July 29, 2014 (for HSLI Board meeting on August 7, 2014)**

1. Committee Members: Michael Wold (OSF St. Mary Medical Center) and Eric Edwards

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1. Current Projects: The Legislative Committee has continued to track legislation at both the state and national levels. When appropriate, the Committee has sent messages to the listserv regarding legislation that needs immediate action, or that would likely have a major impact on libraries should the legislation become law. The Committee has also posted the messages to the HSLI Newsletter.

In particular, the Committee has focused on the following pieces of legislation.

* Illinois House Bill 3796—restricts public access to information from government proceedings (has been vetoed by the Governor)
* Illinois House Bill 4207—restricts cyberbullying, raising the potential for censorship (has been sent to the Governor)
* Illinois House Bill 6095—provides libraries with grant appropriations, based on funding levels recommended by Secretary of State White (became law on June 30)
* Illinois Senate Bill 1941—makes legal materials more accessible online (has been sent to the Governor)
* At the federal level, President Obama’s proposed FY 2015 budget includes substantial cuts in funding for Medicare and Medicaid. Also, funding for the National Institutes of Health will not increase at a level sufficient to maintain current research activities.

1. Other Current Projects: The Committee will continue to monitor the above legislation and any other legislation that requires action.
2. Board Action Items: None
3. Attached Items: None

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