

Iowa Valley Community College District 2021 Legislative Updates

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Legislative Week 8

SESSION TIMETABLE

During the week of March 15th – 19th (10th week of the session), the Senate must consider only Senate bills, joint resolutions, and unfinished business and the House must consider only House bills, joint resolutions, and unfinished business for legislation to remain active during the 2021 session.

STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS

As of the end of February 2021, tax receipts continue to reflect growth. During February 2021, Iowa collected \$261.5-million more than the state collected in February 2020, which reflects an increase in state revenue of 42.6% over February 2020. Sales and Use Tax collected increased by \$103.7-million. Corporate Income Tax increased by \$28.8-million. The state collected \$13.8-million more in Corporate Income Tax in the month of February in comparison to February a year ago.

LEGISLATION THAT DIED DURING THE 2021 SESSION

SF 105 – Establishes a criminal offense of sexual exploitation of a student with a disability by an employee of a Community College.

SF 228/HF 600 – Requires the

electronic publication of certain public notices by governmental bodies and officers.

SF 292 – Directs the Board of Regents to conduct a survey of the political party affiliation of the employees of the institutions governed by the state board.

SF 394 – Relates to the definition of eligible program for purposes of the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last Dollar Scholarship Program.

HF 453 – Allows the electronic publication of certain public notices by certain governmental bodies and officers.

HF 51 – Establishes an advanced opportunities program students enrolled in public schools to take overload and dual credit courses, postsecondary credit-bearing and career and technical education certificate examinations, and career and technical education workforce training courses, and awards scholarships for early graduation or obtains certain amounts of postsecondary credit.

HF 187 – Relates to unfair practices involving access to areas of public accommodations or educational institutions.

HF 204 – Prohibiting public postsecondary institutions from requiring students or employees to wear face masks or social

distance off campus.

HF 343 – Relates to carrying weapons including on the grounds of a school, Community College, or university.

HF 379 – Relates to the definition of a governmental body under the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

HF 533 – Relates to free speech requirements at public institutions of higher education and providing remedies.

HF 671 – Compensation of college athletes.

HSB 199 – Directs the state board of regents to require that the course syllabus for each course offered by a state university be published on the state university's internet site.

HSB 246 – Directs the state universities governed by the state board of regents to hold in-person spring graduation commencement ceremonies.

HF 222 – Reduce state funding for schools who have teachers who use anti-slavery "1619 Project" materials.

HF 179/SF 141 – Repeal 2017 changes/restore previous public employees' collective bargaining law.

HF 184/HF 334 – Require school athletes to compete based on

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biological sex.

HF 680/SSB 1240 – Add emergency preparedness supplies to sales tax holiday weekend event.

HF 659 – Create a 3-year, \$200-million pandemic recovery grant program for schools.

HF 628 – Repeal Iowa’s teacher compensation/leadership/career path program.

HF 24 – Set three classes of Firearms violence protective orders.

HF 42 – Establish school safety/hotline website.

SF 89 – Include cursive writing school curriculum so students are proficient by third grade.

SSB 1182 – Earmark SAVE school infrastructure money to finance vacant school building demolition.

HF 405 – Exempt bathroom access policies from civil rights practices deemed unfair.

HF 272 – Remove gender identity as a protected class under the Iowa Civil Rights Act.

SF 224 – Require transgender students to use bathroom corresponding to sex on their birth certificates.

SF 518 – Establish experiential learning competitive grant program.

SF 519 – Establish a pandemic response review committee.

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