

Iowa Valley Community College District 2021 Legislative Updates

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Legislative Week 6

REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) will meet for its annual spring meeting on Friday, March 19 at 11 am. The 3-member panel will review its current projections for FY2021 and FY2022, set an initial projection for state revenue in Fiscal Year 2023, and provide the Legislature with the revenue forecast, which will determine the state budget.

NEW LEGISLATION FILED

House File (HF) 308 – Iowa Senior Year Plus Student Proficiency Requirements – HF 308 allows students under the SYP program to have demonstrated proficiency in reading, math, and science if there is evidence that:

- If the achievement scores on the latest administration of the state assessment for which scores are available have been defined by the department.
- If the student is receiving competent private instruction under Iowa Code Chapter 299A by submitting the written recommendation of the licensed practitioner providing supervision to the student in accordance with Iowa Code Section

299A.2. Such students may demonstrate proficiency as evidenced by achievement scores on the annual achievement evaluation required under Iowa Code Section 299A.4; or may also demonstrate proficiency as evidenced by a selection index, which is the sum of the critical reading, math, and writing skills assessments of a least a score of 141 on the preliminary scholastic aptitude test administered by the **college board**; a composite score of at least 21 on the college readiness assessment administered by ACT, Inc.; or a sum of the critical reading and math scores of at least a score of 990 on the college readiness assessment administered by the **college board**.

- If the student is not proficient in one or more of the content areas, the student may demonstrate proficiency through measures of **college** readiness jointly agreed upon by the school board and the eligible **postsecondary institution**.
- For the school year beginning July 1, 2021, the achievement scores from the state assessment administered during the school year beginning July

1, 2019, shall be considered the latest available scores.

HF 308 passed out of the Senate and moves back to the House for reconsideration.

Senate Study Bill (SSB) 1199 and House Study Bill (HSB) 213 - Election Integrity – The bills were filed by state government committees in both chambers and have the following provisions:

- Reduces the number of days for voting early during an election from 29 days to 18 days.
- Bans county auditor offices from doing mass mailings of absentee ballot applications to registered voters in a county in the state with a penalty of up to \$10,000 for violations.
- A county can only have one drop off box to collect absentee ballots from registered voters.
- Removal of a postmark as a method by which the date on which an absentee ballot has been mailed may be verified.
- Registered voters will be removed from the voting system if they do not vote for a certain timeline of voting.
- Repeals a provision allowing a county commissioner of elections to establish satellite-voting

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locations at the commissioner's discretion. The bill does not alter a provision requiring a county commissioner of elections to establish satellite-voting locations of a petition. Both bills were voted out of the House and Senate State Government Committees and are on the debate calendars in each chamber.

House File (HF) 528 – Authority of Dentists to Administer Vaccinations - The bill seeks to authorize Iowa-licensed dentists to provide influenza and SARS-CoV-2 vaccines to patients.

The bill refers to requirements include training in vaccine administration and use of the statewide immunization registry or health information network.

HF 528 was placed on the House Calendar for Debate.

Senate File (SF) 193 – Requirements and Prohibitions relating to Vaccines and Immunizations – SF 193 prohibits employers, hospitals, health care facilities, or an **educational institution** providing clinical experiences for students, interns, or residents from discriminating against students based on the immunization status of the student, intern, or resident.

PASSED OUT OF THE SENATE

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

Senate File 354 – Continuing Education requirements for persons holding certain professional and occupational licenses.

Senate File 105 – Establishment of a criminal offense of the sexual exploitation of a student with a disability by an employee of a Community College.

Senate File 285 – Suspension of a student's participation in the Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Senate File 269 – K-12 FY22 Supplemental Funding of 2.4%. A fiscal note was filed.

PASSED OUT OF THE HOUSE

House File 364 – Prohibiting the conduct by athlete agents.

House File 416 – Relates to the support of a child including support relative to the child's completion of high school graduation or equivalency requirements.

ON THE SENATE DEBATE CALENDAR

Senate File 174 – The carrying of weapons by certain individuals involved with law enforcement.

Senate File 386 – The compensation of college athletes.

Senate File 390 – Broadband service in Iowa and the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant.

ON THE HOUSE DEBATE CALENDAR

House File 309 – Restricting public agency disclosure of and access to certain personal information related to tax-exempt organizations.

House File 414 – Relating to child sexual abuse and child sexual assault awareness and prevention.

House File 456 – Creating a special motion for expedited relief in actions involving the exercise of the right of freedom of speech and of the press, the right to assemble and petition, and the right of association.

House File 496 – Prohibiting tenure systems at the institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of Regents.

House File 549 – Relating to regulatory provisions applicable to care provided in health care facilities and assisted living programs.

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House File 559 – Financial assistance provided by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to certain apprenticeship sponsors and lead apprenticeship sponsors.

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