

Iowa Valley Community College District 2022 Legislative Updates

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*Activity during the week of
February 6th*

SESSION TIMETABLE

FUNNEL WEEK #1 - February 18th is the final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of the Senate and House bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of House committees. (Joint Rule 20).

HOUSE PASSES K-12 EDUCATION FUNDING BILL

On Thursday, February 10th, the House approved House File (HF) 2316 (K-12 Supplemental State Aid) on a party-line vote. HF 2316 represents the FY2023 K-12 state supplemental aid (SSA) amount based on a State percent of growth rate and the categorical state percent of growth rate for the budget year beginning July 1, 2022. The five provisions in the bill include:

* Establishes a 2.50% State percent of growth rate to be applied to the State cost per pupil for FY 2023 for an SSA of \$181/pupil.

* Establishes a 2.50% State percent of growth rate to be applied to each of the State categorical cost per pupil amounts for FY 2023.

* Provides additional increase of \$5 to the FY 2023 regular program (SCPP), separate from SSA.

* Provides additional property tax replacement funding based on the per pupil increase that results from the establishment of the State percent of growth in FY 2023.

* Amends the FY 2023 General Fund appropriation to the Transportation Equity Program under Iowa Code section 257.16C to equal the amount necessary to make all transportation equity aid programs.

The bill moves to the Senate Appropriation subcommittee for their consideration before it moves to the Senate Calendar for Debate. The Senate filed Senate File (SF) 2204 which increases K-12 Supplemental funding to 2.25% and the Governor's budget reflects an increase in state aid by 2.4%.

The House version specifies that the current requirements that allowable growth rates must be enacted within 30 days of the transmission of the Governor's budget submission which is required by February 1st during the regular legislative session does not apply in this bill.

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.

Senate File 2130 - A bill for an act relating to schools that are required to register with the college student aid commission. The bill has been placed on the Senate Calendar for Debate.

House File 2302 – Relates to Ransomware penalties. The bill passed out of the House Information Technology Committee on 2/10 and has been placed on the House Calendar for Debate.

Senate File 2238 – Requires primary elections for the nomination of candidates for city, school districts, and merged area elections. The bill was filed by Senator Zaun (R-Urbandale) and passed out of the Senate State Government Committee on 2/10. The bill was placed on the Senate Calendar for Debate.

Senate File 2250 – Carrying, transportation, or possession of firearms on real property comprising a person's place of employment. The bill was filed and passed out of the Senate Labor & Business Relations Committee on 2/10. The bill is on the Senate Calendar for Debate.

Senate File 2256 – An act regarding donated leave by state employees. The bill was filed and passed out of the Senate Labor & Business Relations Committee on 2/10. The bill is on the Senate Calendar for Debate.

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NEW LEGISLATION FILED

Senate Study Bill 3135 – Creates a task force under the direction of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to explore the feasibility of establishing an artisanal dairy processing programs at *Northeast Iowa Community College*.

Members of the task force will include one member appointed by the President of NICC who is experienced in dairy science of the dairy business and representatives from ISU, EDA, Iowa Dairy Association, owners or operators of a dairy plant, and a designee made by the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture. The task force is required to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022. The bill was filed by the Senate Agriculture Committee and has been referred to a subcommittee of Senators Sweeney, Shipley, and Mathis.

Senate File 2207 – Prohibits a political subdivision from expending public money for payment to persons responsible for ransomware attacks. The bill was filed by Senator Nunn (R-Bondurant) and was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee for consideration.

Senate File 2099 – Allows government entities to establish new emergency response districts. The bill was filed by Senator Brown (R-Osage) and passed out of the Senate Local Government

Committee. Senator Driscoll (R-Williamsburg) served as a member on the subcommittee.

Senate File 2112 – Directs the Iowa Department of Education to convene an achievement gap working group. The group will study any *disparities in academic performance* between groups of students in grades K-12 and provides a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022. SF 2112 was filed by Senator Carlin (R- Sioux City) and passed out of the Senate Education subcommittee on 2/10.

House Study Bill 647 – Relates to the Medical Privacy and Freedom Act which prohibits required disclosure of, and discrimination based on, a person's medical treatment status or the furnishing of an immunity passport. HSB 647 amends Code Chapter 27C (Proof of vaccination for COVID-19) by striking current provisions prohibiting the required furnishing of proof of vaccination and the prohibition against the awarding or renewal of grants or contracts funded by state revenue to a business or governmental entity that violates this provision. An *educational institution* that violates the provisions of this bill will be liable for any adverse reaction, injury, disability, or death that is or may be related to a person receiving forced medical treatment in response to such violation. The bill was filed by the House State Government Committee and was

referred to the subcommittee of Jacobsen, Boden, and Hunter.

House File 2278 – Requires the Iowa College Student Aid Commission to coordinate and assist students enrolled in grades nine to twelve with FAFSA application preparation activities with the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN). The bill was filed by Representative Brink (R-Oskaloosa) and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration since there is an appropriation request of \$150,000.

House File 2306 – Establishes a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program scholarship program. The bill was filed by Rep. Ingels (R- Randalia) and was referred to a House Education subcommittee. Under the bill, the college student aid commission shall develop and administer a scholarship program to provide scholarships to individuals with intellectual disabilities who are eighteen to twenty-five years old and who are enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program in this state that has been approved by the ED to help offset the cost associated with the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program's tuition and fees.

House Study Bill 663 – Relates to electronic meetings of governmental bodies. The bill was filed by the House Local Government Committee and was referred to a subcommittee.

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House Study Bill 677 – Prohibits the burdening of a person’s free exercise of religion by governmental entities, officials, and employees. The bill was filed by the House Judiciary Committee and passed out of a subcommittee on 2/10.

House Study Bill 669 – Establishes the Cybersecurity Simulation Training Center at ISU. The bill was filed by the House Information Technology Committee and was referred to a subcommittee.

Senate Study Bill 3119 – An act regarding the electronic submission of bids for public improvement contracts. The bill was filed and passed out of the Senate Local Government Committee on 2/10. Senator Driscoll served on the subcommittee.

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