

Iowa Valley Community College District 2018 Legislative Updates

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ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2018 legislative session adjourned on Saturday, May 5th after 17 weeks of activity by Iowa's elected state officials.

EXPANSION OF THE ACCELERATED CAREER EDUCATION (ACE) 260G PURPOSES

Senate File 2415 expands the purposes of the Accelerated Career Education Program (260G) for community colleges that meet the definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section 8.57, subsection 5, paragraph "c" are as follows:

- Accelerated Career Education Program capital projects.
- Major renovation and major repair needs, including health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with the federal Americans With Disabilities Act. Projects that meet the requirements under Iowa Code Chapter 260G and related projects located at a community college whose campus is located in a city with a population between 99,000 and 100,000. The prohibition against lease payment under section 8.57, subsection 5,

paragraph "c", shall not apply to projects authorized under this subparagraph (3).

The bill appropriated \$6-million for ACE projects for FY19.

FY19 EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Senate File 2415 is considered the Education Appropriations funding bill for FY2019 and includes the following funding for community college education priorities:

- \$2,630,134 – Supports the reimbursement for career and technical education expenditures made by the regional career and technical education planning partnerships.
- \$250,000 – Supports the costs associated with the creation of a statewide clearinghouse to expand work-based learning as a part of the Future Ready Iowa initiative.
- \$600,000 – Supports costs associated with the creation of a program to provide additional funds for resident high school pupils enrolled in grades 9 – 12 to attend a community college for college-level classes or attend a class taught by a community college-employed instructor during the summer and outside of the regular school year

through a contractual agreement between a community college and a school district under the Future Ready Iowa initiative.

- \$202,690,889 – Appropriated to support community college State General Aid (SGA).
- \$15,100,000 – Workforce Training and Economic Development (WTED) Fund (\$100,000 is appropriated out of the fund to support DE administrative costs) (260C.18A).
- \$5,500,000 – Adult Education and Literacy Programs (260C.50).
- \$5,000,000 – Accelerated Career Education Program (ACE) (260G)
- \$5,000,000 – PACE (260H.2). (\$200,000 supports the administration of the regional sector partnership program).
- \$2,000,000 – GAP Tuition Assistance (260I.2).
- \$1,500,000 – Intermediary Statewide Work-based Learning Network Fund (256.40). (\$50,000 will be used by the DE to support work-based learning).
- \$200,000 – Support for costs associated with administering a workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose of collecting and

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reporting data relating to the educational and employment outcomes of the workforce preparation programs.

- \$5,000,000 – Kibbie Grant Program (261.130).

LEGISLATION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

House File 648 – An Act relating to career and technical education programs and partnerships. (Filed during the 2017 session). Signed by the Governor on 4/26.

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 signed by the Governor on 4/16.

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. Signed by the Governor on 4/17.

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.

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.

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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 SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate File 2415 – Education Appropriations – Increases FY19 Community College SGA by \$2.0 million.

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 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 and messaged to the Governor's Office on 5/5.

Senate File 385 – An Act relating to uniform athlete agents Act and providing remedies and penalties. The bill passed out of the House and was sent to the Governor's Office on 4/25.

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 passed out of the House and Senate on 4/25 and sent to the Governor's Office on 4/26.

INACTIVE BILLS OF THE SESSION

House File 2486 – A bill for an act exempting from the sales tax the sale of instructional materials required for use in a course of instruction at a postsecondary institution in this state. Passed out of the House on 5/4.

House File 2369 – An Act that sets the date for the submission of local

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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.

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 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 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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