

# Iowa Valley Community College District 2019 Legislative Updates

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## *Week of January 21, 2019*

### **ECC AND MCC STUDENTS ATTEND IACCT ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE**

On Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23-24, the student senates from Ellsworth Community College and Marshalltown Community College, along with their student senate advisors, attended the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Student Legislative Conference in Des Moines. A total of 11 students participated in the workshops on Wednesday and visited with members of the Iowa Senate and Iowa House at the Statehouse on Thursday to tell their story. The students had the privilege of meeting privately with Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg in the Governor's formal office on Thursday.

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTATION AT THE STATEHOUSE**

On Thursday, Feb. 7, Iowa's Community Colleges will present their story for the need for more state funding before the Joint Education Appropriation subcommittee in Statehouse room 22. Those presenting are Dr. Dan Kinney, President of Iowa Central Community College, and Dr. Michael Ash, President of Southeastern Community College.

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT**

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, the Iowa Department of Education released the "Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges" annual report. The report noted that even though student enrollment at community colleges decreased by 1,501 students, there was an increase of 2.3 percent in high school students taking dual credit courses. The colleges experienced a historical increase in minority students by 22.4 percent. The report noted that 80 percent of Iowa's Community College students are under 25 years of age and 54.3 percent of student enrollment are female students.

### **HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INCREASES**

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, the Iowa Department of Education released a 2018 – 2019 report on student enrollment for Iowa's school districts. The report noted that Iowa's school districts experienced an increase of 1,387 students for a total of 487,652 students. The report noted that 48 percent of the school districts or 158 schools experienced an increase in student numbers with most of the decreases in enrollment evident in rural areas. The Waukee school district experienced the largest growth with an increase of 598 students and Ankeny experienced the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest growth of 428 more students.

### **LEGISLATION FILED**

The following bills of importance to Community Colleges were filed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week:

**SF73** – *An act authorizing the use of revenues from the physical plant and equipment levy for school safety and security equipment.*

**SF74** – *An act relating to school funding by modifying provisions relating to the collection of sales tax for deposit into the secure and advanced vision for education fund (SAVE), provisions relating to the use of tax revenue from the SAVE fund, and provisions relating to the calculation of the additional property tax levy.*

**SSB1043** – *An act requiring school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to offer high school students an opportunity to take the U.S. citizenship and immigration services naturalization civics test.*

**HF18** – *Establishes a worker shortage loan forgiveness program to be administered by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.*

**HF43** – *An act relating to subject and performance-based assessments administered prior to a student's completion of a practitioner preparation program.*

**HF61** – *An act relating to the Iowa core curriculum and content*

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*standards applicable to students in kindergarten through grade 12.*

**HF118** – *An act relating to carrying and possessing weapons and acquiring pistols and revolvers.*

**HSB48** – *An act relating to the administration of city and school elections.*

**HSB49** – *An act relating to the administration of elections.*

**HSB52** – *An act prohibiting the use of public resources for political purposes.*

**HSB54** – *An act relating to attribution statements on political materials.*

**HSB56** – *An act concerning the contract bidding process for public improvement projects conducted by the Board of Regents.*

**HSB57** – *An act relating to public construction bidding procedures.*

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