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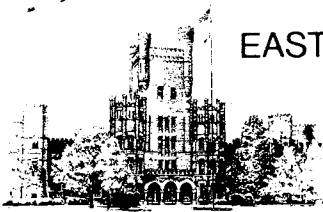
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN WELCOMES WEAVER SUPPORT

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives Friday commended State Representative Mike Weaver's plan to support legislation which would standardize pay scales for university civil service employees and their counterparts in other agencies of state government.

Eastern estimates such a program would cost approximately \$1.64 million each year and Rives said they have provided that figure to Weaver.

"We would encourage the General Assembly to provide the funds necessary to accomplish the objectives Representative Weaver and the University seek. Without these additional funds, it is doubtful that we can get the job done", Rives said.

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WEAVER SUPPORT

Rives noted that Eastern has made repeated attempts over the past several years, as part of the regular budget process, to obtain civil service increases.

"We have long recognized the low salaries of our civil service employees, compared to State Code Department employees," said Rives, "and we're pleased to provide Representative Weaver the dollar figure needed to correct a long-standing discrepancy."

Eastern employs more than 900 civil service employees.