

Iowa Valley Community College District 2018 Legislative Updates

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PROPERTY TAX BACK-FILL LEGISLATION FILED

House Study Bill (HSB) 678 was filed by the House Appropriations Committee to modify appropriation amounts for payment of commercial and industrial property tax replacement claims or also referred to as a “property tax back-fill” bill. The bill will have the following impact:

- For FY19, the total amount of property tax back-fill shall not exceed \$100-million.
- For FY20, the total amount of property tax back-fill shall not exceed \$50-million.
- For FY21, the total amount of property tax back-fill shall not exceed \$25-million.
- Community college state property tax back-fill replacement would total a cut in State General Aid (SGA) revenue of \$3,552,758.

K-12 EXTENSION OF THE ONE CENT SALES TAX (SAVE) LEGISLATION

House File (HF) 2481 contains multiple provisions which extend the one-cent sales tax that is distributed to school districts to reduce bond levies, reduce PPEL levies, reduce PERL levies, authorize infrastructure projects,

and is the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under the School Infrastructure Local Option (SILO) sales tax or SAVE.

The bill extends the sunset of SAVE to January 1, 2050. It also creates a fund for career academies which will receive an annual distribution from the SAVE fund. Public school districts would be allowed to apply for funds thru a competitive grant program for use on career academy infrastructure and equipment purposes.

The bill was filed by the House Ways & Means Committee and passed out of the House on 4/10.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON TEXTBOOKS LEGISLATION

The House Ways & Means Committee approved a bill on 4/10 that provides a sales tax exemption for college textbooks and instructional materials for Regent institutions and community college students. House File (HF) 2486 defines instructional materials as books, textbooks, and other course materials whether in printed form or another tangible storage media (if a textbook is in a form of a download it would be tax exempt as well). The estimated fiscal impact of the bill is a loss of general fund revenue between \$1-million and \$5-million per year. The bill was referred to the House Regular Calendar for Debate.

LEGISLATION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

House File 2233 – *An Act relating to mechanics’ liens, public construction liens, and the early release of retained funds. Signed by the Governor on 4/10.*

House File 2297 – *An Act relating to boiler and unfired steam pressure vessel inspections. The bill passed out of the Senate on 3/27 and was referred back to the House to adopt H-amendment 8323. Signed by the Governor on 4/10.*

Senate File 2203 – *An Act authorizing the board of nursing to issue a limited nursing authorization to a nurse to complete the clinical component of a nurse refresher course. The bill was signed by the Governor on 4/10.*

Senate File 481 – *Sanctuary City - A bill for an act relating to the enforcement of immigration laws and providing penalties and remedies, including the denial of state funds to certain entities. The bill originated in the Senate Local Government Committee during the 2017 session and was referred to the House Public Safety Committee. Passed the House on 3/22 and the Senate with Senate Amendment 5182 on 4/2. Signed by the Governor on 4/10.*

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House File 2458 – An Act creating a future ready Iowa Act. Signed by the Governor on 4/3.

House File 2456 – An Act relating to behavioral health, including provisions relating to involuntary commitments and hospitalizations, the disclosure of mental health information to law enforcement professionals, and mental health and disability services. Signed by the Governor on 3/29.

House File 2420 – An Act establishing an Iowa National Service Corps program administered by the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service. The bill was signed by the Governor on 4/4.

House File 2343 – An Act prohibiting state agencies from implementing or enforcing any standard, requirement, or threshold without explicit authorization by statute, rule, or regulation. Signed by the Governor on 3/28.

Senate File 2257 – An Act defining marketplace contractors and designating marketplace contractors as independent contractors under specified circumstances. Signed by the Governor on 4/4.

House File 2253 - An Act regarding competitive bidding requirements for construction by a private party of property to be

leased or lease-purchased by certain government entities and including effective date and applicability provisions. The bill was signed by the Governor on 4/4.

Senate File 2274 – An Act requiring the department of education to include references to state or federal statutory or regulatory provisions necessitating the inclusion of information in reports filed with the department. The bill passed out of the House on 3/20 and was signed by the Governor's Office on 4/4.

Senate File 2117 – An Act relating to public funding and regulatory matters and making, reducing, transferring, and supplementing appropriations for expenditures in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017, and including effective date provisions. Signed by the Governor on 3/28.

Senate File 2113 – An Act requiring school employee training and protocols relating to suicide prevention and trauma-informed care. The bill was amended by the House and passed out of the Senate on 3/21. The bill was signed by the Governor on 3/28.

Senate File 2114 – An Act relating to matters involving the state board and department of education to reflect current practices, delete, redundancies, and inaccuracies. Signed by the Governor on 4/3.

House File 2235 – An Act relating to statewide assessments of student progress for purposes of core academic indicators, and including effective date provisions. Signed by the Governor on 3/28.

