

Iowa Valley Community College District 2016 Legislative Updates

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Week of April 22:

CTE Reform Bill Messaged to Governor

On April 20 the House approved House File (HF) 2392, which pertains to the recommendations made by the career and technical education (CTE) taskforce. The Senate adopted an amendment which defined “work-based learning” as opportunities and experiences that include (but are not limited to) tours, job shadowing, rotations, mentoring, entrepreneurship, service learning, internships, and apprenticeships. The amendment will require the Iowa Department of Education to submit a report to the General Assembly by Jan. 16, 2017 detailing progress in implementing the provisions of the bill, and there will be the establishment of an interim study committee comprised of members of the senate and the house to meet during the 2016 legislative interim. The committee, in consultation with the former members of the CTE taskforce, will study the administrative rules implementing this division of the Act, including an assessment of the membership of the regional career and technical education planning partnerships to assure that all affected groups have substantial representation and make recommendations to the General Assembly during the 2020 legislative session.

2016 ACTIVE LEGISLATION

House File 2449 – *An Act concerning the implementation and administration of Acts of the General Assembly through administrative rulemakings.* The bill would require all state agencies to meet deadlines to promulgate the rule process as the result of legislation signed into law by the Governor within 180 days of the bills’ enactment date. If the agency fails to comply with the deadline date to file rules, then the agency is required to file a reason and provide a timeline to meet the provisions under the law. The bill passed the Senate on 4/21 and was messaged back to the House for consideration.

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 passed out of the House Appropriations subcommittee of Deyoe, Bacon and Hall on 4/21.

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) Passed out of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee of Dotzler, Schneider and Dvorsky on 4/6. Passed out of the Senate on 4/19 with the adoption of amendment S-5145. Passed out of the House on 4/21 with the adoption of amendments H-8260, H-8257 and H-8272. The bill was messaged back to the Senate for consideration. 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 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. It 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 Senate Education subcommittee of Quirnbach, Schoenjahn and

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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 amendment S-5126 and passed out of the House on 4/20. The bill was messaged to the Governor's Office for his signature. The bill relates to recommendations made by a task force that spent nearly two years **addressing academic and career guidance for career technical education (CTE) courses**, curriculum and programs for students.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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 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.

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) **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.* **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 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.* **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.

NOT ACTIVE LEGISLATION

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.

House File 2346 – *An Act relating to Iowa Community College special registration plates for motor vehicles.* The bill was referred to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Senate Study Bill 3179 – *An Act relating to combined charitable campaign programs administered by certain public employers.* The study bill was referred to the Senate Appropriations subcommittee of Petersen, Bolkom and Breitbach on 3/30. The bill would require a **community college** to administer a combined charitable campaign program that includes all eligible charitable organizations that the employees wish to participate through an employee payroll deduction program.

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