

Iowa Valley Community College District 2021 Legislative Updates

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Legislative Week 4

Active Legislation

Senate File 245 – The bill relates to the compensation of athletes enrolled at postsecondary institutions and are defined as regent institutions, **Community Colleges**, or private postsecondary institutions in Iowa. SF 245 prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from enforcing any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a college athlete enrolled at the institution from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics and earning compensation; receiving food, shelter, or insurance coverage; or receiving payment for the cost of food, shelter insurance coverage, or medical care as a result of the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness rights, or athletic reputation or that otherwise penalizes such an athlete.

The bill is effective upon enactment and applies to any agreement or contract, as defined in the bill, newly entered into, renewed, modified, or extend on or after the earlier of July 1, 2021. SF 245 was filed by Senators Zaun (R-Urbandale) and Boulton (D-Des Moines) and was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate File 228 – Provides for electronic publication of public notices. SF 228 provides that a

governmental body or officer that is required by statute to publish a notice, action, or other information in a newspaper of general circulation shall, in lieu of such requirements, post the notice, action, or other information on the governmental body's internet site, if the **governmental body** maintains an internet site. The bill requires each **governmental body** subject to the bill to, by rule, ordinance, resolution, or other official action, as appropriate, identify each type of notice, action, or information and shall be posted on the **governmental body's** internet site in lieu of publication and identify the location of the **governmental body's** office where a paper copy of such notices, actions, or information will be made available for public inspection. The bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.

SF 228 was filed by Senator Lofgren (R-Muscatine) and was referred to the Senate Local Government subcommittee: Klimesh, Guth, and Hogg.

Senate File 218 – Relates to the assessment of fees when a person requests examination and copies of public records. SF 218 provides that expenses for a request for examination or copies of public records must be reasonable and provides that the fees charged for supervising the examination of and copying public records by the lawful custodian shall not include

charges for legal services for the redaction or review of the public records.

SF 218 was filed by Senator Whiting (R-Spirit Lake) and was referred to the Senate State Government subcommittee: Whiting, Bisignano, and Johnson.

House File 343 – Relates to the carrying of weapons including on the grounds of schools, **Community Colleges**, or universities. HF 343 requires the board of directors of a **Community College** to comply with the requirements of Iowa Code section 724.8B regarding policies and rules relating to the carrying, transportation, or possession of dangerous weapons in the buildings or on the grounds of the **Community College**. Under HF 343, the **Community College** Board could not adopt or enforce any policy or rule that prohibits the carrying, transportation, or possession of any dangerous weapon, as defined in Iowa Code section 702.7, in the buildings or on the grounds of such a college. The governing Board would be assessed a civil penalty of between \$2,500.00 and \$5000.00 and ordered to pay the plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees and court costs if found in violation of the bill.

HF 343 was filed by Representative Wheeler (R-Orange

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City) and was referred to the House Public Safety Committee.

House File 379 – Relates to the definition of a governmental body under the Iowa Open Meetings law. HF 379 includes an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, task force, or other body created by statute or executive order of the state, created by an executive order of a **political subdivision** of the state, or created by action of an administrative officer of a **political subdivision** to develop and make recommendations on public policy and budgetary issues in the definition of a governmental body subject to the requirements of the open meetings law.

HF 379 was filed by Representative Konfrst (D-Windsor Heights) and was referred to the House State Government Committee.

On the Senate Debate Calendar

Senate File 262 – A bill for an act relating to the eligibility requirements for students under the Iowa Senior Year Plus program.

On the House Debate Calendar

House File 308 - A bill for an act relating to the eligibility requirements for students under the Iowa Senior Year Plus program.

House File 364 – A bill for an act relating to prohibited conduct by athlete agents.

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