

# Iowa Valley Community College District 2022 Legislative Updates

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## **K-12 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FUNDING BILLS FILED**

This week, the House and Senate Education Committees filed and approved legislation that represents the FY2023 K-12 state percent of growth and categorical state percent of growth funding legislation. Senate Study Bill (SSB) 3090 provides an increase of 2.25% in funding and House Study Bill (HSB) 658 provides an increase of 2.5% increase in funding. Both bills were taken up in the education committees in both chambers and approved to be considered for debate next week. The Governor's budget includes a 2.4% increase for the funding, along with a 2.5% increase for Community College State General Aid (SGA) and a 2.5% increase in state funding for the Regent schools.

**House Study Bill (HSB) 660** – Appropriates \$19.2 million to public school districts for the FY2023 year to fund increased costs of employing para-educators, substitute teachers, bus drivers, and administrative support staff due to staff shortages and other increased costs incurred by the school districts resulting from goods and services due to price inflation.

## **LEGISLATION ON CALENDARS FOR DEBATE**

**House File 2165 and Senate File (SF) 2129** – An act that pertains to students who are eligible to receive a scholarship from the Future Ready Iowa Last Dollar Scholarship Fund. Both bills were approved out of the Senate and House Education Committees and have been placed on the House and Senate Calendars for Debate.

## **NEW LEGISLATION FILED**

**House File (HF) 2081** - An act relating to teachers. The bill strikes the ability of an institution of higher education to administer preprofessional skills test to admission candidates and the corresponding reporting requirements related to that test. The bill strikes the requirement that an institution administer subject assessments designed by a nationally recognized testing service that measures pedagogy and knowledges prior to a student's completion of the practitioner preparation program or a valid and reliable subject area specific.

**House File (HF) 2040** – An act relates to immunization against COVID-19 requirements for enrollment in any postsecondary school in Iowa. The bill prohibits a

postsecondary school in Iowa from requiring an immunization against COVID-19 as a requirement for attendance.

**House File (HF) 2176** – An act relating to obscene material distributed to a minor by a public or private elementary or secondary school or library. The bill exempts colleges and university libraries and programs.

**House File (HF) 2170 and Senate File (SF) 2166** – An act relating to the earnings limitation for retirees under IPERS. The bill provides that a retiree under IPERS who has not reached the age of 65 shall have their retirement allowance reduced by 50 cents for every dollar the retiree earns over \$30,000 in full-time employment covered by IPERS. The bill raises this earnings limitation provision to \$50,000.

**Senate Study Bill (SSB) 3081** – An act that relates to the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program. The bill provides that if a school district determines that the community college located in the merged area does not offer a comparable course, or determines that there is a wait list for the course at the community college located in the merged area, the school district may offer the course through a community college located outside of the merged area without the prior approval of the community college located in the merged area.

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**Senate Study Bill (SSB) 3030** – An act relating to the elimination of specific requirements relating to the no smoking signage or symbols. The bill provides that if an owner, operator, manager, or other person having custody or control of an area voluntarily declares the entire area as a non-smoking place, smoking is then prohibited in an area as a nonsmoking place if a “no smoking” sign is posted in order to provide adequate notices of the prohibition.

**House Study Bill (HSB) 555** – An act relating to affirmative defenses for entities using cybersecurity programs and electronic transactions recorded by blockchain technology.

**House Study Bill (HSB) 645** – An act relating to ransomware.

**House Study Bill (HSB) 613** – An act prohibiting specific public fund expenditures and the certification of human trafficking prevention training of certain lodging providers.

**Senate Study Bill (SSB) 1024** – An act relating to fees charged to employees by employers for copies of personnel files.

**House Study Bill (HSB) 527** - An act that relates to the sexual exploitation by a counselor, therapist, or school employee. A school employee is defined as a person employed by a community college full-time, part-time, or as a substitute who provides instruction

to high school students under a sharing or concurrent enrollment program offered in accordance with section 257.11 or 261E.8.

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