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Alcohol Action Alert

Governor signs bill to allow alcohol sales at College Football and Basketball games



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governor Rauner signed **HB 4820** to allow the board of trustees of public universities and community colleges in Illinois to decide whether to allow the sale of alcohol at public events. Did Politicians and universities take into consideration the high costs of alcohol? **The economic cost of alcohol is \$807 per person per year, whether you drink or not--\$249 BILLION annually.**

The executive director of governmental and public affairs at Southern Illinois University said the idea of **allowing alcohol sales at football and basketball games and other events** arose during the state's historically long budget impasse, *Lee News* reported.

John Charles said, "As we were entering into the fourth or fifth month of not having a budget last year, we talked to different lawmakers and staff, and they certainly suggested that we find creative ways to help increase revenue around campus, and this was one of them." [Read more](#)

This could lead to an increase in underage drinking, alcohol abuse, and drinking and driving.

Talking points:

- Underage drinking and alcohol abuse by college students are a major concern both for individuals and for all those in the campus community. Alcohol related problems tend to go up when alcohol is more readily accessible to young adults, according to a study in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*. (January, 2011)
- Virtually ALL college students experience the effects of college drinking, whether they drink or not. These are the yearly consequences of drinking by college students:

DEATH - **1,825** college students die from alcohol-related injuries;

INJURY - **599,000** students are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol

ASSAULT - **696,000** students are assaulted by another student who has been drinking

SEXUAL ABUSE - **97,000** student victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape

DRUNK DRIVING - **3.4 million** students drive under the influence of alcohol

ACADEMIC - **One fourth** of students experience academic consequences due to drinking

ALCOHOL ABUSE/DEPENDENCE - **20%** of students met the criteria

OTHER - Suicide attempts, health problems, vandalism, property damage

(Source: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

The Board of Trustees at community colleges and universities will be developing their alcohol

policies within the next 6 months.

1. **If you are alumni of a community college or university in Illinois or have children/grandchildren attending there, please contact the Board of Trustees and ask them not to allow the sale of alcohol at sporting events, concerts, or public events in the stadiums/arenas.**
2. Share this Alert with your faith community
3. Forward to 10 others.

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