

# Iowa Valley Community College District 2016 Legislative Updates

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## Week of April 15:

### Senate Appropriations Scheduled for Monday

On April 18, the Joint Education Appropriation subcommittee will take up the education appropriation bill at 3 pm in room 22. As soon as the bill passes out of the committee it will be assigned a bill number and sent to the Senate floor for debate.

### FY17 Education Funding Target Budget Released

On April 14, the Joint Education Appropriations subcommittee approved the FY17 target budget for education funding. The funding for higher education reflected an increase of \$4.9 million in comparison to FY16. Iowa's Community Colleges were provided an increase in FY17 State General Aid (SGA) of \$3.015 million (1.5 percent) in comparison to FY16. Funding for the Iowa Skilled Worker Job Creation Fund was provided the same support as last year.

### 2016 ACTIVE LEGISLATION

**Senate File 2308** – *An Act relating to economic development by establishing an Enhance Iowa board to assume the powers and duties of the Vision Iowa Board and additional powers and duties, establishing an Enhance Iowa Fund, establishing a sports tourism program (for accredited colleges and universities) and making appropriations.* Filed by the Senate

Committee on Economic Growth. The bill was referred to the House Appropriations subcommittee of Deyoe, Bacon and Hall on 4/13.

**Senate File 2313** – *An Act relating to employment services programs administered by the Department of Workforce Development by providing for conformity with federal law concerning the workforce development board, authorizing the Department to carry certain actions relating to the unemployment insurance program, making an appropriation, and including effective date provisions.* Filed by the Senate Appropriations Committee by Dvorsky. Passed out of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee of Dotzler, Schneider and Dvorsky on 4/6. Passed out of Senate Appropriations on 4/13. The bill makes various changes relating to the Iowa Department of Workforce Development, the workforce development board, regional advisory boards, and workforce development centers **to conform to the federal regulations under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).**

**House File 2370** – *An Act relating to exemptions from registration of postsecondary schools by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.* Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6. The bill allows a school of religious study located in Iowa that was established in Spain in 1982 to

be considered exempt from registering with the Commission. The bill also makes changes to the Iowa Code by requiring **postsecondary schools** to apply for an exemption from registration requirements to the Commission every two years. Schools will be required to demonstrate that they meet consumer protection standards that are established by the Commission.

**House File 2392** – *An Act providing for academic and career guidance and CTE programs and requirements and workplace learning programs.* On 4/5 the bill moved to the Senate Calendar for Debate. The bill was voted out of the House Chamber on 3/3 with the adoption of amendments H-8069 and H-8074. The bill was referred to the Senate Education subcommittee of Quirmbach, Schoenjahn and Sinclair and approved by the Senate Education Committee under Senate Chamber rule 39 on 3/10. The bill passed out of the Senate on 4/13 with the adoption of S-Amendment 5126 and was referred back to the House. The bill relates to the result of recommendations made by a task force who spent nearly two years **addressing academic and career guidance for career technical education (CTE) courses**, curriculum, and programs for students.

**House File 2346** – *An Act relating to Iowa Community College*

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*special registration plates for motor vehicles.* Still remains alive in the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Senate File 2234** – *An Act relating to the credit hours of educational assistance under the Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program.* (Filed by the Iowa National Guard). The bill was signed into law by the Governor on 3/30. The bill establishes that the **120-hour limitation on undergraduate credit hours** under the Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program applies to semester, or the equivalent, credit hours.

**House File 2364** – *An Act relating to public notice and the accessibility of meetings of governmental bodies.* The bill was signed into law on 3/23 by the Governor. The bill provides an exception to the 24-hour notice requirement when a governmental body is prevented from convening an otherwise properly noticed meeting for any reason, the governmental body may convene the meeting if the **governmental body** posts an amended notice an amended notice of the meeting conforming with the otherwise applicable notice requirements under the open meeting law.

**House File 2363** – *An Act relating to member attendance at a closed session of a governmental body.* The bill was signed into law by the

Governor on 4/6. The bill states that a **governmental body** shall not exclude a member of the governmental body from attending a closed session.

**Senate Study Bill 3130** – *Education appropriations.* Filed by the Governor's Office and still remains alive in the Senate Appropriations subcommittee of Dvorsky, Schoenjahn and Chapman on 2/9. The study bill represents the Governor's education budget.

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