House File 2354 – An Act relating to student personal information protection. Signed by the Governor on 3/28.

House File 2197 - An Act relating to the administration of driving skills tests required for a commercial driver's license. Signed by the Governor on 3/7.

House File 2230 - A bill for an act relating to the state school foundation program and including effective date provisions. Signed by the Governor on 3/7.

House File 2240 - An Act permitting employers to provide employees with wage statements by electronic means. Signed by the Governor on 3/7.

LEGISLATION ON THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS CALENDARS

House File 2252 – Voter Integrity Act - A bill for an act relating to programs and activities administered by the secretary of state, including the safe at home program, special election dates, candidate and voter registration filing requirements, election

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audits, voting systems, and civil office vacancies, and including effective date provisions. The bill passed out of the House last week and moves the permissible December special election date for school districts or merged areas in even-numbered years from the first to the second Tuesday of the month in order to resolve a potential conflict with the prohibition on special elections being held on the first four Tuesdays following a general election. The bill was voted out of the Senate State Government Committee and was referred to the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar.

Senate File 385 – An Act relating to uniform athlete agents Act and providing remedies and penalties. The bill is on the House Unfinished Business Calendar.

Senate File 2353 – An Act relating to the IWD membership and duties of state and local workforce development boards and related responsibilities of the IWD. The bill is on the House Unfinished Business Calendar.

House File 2369 - A bill for an act setting the dates for the submission of local public measures to the electors. The bill passed out of the House this week and was referred to the Senate Local Government Committee. The bill was assigned a subcommittee Smith, Dvorsky, and Chapman who referred the bill to the Senate State Government

Committee for consideration. The Senate State Government Committee approved the bill on 3/15 and the bill has been referred to the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar.

LEGISLATION SENT TO GOVERNOR

Senate File 475 – Omnibus Education Bill – Allows school districts of 600 or less students to offer community college courses to meet their Career and Technical Education (CTE) requirements with supplemental weighting funding included. The bill was filed during the 2017 session in the Senate and was voted out of the House on 3/21. Since the bill was amended in the House, it was referred back to the Senate for consideration. Sent to the Governor's Office on 4/2.

Senate File 2155 – An Act concerning public investment maturity limitations relating to the operating funds of political subdivisions. The bill passed the House on 3/27 and was sent to the Governor's Office on 4/2.

INACTIVE BILLS THIS WEEK

House File 2301 - A bill for an act concerning the contract bidding process for public improvement projects conducted by the state board of regents. The bill was voted out of the House Local Government Committee and was

referred to the House Local Government Committee on 3/15.

Senate File 2272– A bill for an act relating to community college accreditation. The bill passed out of the House Education subcommittee last week and was never taken up for approval in the full House Education Committee.

Senate File 2341 - A bill for an act relating to the administration of a civics examination which students must pass as a condition of high school graduation and for issuance of a high school equivalency diploma and including applicability provisions. This week the bill was voted out of the Iowa Senate and was referred to the House Education subcommittee Jacobsen, R. Smith, and Wheeler and was never taken up in the full committee for consideration.

Senate File 2362 - A bill for an act establishing requirements relating to the use and identification of open educational resources by postsecondary educational institutions. The bill passed out of the Iowa Senate this week with an amendment that states that a community college shall consider opportunities to mitigate the marginal costs of new editions of existing textbooks. The bill passed out of the Iowa Senate this week and was referred to the House Education subcommittee Jacobsen, Gassman, and Mascher. The subcommittee chairman made the

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decision to not move the bill for consideration by the full House Education Committee.

Senate File 2213 – *An Act relating to the examination and copying of a public record under Iowa’s Open Records Law and federal copyright law. The bill was referred back to the Senate State Government Committee.*

Senate File 2239 – *An Act relating to going armed with, carrying, or transporting a firearm when transporting a person to and from school and delivering an item to the school. The bill was referred back to the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

Senate File 2300 – *An Act requiring the department of human services to facilitate a workgroup study relating to certain mandatory reporter training and certifications requirements. The bill was referred back to the Senate Human Resources Committee.*

House File 2398 – *An Act relating to components of a comparable system of career paths and compensation for school districts. The bill was referred back to the House Education Committee.*

Senate File 2344 (Freedom of Speech and Expression) - *A bill for an act relating to speech and expression at public institutions of higher education, providing for*

remedies, and including effective date provisions. The bill was voted out of the House Education subcommittee Jones, Gaines, and Salmon and did not move to the full House Education Committee for consideration.

Senate File 2361 - *A bill for an act relating to academic programs of regents institutions. The bill passed out of the Iowa Senate this week with an amendment that strikes the requirement that the financial literacy course offered by a Regent institution not be one credit. The bill was referred to the House Education Committee and was never referred to a House Education subcommittee for consideration.*

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