

# State Legislative Update

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## Successful Outcomes for NIU and Higher Education

- 5% increase for NIU operations
- \$130 million for new capital investment over the next 6 years
- Re-appropriation of funding for the Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability
- Increased funding for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants and AIM High scholarships

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## Presence of NIU Leadership in Springfield

### Committee Testimonies

- Five separate appearances to provide testimony on appropriations, capital and supplier diversity
- Legislative Audit Commission
- Teacher licensure and assessment

### Press Conference/Meeting Participation

- Meeting with Governor Pritzker and Public University Presidents
- Invest in Higher Education
- Build Up Illinois – Vertical Infrastructure Coalition

### Hosted Events

- NIU Advocacy Day
- IL Public Higher Education Consortium Advocacy Day
- NIU / U of I Joint Caucus Breakfast

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## Bill Analysis and Tracking: A Campuswide Effort

- Over 6,000 bills filed since the start of the 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly in January 2019
  - Nearly 20% with direct and/or indirect impact(s) to various areas on campus



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## Points of Leadership on Various Issues

- Developmental Education
- Illinois Innovation Network
- RISE Act
- Sale of University Owned Property
- Teacher Licensure
- 2020 Census

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## Additional Legislative Issues of Note

- Illinois to mandate FAFSA applications
- Gaming expansion and legalization of sports betting
- Minimum wage increase
- Recreational cannabis

# Looking Ahead to Spring 2020



## Priorities

- Bring awareness to the need for and return on continued investment in NIU and higher education
- Advance the process of funding release for NIU capital priorities
- Seek regulatory reforms to promote operational efficiencies and attainment of goals

## Advocacy Collaboration

- NIU Alumni Association
- Illinois Public Universities
- Illinois Board of Higher Education