

Iowa Valley Community College District 2016 Legislative Updates

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Week of April 25:

Iowa Legislature Adjourns for the Session

On Friday, April 29, the Iowa Legislature adjourned for the 2016 Session. The 87th General Assembly – (1st Session) will convene on January 9, 2017.

LEGISLATION SENT TO GOVERNOR

Senate File 2323 – *Education Appropriations*. The bill provides FY17 state support for Iowa's Community Colleges including:

- \$204.3 million for Community College State General Aid (SGA)
- \$500,000 for Faculty Supplemental Salaries
- \$15.1 million for the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund (WTED – 260C.18A)
- \$3 million for the WTED (260C.18A)
- \$5.0 million for the PACE program
- \$2.0 million for the Gap Tuition Assistance program
- \$5.5 million for the Adult Literacy and ABE Workforce programs
- \$1.5 million for the Work-based Intermediary Network program
- \$6.0 million for the ACE Infrastructure program

The bill was messaged to the Governor's Office for consideration on 4/27.

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 was messaged to the Governor's Office for consideration on 4/25.

House File 2421 – *An Act relating to coaching authorizations issued by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and to certain emergency medical procedures training requirements*. The bill requires a **licensed health care provider or EMT** to be present and available to assess athletic injuries at high school contests for collision sports. The bill also requires an applicant for coaching authorization issued by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and a person employed by a school district as a coach to successfully complete training in the areas of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillator use, and heat injury treatment. The bill was messaged to the Governor's Office for consideration on 4/27.

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 messaged to the Governor's Office for consideration on 4/27.

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 for the Senate Appropriations Committee by Dvorsky) 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)**. The bill was messaged to the Governor's Office for consideration on 4/27.

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House File 2392 – *An Act providing for academic and career guidance and CTE programs and requirements and workplace learning programs.* 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. The bill was messaged to the Governor’s Office for consideration on 4/20.

House File 2455 – *EDA, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, the Iowa Finance Authority, the Iowa Public Employment Relations Board, IWD, and the State Board of Regents and certain Regent Institutions appropriations.* The bill appropriates from the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund to the EDA \$1 million to fund internships for students studying in the fields of STEM with eligible employers as provided in section 15.411, subsection 3, and paragraph “c.” The bill was messaged to the Governor’s Office for consideration on 4/26.

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.* 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 2 years. Schools will be required to demonstrate that they meet consumer protection standards that are established by the Commission. Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6.

House File 2268 – *An Act concerning the confidentiality of public employee support information submitted to the Iowa Public Employment Relations Board.* The bill adds a new subsection which pertains to the evidence of public employee support for the certification or decertification of an employee organization as defined in section 20.3 that is submitted to the Board. Signed into law by the Governor on 3/23.

House File 2275 – *An Act relating to the disbursement of All Iowa Opportunity Grant Scholarships.* Student scholarships awarded at the students’ request can be disbursed over a single academic year or two academic years and shall not exceed the least of certain amounts as determined by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. Signed into law by the Governor on 3/30.

Senate File 2218 – *An Act relating to possession and administration of emergency drugs by First Responders, EMTs and other groups in a position to assist for purposes of treating drug overdose victims.* The bill permits certain groups such as **EMTs** to procure emergency drugs known as opioid antagonists and would provide immunity from legal liability for persons providing the drugs so long as they acted reasonably and in good faith. Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6.

House File 2363 – *An Act relating to member attendance at a closed session of a governmental body.* The bill states that a **governmental body** shall not exclude a member of the **governmental body** from attending a closed session. Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6.

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 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. Signed into law by the Governor on 3/30.

House File 2364 – *An Act relating to public notice and the*

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accessibility of meetings of governmental bodies. 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 conforming with the otherwise applicable notice requirements under the open meeting law. Signed into law by the Governor on 3/23.

House File 2415 – An Act concerning Veterans preference information. The bill requires the IWD to establish a clearinghouse to provide information regarding Veteran preference for public employment. The IWD and other state agencies will be required to provide a link to Veteran's preference information on their internet site. Iowa law gives preference for appointments and employment to military Veterans over other applicants of no greater qualifications for positions in state and local governments and school districts. Signed into law by the Governor on 4/13.

Senate File 2300 – An Act relating to the administration of programs by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (EDA) by creating a renewable chemical production tax credit program and modifying the High Quality Jobs

Program. The bill provides up to \$10 million annually in state tax credits for the renewable chemical industry to attract investments in renewable chemical manufacturing and advanced bio-refining. Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6.

Senate File 174 – An Act establishing the state percent of growth. The bill appropriates two and twenty-five hundredths percent increase in the state percent of growth for Iowa's public school districts for the budget year beginning on July 1, 2016. Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6.

Senate File 175 – An Act establishing the categorical state percent of growth. The bill sets the categorical state percent of growth for Iowa's public school districts for the budget year beginning on July 1, 2016, at two and twenty-five hundredths percent. Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6.

INACTIVE LEGISLATION

Senate Study Bill 3130 – Education appropriations. Filed by the Governor's Office.

House File 2346 – An Act relating to Iowa Community College special registration plates for motor vehicles. The bill provides for the creation and issuance of Iowa Community College special registration plates for motor vehicles for an issuance fee of \$25,

in addition, to the regular annual registration plate fee.

Senate Study Bill 3179 – An Act relating to combined charitable campaign programs administered by certain public employers. 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.

House File 2035 – An Act authorizing political subdivisions to invest in certain joint investment trusts that are operated in accordance with the governmental accounting standards. The bill provides that joint investment trusts that have achieved the required specified rating must be operated in accordance with either Federal law relating to money market funds or with the governmental accounting standard board's requirements for the external investment pools.

House File 2406 – An Act relating to school corporations by changing the date of the election of directors of school districts, merged areas, and area education agency boards. The bill makes the Election Day changes for even numbered years to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November or the first Tuesday in December. The merged board of

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directors may change the number of directors on the board and shall make corresponding changes in the boundaries of director districts.

House File 2185 – *An Act relating to third-party commercial driver's license testers and skills test examiners.* The bill allows third-party testers to charge a fee to a license applicant for the driving skills test administered by the tester and strikes the provisions requiring the DOT examiners to wear identifying badge and uniform provided by the state agency.

House File 2009 – *An Act requiring the Iowa Department of Education to distribute a handbook of educational options.* The bill requires the DE director to publish on the agency's internet site a handbook describing, in English and Spanish, the educational options available to parents and guardians of children who are between the ages of 5 and 21 years and who have not graduated from a secondary school.

House File 2070 – *An Act relating to the concurrent enrollment program between school districts and Community Colleges.* The bill allows the Regent universities and accredited private institutions to participate in the state's concurrent enrollment program.

House File 2327 – *An Act authorizing the Iowa College*

Student Aid Commission to write off certain defaulted student loan debt as uncollectible. The bill authorizes the Iowa College Student Aid Commission to write off certain defaulted student loan debt as uncollectible and requires the Commission to submit a report on the defaulted student loan debt to the General Assembly.

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution 101 – *Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Iowa's Community Colleges.*

House Resolution 110 – *Honoring Iowa Central Community College's Athletic Accomplishments.*

House Resolution 113 – *Urging Congress to enact legislation to ensure that students from Iowa and throughout the United States have access to debt-free higher education at public colleges and universities.*

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