

Iowa Valley Community College District 2022 Legislative Updates

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*Activity during the week of
February 27th*

IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY ON THE HILL

On Thursday, March 3rd, Iowa's Community Colleges held their annual community college day on the hill event. Each year, each community college features one academic and/or training program on the 1st floor in the State Capitol. Legislators in the House and Senate are always invited to the event and provided with an opportunity for them to learn about a variety of regional training programs. This year, IVCCD featured Marshalltown Community College's (MCC) Electro-Mechanical Tech Program. Faculty, Justin McGill, along with Wyatt Edler, a graduate in the program attended the event. Iowa Valley's legislators attended the event. The event was held in conjunction with the IACCT Student Legislative Conference which had been cancelled in late January. The student senate officers on the MCC campus and the Ellsworth Community College (ECC) campus were in attendance, along with their student advisors, Chris Brees and Sara Jesse. The student senate officers scheduled a meeting with House Speaker Pat Grassley and also attended a legislative conference in the afternoon.

LEGISLATION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

House File 2416 – Student eligibility requirements in community colleges athletics based on sex. The Governor signed the bill on 3/3.

LEGISLATION SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Senate File 2128 – Education of Students who are not fully English proficient and the standards applicable to the hiring, developing, and evaluation of community college faculty. Passed out of the House and sent to the Governor on 3/3.

Senate File 2130 - A bill for an act relating to schools that are required to register with the college student aid commission. Passed out of the House and was sent to the Governor on 3/3.

Senate File 2266 – Concerning compensation and benefits limits, relating to the earnings limitation for retirees for school corporation board members. Passed out of the House on 3/3.

Senate File 2279 – An act regarding the electronic submission of bids for public improvement contracts. Passed out of the House and sent to the Governor on 3/3.

LEGISLATION THAT PASSED OUT OF THE HOUSE CHAMBER

House File 2302 – Relates to Ransomware penalties. The bill passed out of the House and was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee on 3/3.

House File 2461 – Relating to ransomware. Passed out of the House on 3/3.

House File 2470 – Adopts and implements recommendations of the Artisanal Butchery Task Force. Passed out of the House and was referred to Senate Commerce on 3/3.

House File 2495 – Establishes the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program scholarship program. Passed out of the House and referred to Senate Education on 3/3.

House File 2083 - Matters under the purview of the college student aid commission, including grant programs and the definition of accredited private institutions. Passed out of the House on 2/23 and was referred to the Senate Education subcommittee: Sinclair, Kraayenbrink, and Quirnbach on 2/28.

House File 2165 – Students who are eligible to receive a scholarship from the Future Ready Iowa Last Dollar Scholarship Program fund. Passed out of the House and sent to the Senate on 3/3.

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HOUSE BILLS STILL REMAINING ON THE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE

House File 2437 – Prohibits the burdening of a person’s free exercise of religion by governmental entities, officials, and employees. Placed on the House Calendar on 2/16.

House File 2526 – Conduct of elections. Placed on the House Calendar on 2/23. (Companion bill: SF 2343).

SENATE BILLS STILL REMAINING ON THE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE

Senate File 2343 – Conduct of Elections. Placed on the Senate Calendar on 2/7. (Companion bill: HF 2526).

Senate File 2250 – Carrying, transportation, or possession of firearms on real property comprising a person’s place of employment. Placed on the Senate Calendar on 2/9.

Senate File 2256 – An act regarding donated leave by state employees. Placed on the Senate Calendar on 2/10.

Senate File 2290 – 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 program at *Northeast Iowa Community*

College. Placed on the Senate Calendar on 2/16. (Companion bill: HF 2433).

Senate File 2358 – Directs the Iowa Department of Education to convene an achievement gap working group. Placed on the Senate Calendar on 2/21.

Senate File 2284 – Prohibiting the burdening of a person’s free exercise of religion. Placed on the Senate Calendar on 2/15.

ACTIVE LEGISLATION NOT MOVED TO THE CALENDARS FOR DEBATE

Senate File 2322 – The assessment of fees when a person requests examination and copying of public records. Passed out of the Senate on 2/23 and was referred to the House Ways & Means subcommittee: Jones, Jacoby, and Mitchell on 3/2.

Senate File 2337 – Third-party testers and test examiners for commercial driver’s license knowledge and driving skills tests. Passed out of the Senate on 2/23.

Senate File 2362– Work-based learning and the recruitment of health care professionals. Passed out of the Senate on 2/23 and was referred to the House Education Committee on 3/23.

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). Passed out of the House Appropriations subcommittee on 2/17.

House File 2361 – Establishes the Cybersecurity Simulation Training Center at ISU. Passed out of the House Appropriations subcommittee on 2/23.

House File 2433 - 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 program at *Northeast Iowa Community College*. Passed out of the House Appropriations subcommittee on 3/2. (Companion bill: SF 2290).

Senate Study Bill 3148 – Education Appropriations (Governor’s bill)

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.

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