

Iowa Valley Community College District 2019 Legislative Updates

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STUDENT ACCESS TO TASER WEAPONS (SF188)

On Tuesday, April 16, the Iowa House approved Senate File (SF) 188, which is considered the Taser legislation allowing students who are 18 years of age or older to carry, transport, or possess a taser weapon on a campus of a **community college** or a Regent university. SF188 provides that a governing board of the Board of Regents or a **community college** shall not adopt or enforce any policy or rule that prohibits the carrying, transportation, or possession of a dangerous weapon that directs an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designated to immobilize a person in the buildings or on the grounds of such a college or university. During the House debate, House Amendment 1235 was adopted, which will prohibit a student from possessing or carrying the weapons at any sporting event, hospital, clinic, or childcare facility associated with the an institution governed by the board of directors of a **community college** and Regent institution. The bill was voted out of the Senate on 3/13 and moves back to the Senate for consideration of the amended version this week.

ACTIVE LEGISLATION

HF758 – FY20 Education Appropriations. The bill passed out

*of the Senate Appropriations Committee on 4/18 with the Senate Republicans' recommendation of education funding of \$954,733,479. The House Republicans' version totaled \$960,833,480 for education. In January, the Governor presented her budget, which included a total of \$963,275,618 for education. The bill was amended by the Senate and will provide state funding for **community college state general aid (SGA)** of \$207,377,779. The bill has been placed on the Senate Appropriations Calendar for Debate.*

SF603 – *An Act authorizing use of concurrent enrollment programs for teaching certain subjects required under the educational standards and making an appropriation to fund enrollment of pupils under concurrent enrollment agreements between accredited non-public schools and **community colleges**. SF603 passed out of the Senate on 4/16 and was referred to the House Appropriations subcommittee of Deyoe, Kerr and Running-Marquardt.*

LEGISLATION SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

HF731 – *An Act relating to mandatory child abuse and dependent adult abuse reporter training requirements. A person (other than a physician) who is required to make a report involving primary health care to*

children shall complete two hours of training related to the identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of initial employment or self-employment involving the examination, attending, counseling, or treatment of children on a regular basis. The person shall complete at least two hours of training every three years. Current law requires the training to be conducted every five years. HF731 passed out of the Senate on 4/17 and was sent to the Governor for consideration.

HF418 – *An Act relating to Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements. The bill allows an Iowa non-profit corporation that serves as a trade association for Iowa-based motor carriers to be considered a third-party tester, along with **community colleges**. The bill passed out of the Senate on 4/8 and was sent to the Governor.*

LEGISLATION SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SF245 – *An Act relating to the eligibility and reporting requirements for the **Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program**. The bill amends the grant program to include a career-technical or career option program to be considered a high-demand job classification and allows students to receive funding in the program as long as the students are enrolled in the*

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program and continue to meet the eligibility requirements. SF245 was signed into law by the Governor on 4/16.

SF246 – *An Act relating to the requirements for eligibility under the All Iowa Opportunity Tuition Grant Program. The bill amends the definition of an “eligible surviving-child student” as a qualified student who is not a convicted felon. The bill was signed into law on 4/16.*

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 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. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on 4/8.*

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. SF274 was signed into law by the Governor on 3/25.

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