

Iowa Valley Community College District 2021 Legislative Updates

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Legislative Week 12

IOWA LOTTERY SALES REFLECT GROWTH

On Tuesday, March 30th, the Iowa Lottery officials released information on revenue generated as a result of the audited sales report. Since July 1, 2020, Iowa's lottery sales reflect an increase of 24.7% over budget and 24.6% over last year's actual sales. The total lottery sales were reported at \$292.8 – million. The Iowa Lottery reported that the state sold over \$200 – million in scratch tickets reflecting an increase of 22.5% over last year's sales. Powerball sales reflected an increase of 19.5% through February 2021 and Mega Million's sales reflected an increase of 50%.

Iowa's Community Colleges receive gaming revenue of \$40.6 – million from the lottery sales to support the *Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund*.

NEW ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM "IDEAL" ROLLOUT

The Iowa Department of Education is rolling out a technology online program for adult learners called the "Iowa Distance Education Adult Literacy (IDEAL) project. The project was initiated last summer by a task force commissioned by the **Iowa Association of Community College Presidents (IACCP)** to

provide opportunities for high-quality, teacher-led master courses (ESL, math, reading and writing, social studies, and career essentials) tailored to meet the needs of the regions featuring an online learning platform. IDEAL will offer online learning to adult learners interested in high school equivalency courses and professional development training for instructors. The project will use Canvas, an online learning management system which can be accessed anywhere in the state. IDEAL will provide an online enrollment and registration system, along with a calendar of certain course offerings. To access the new project on the DE website please go to:

<https://educateiowa.gov/adult-career-comm-college/adult-education-and-literacy/iowa-distance-education-adult-literacy>

LEGISLATION THAT DIED DURING FUNNEL WEEK #2

House File (HF) 496 – Prohibiting Tenure at Regent Institutions

Senate File (SF) 386 – Compensation for College Athletes

House File (HF) 755 – Authorization of Sports Wagering on E-Sports and other sports-related events

Senate File (SF) 480 - Assessment of Fees for Public Requests of Examining and Copying Public Records. Moved to the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar on 4/1.

House File (HF) 380 – Requiring Approved Drivers Education Courses to include Instruction Concerning Distracted Driving. Placed on the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar on 4/1.

Senate File (SF) 587 – Modifying Provisions Relating to Mental Health and Disability Service Operations, Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Replacement Payments, School District Funding, and Other Specified Tax Provisions. Moved to the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar on 4/1.

LEGISLATION THAT SURVIVED FUNNEL WEEK #2

Freedom of Speech and Expression legislation:

House File (HF) 802 – Restrictions on Certain "Divisive Concepts"

House File (HF) 744 – First Amendment Rights

House File (HF) 830 – Social Media, Censorship

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Higher Education legislation:

House File (HF) 644 –
Registration of Postsecondary
Schools with the Iowa College
Student Aid Commission (ICSAC)

Senate File (SF) 354 – Continuing
Education Requirements under
Certain Professional and
Occupational Licenses

Technical Election or Conduct of Election legislation:

Senate File (SF) 568 – Election
Omnibus (Iowa Secretary of
State's Office)

Workforce Training legislation:

House File (HF) 787 – Feasibility
Study of an Artisanal Butchery
(Small Locker Meat Cutting)
Program at Community Colleges
and the Regent Institutions

Senate File (SF) 424 – Licensure
of Persons Completing an
Apprenticeship Program

Senate File (SF) 562 – Sexual
Exploitation by an Adult Providing
Training or Instruction

Open Records and Public Meeting Law legislation:

**House File (HF) 309 and House
File (HF) 786** – Tax-Exempt
Organizations, Public-Disclosure
of Information

House File (HF) 828 – Relating to
Commercial Driver's License
Driving Skills Tests

Healthcare legislation:

House File (HF) 692 – Expansion
of the Direct Care Workforce
Registry (Direct Care Givers
Association)

Senate File (SF) 487 – Regulation
of Licensing Boards, Review of
State Boards, the Regulation of
Professions and Occupations, and
Investigations Conducted by State
Boards

Governor Reynolds's Priorities legislation:

**House File (HF) 848 and Senate
File (SF) 390** – Broadband
Expansion, Empower Rural Iowa
Broadband Grant Fund
(Governor's Office) – Moved to
the Senate Unfinished Business
Calendar on 4/1.

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