

Iowa Valley Community College District 2020 Legislative Updates

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SESSION TIMETABLE

February 21 is the final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of Senate Committees and House bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of House Committees (Joint Rule 20).

K-12 FUNDING

For FY21, Iowa's public school districts will see a \$94.7 million (2.5%) increase in state funding. The Senate and House approved legislation this week which also includes \$7.25 million for rural transportation costs and \$5.8 million to reduce per pupil inequity by \$10 per student. The total increase for K-12 schools will be \$108 million. (Senate File 2144 and Senate File 2164)

ACTIVE LEGISLATION

SF 2154 – Qualifications for Community College CTE Instructors – Provides another option by which an instructor may qualify to teach at a Community College in the subject area of career and technical education (CTE). The bill permits an instructor to teach CTE classes if the instructor possesses an associate degree in the CTE field of instruction in which the person is teaching if such degree is considered terminal for that field

of instruction, and if the instructor has at least 3,000 hours of recent and relevant work experience in the area in which the instructor teaches. **The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and was placed on the Senate Calendar for Debate on 2/5.**

HF 2267 – Regulation of Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants and the Practice of Dentistry (Scope of Practice) – The bill allows for a dental assistant with additional training to perform expanded functions and participate in dental radiography. The bill also prohibits a dental assistant from placing sealants on teeth unless the dental assistant has completed expanded function training through the University of Iowa College of Dentistry or a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. HF 2267 prohibits the Iowa Dental Board from adopting rules allowing a dental assistant to administer local anesthesia or remove plaque, stain, calculus, or hard natural material except by use of a toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish. **The bill was filed by the Iowa Dental Board and was referred to the House Human Resources Committee during the 2019 session. The bill passed out of the House Human Resources Committee and was placed on the House Calendar for Debate on 2/6.**

HF 2384 – Future Ready Iowa – The bill modifies the Future Ready Iowa (FRI) Act with conforming changes to the FRI Apprenticeship Training Programs, creates the Iowa Child Care Challenge Fund, implements a workforce diploma pilot program under the IWD, establishes minimum educational standards, establishes or modifies computer science instruction-related responsibilities under the Iowa State Board of Education for computer science instruction, and addresses supplemental weighted funding for shared operational functions and the FRI Last-Dollar Scholarship program. **The bill passed out of the House Commerce Committee and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee on 2/12.**

LEGISLATION OF IMPORTANCE FILED

SSB 3139 – Authorized Training Programs for Certain Emergency Medical Care Providers – The bill authorizes a medical care ambulance service or non-transport service to apply to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to establish a training program. The bill makes a corresponding change to the definition of a “training program” to reflect the addition of medical care ambulance services and non-transport services to the category of eligible training program providers. Under the bill, a

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“training program” means an Iowa college approved by the Higher Learning Commission, an Iowa hospital authorized by the IDPH, or a medical care ambulance service or non-transport service that has received authorization from the IDPH. ***SSB 3139 passed out of the Senate State Government Subcommittee of Chapman, Giddens, and R. Smith on 2/13.***

HSB 642 – Eligibility Requirements and Assessments for Students under the Iowa Senior Year Plus Program – The bill eliminates an eligibility requirement under the Iowa Senior Year Plus program that requires students to have demonstrated proficiency in reading, mathematics, and science prior to participating in the program, and modifies authorization for a Community College’s assessment of student readiness under the district-to-Community College sharing or concurrent enrollment program. ***HSB 642 was filed by the Iowa Department of Education and passed out of the House Education Subcommittee of Hanusa, T. Moore, and Matson on 2/11.***

HF 2308 – The Definition of Meeting under the Open Meetings Law – The bill amends the definition of a meeting that is subject to requirements of the Iowa Open Meetings law by expanding the definition to include any

deliberations or actions (including recommendations) taken by a governmental body as defined in the Open Meetings law, that are within a governmental body’s budgetary duties. HF 2308 excludes weekend days and paid holidays as specified in Code section 1C.2 when determining the 24-hour time period for purposes of public notice under the Open Meetings law. The bill provides that good cause for purposes of exceptions to public notice requirements under Code section 21.4 includes personnel or student matters. ***The bill was filed by the House State Government Committee and was placed on the House Calendar for Debate on 2/10.***

HSB 664 – Conduct of Elections – The bill requires that a public measure that approves the issuance of a bond pursuant to chapter 75 or 296 shall include on the ballot the current property tax levy, which shall immediately follow the proposed levy, and the term of the bond. Such a public measure shall also include on the ballot the average increase or decrease in the property tax burden of an average home in each county, as well as the average of such averages, according to data provided by the United States Census Bureau. ***The bill was filed by the House State Government Committee and was referred to a subcommittee of Jacobsen, Hunter, and Sexton on 2/12.***

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