

# Iowa Valley Community College District 2019 Legislative Updates

By Cindy S. Schulte, IVCCD Director of Governmental Affairs



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### ACTIVE LEGISLATION

#### **HSB248** – Education

*Appropriations Bill. The bill provides state funding of \$960,833,480 for education, which represents an increase of \$48.3 million over FY19. In January, the Governor presented her budget, which included a total of \$963,275,618 for education. HSB248 provides the following appropriations:*

- *Community College State General Aid (SGA) - \$209,690,405 (increase of \$7 million over last year)*
- *WTED - \$15,100,000*
- *Adult Basic Education and Literacy - \$5.5 million*
- *ACE Infrastructure - \$6 million*
- *PACE program - \$5 million*
- *GAP Tuition Assistance program - \$2 million*
- *Intermediary Statewide Work-based Learning program - \$1.5 million*
- *Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant program - \$5 million*
- *All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship- increase of \$159,146 over last year*
- *Future Ready Iowa Last Dollar Scholarship program - \$14,789,209 (expectation to provide scholarships to 7,500 community college students enrolled in high-demand*

*fields of study and employment)*

- *Future Ready Iowa Grant program - \$1 million*
- *Career Technical Education - an increase of \$355,823 over last year*
- *Regent Institutions - increase of \$15.9 million over last year*

*The bill will include a new section in the Iowa Code that addresses the GAP Tuition Assistance program which will allow a community college to limit an applicant to one eligible certificate program or to eligible programs within one career pathway, based on the funding available to the community college for purposes of this program. Another section in the bill addresses the Iowa Industrial New Jobs Training Act and will allow Lennox Industries the opportunity to retrain new, existing, or recalled jobs with a 260E training agreement with IVCCD due to the company located in a Governor-declared disaster area.*

**SF275** – *Relating to the criminal offenses of assault by threat of a targeted attack and cyber-harassment. The bill provides that any person who threatens to cause serious injury or death to persons assembled in a public place, school building, or any occupied structure other than a single-family residence which thereby places such persons in reasonable apprehension of serious injury or*

*death, or who threatens to commit such an act under circumstances raising a reasonable expectation that the threat will be carried out, commits a class “D” felony. A class “D” felony is punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than \$7,500. SF275 passed out of the Senate on 3/19 and was referred to the House Public Safety subcommittee of Kaufmann, Bergan and B. Meyer on 3/25.*

**SF160** – *Relating to recommendations regarding school building emergency operations plans. The bill requires school boards and authorities in charge of accredited non-public schools to consider recommendations from the Iowa Department of Public Safety relating to the development of high-quality emergency operations plans. Passed out of the Senate on 3/18 and was referred to the House Education Committee on 3/19.*

### LEGISLATION PENDING SIGNATURE BY GOVERNOR

**SF304** – *Relating to licensing sanctions against individuals who default or are delinquent on student loan debt or on a related service obligation. The bill requires the state’s licensing boards to adopt administrative rules to prohibit the suspension or revocation of a license issued to a person who is in default or is delinquent on repayment or a*

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*service obligation under federal or state postsecondary educational loans or public or private services conditional postsecondary tuition assistance solely on the basis of such default or delinquency. Sent to the Governor on 3/26.*

## **LEGISLATION SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**SF274** – *College Campus Free Speech* – The bill requires the Board of Regents and the board directors of **community colleges** to adopt policies regarding free speech on campuses. SF274 requires that the policies include specific provisions regarding the proper function and role of the institutions of higher education, the freedoms to be afforded students, and the use of public areas of campus for public forums. Signed by the Governor on 3/25.

**SF512** – *Licensure Reciprocity for Military Spouses and the Injured Veterans Grant Program* – The bill increases the spendable portion of the Iowa Lottery transfer to the Veteran's Trust Fund from \$500,000 to \$600,000 and directs licensing boards in the state to develop by January 1, 2020, an expedited **licensing process** for military spouses who are already licensed in similar professions or occupations in another state. SF512 helps military spouses transfer their **professional licenses** when assignments change and they are required to move to another state which will allow the spouse

*to be able to quickly get back into the workforce. Currently, Iowa licensing boards have already implemented protocols for expediting licensure for members of the military. SF512 was signed into law by Governor Reynolds on 3/22.*

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