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# ELIMINATE THE INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL, LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY STUDIES, CENTER FOR STATE POLICY AND LEADERSHIP, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Eliminate the Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies, Center for

State Policy and Leadership

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the Center for State Policy and Leadership (CSPL) to eliminate the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies (ILLAPS).

Currently structured under the CSPL, ILLAPS serves as the concentrated research arm of the Center. The elimination of ILLAPS, which is a component of a larger restructuring of CSPL, will be in name-only. All ILLAPS research and operations will continue as a part of the CSPL and this request does not reduce any current staff, funding, or resources. Eliminating the ILLAPS layer will help to unpack the CSPL to make its functions more understandable to external stakeholders and the general public, while streamlining functions and strengthening the capacity and operations of the Center.

The current ILLAPS Research Director position will be renamed as the CSPL Research Director, reflecting more accurately the actual role and responsibilities of the position. The reporting lines of the ILLAPS fiscal and administrative staff moved to CSPL as part of an earlier phase of the restructuring, which enabled centralization of fiscal and administrative functions for more effective operations, increased consistency, and improved efficiency in processes. The ILLAPS reporting structure will remain the same, reporting to the Office of Executive Director of the CSPL. All current research and evaluation projects will continue uninterrupted.

No new state-appropriated funding is requested. The elimination of ILLAPS will not impact the CSPL budget or funding and staff and projects will continue to be funded as they are now. Led by the Research Director, the existing staff and faculty will continue to be industrious in their role and in their development of new external funding and funded projects that advance the mission of the CSPL.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Interim Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), but IBHE approval is not required.