

Iowa Valley Community College District 2019 Legislative Updates

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CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT LEGISLATION FILED

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, the Senate Education Committee filed Senate Study Bill (SSB) 1163. The bill authorizes school districts and accredited nonpublic schools with enrollments of 600 or fewer students to utilize concurrent enrollment programs that meet the requirements for science and math units under the educational standards and enter into concurrent enrollment contracts with community colleges for the provision of academic or career and technical coursework for high school students. The bill increases the per pupil amount of supplementary weighting for liberal arts and science courses from 0.46 to 0.50. The also bill expands the definition of “concurrent enrollment” for the senior year plus program to include academic and career and technical courses offered to students enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school under a contract with a community college. SSB1163 establishes a standing, unlimited appropriation for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2019.

STATE BUDGET PROCESS LEGISLATION FILED

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, House Study Bill (HSB) 164 was filed by the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill would

require the five institutions under the Board of Regents to provide salary data to the Iowa Department of Management and the Legislative Services Agency to operate the state’s salary model.

K-12 SUPPLEMENTAL SSA AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BILLS SENT TO GOVERNOR

This week, the Iowa House and Iowa Senate approved two bills which provide an increase in appropriations for K-12 Supplemental State Aid (SSA) and transportation funding and inequities. House File 306 (SSA) provides an increase of 2.06%, which increases per pupil funding from \$6,736 to \$6,880. An average class of around 25 students would see an additional \$3,600 for the FY20 period. House File 307 provides funding to help school districts fix inequities in transportation funding with an increase in funding of \$11.2 million. The funding will go to school districts with the highest costs, with a goal to eventually bring the schools down to meet the statewide average of \$328/student.

LEGISLATION FILED

The following bills of importance to community colleges were filed during the 5th week:

SSB1163 – *Authorizes the use of concurrent enrollment programs for teaching certain subjects required under the educational*

standards and making an appropriation to fund enrollment of pupils under concurrent enrollment program agreements between accredited nonpublic schools and community colleges. Filed by the Senate Committee on Education and referred to the subcommittee of Sinclair, Kraayenbrink and Wahls.

SSB1165 – *Relates to the requirements school districts and accredited nonpublic schools must meet to provide distance learning classes that meet the requirements of Iowa’s education program. Filed by the Senate Committee on Education and referred to the subcommittee of Edler, Cournoyer and Quirnbach.*

SSB1157 – *Relating to the sales tax exemptions on the sale of instructional materials at postsecondary institutions and on sales where profits are used by or donated to such institutions. Filed by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means and referred to the subcommittee of Feenstra, Schultz and Jochum.*

SSB1153 – *Eliminates the education telecommunications council and the regional telecommunications councils established under the ICN. Filed by the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission and referred to the Senate State Government subcommittee of Whiting, Cournoyer and Celsi.*

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HSB164 – Relates to the state budget process. Filed by Representative Pat Grassley (R-New Hartford). **Referred to the House Appropriations subcommittee of Hinson, Hall and Sorensen.**

HF348 – Relates to education by modifying the duties and authority of certain state and local governmental entities. Filed by Representative Jeff Shipley. **Referred to the House Education subcommittee of T. Moore, Hanusa and Steckman.**

HSB160 – Relates to governmental bodies and advisory bodies and public notice requirements under the Iowa Open Meetings Law. Filed by the Iowa Public Information Board. **Referred to the House Local Government subcommittee of McKean, Bossman and Hunter.**

HSB153 – Relates to the practice of dentistry, including the practice of dental hygiene and the services of dental assistants. Filed by the Iowa Dental Board. **Referred to the House Human Resources subcommittee of Bacon, Bergman and Forbes.**

HF230 – Relates to internships, externships, and apprenticeships tax credits. **Referred to the House Economic Growth subcommittee of Wheeler, Huseman and Jacoby.**

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