



Tab 2 Implementation of New Laws

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
June 16, 2021

BACKGROUND

The 2021 regular session of the General Assembly began on January 5, 2021, and concluded on May 14, 2021. For bills that were truly agreed and finally passed during session, the governor had 15 days to sign or veto the bills. For bills that were truly agreed and finally passed and delivered to the governor after session concluded, the governor had 45 days to sign or veto the bills.

CURRENT STATUS

Laws passed that require implementation/action by the Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development:

- House Bill 3 – DHEWD Budget Bill
- House Bill 7 – Departments of Economic Development, Commerce & Insurance, and Labor & Industrial Relations Budget Bill
- House Bill 19 – Capital Projects Budget Bill
- HB 297 – Higher Education Omnibus

The following is a brief description of the major sections of each bill that require implementation:

HB 3

- 3.010 – GEER appropriations for public colleges and universities through DHEWD
- 3.070 – \$5,000,000 for A+ dual credit reimbursement
 - Will work with the financial aid team to determine how to fund 160.545.12.2
- 3.145
 - Contains nine different appropriations for career and training programs across the state. DHEWD staff are working to determine how best to administer these funds.

HB 7

- Provides \$2,000,000 for competitive grants to eligible institutions for nursing programs, not to exceed \$150,000 per institution. DHEWD to assist the State Board of Nursing in administering.

HB 19

- 19.160 - \$1,500,000 CTE building construction in Ashland*
- 19.165 - \$5,000,000 CTE building construction in Perryville*
- 19.215 - \$18,000,000 community college deferred maintenance – equal distribution
- 19.220 - \$5,000,000 for Mineral Area College* for construction of a technical education and workforce development building

*These communities/institutions are not specifically named in the bill. DHEWD staff will work with the Office of Administration to confirm that these are the only potentially eligible recipients.

HB 297

- Creates the Students' Right to Know Act – DHEWD must implement putting expanded data online for students to access
- Ends HESFA tuition caps

The attachment entitled “New Law Implementation Matrix” contains further details about implementation of these laws.

NEXT STEPS

In the coming months, DHEWD will continue to work on implementing the new laws and administering the new budget items.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- New Law Implementation Matrix

Tab 2 Attachment
New Law Implementation Matrix

PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LAWS
2021 NEW HIGHER EDUCATION-RELATED LAWS
ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE DHEWD/CBHE

Bill	Subject	Description	Implementation			Next Steps
			Effective Date/Deadline	New Duties	Area Responsible	
Bills Passed in 2021						
HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.010 provides \$15,000,000 of GEER funds from the CARES Act to IHEs.	July 1, 2021	Administer the funds	Commissioner's Office	Determine next steps in allocating the funds.
HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.010 provides \$12,000,000 of GEER funds from the CRRSA Act to IHEs.	July 1, 2021	Administer the funds	Commissioner's Office	Determine the next steps in allocating the funds.
HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.015 provides \$21,831,384 for MO Excels Workforce Initiative.	July 1, 2021	Administer the funds	Commissioner's Office	Determine the next steps in allocating the funds.
HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.070 provides \$5,000,000 for Section 160.545.12.2, payment from the A+ scholarship fund for the cost of dual credit courses in high schools.	July 1, 2021	Implement new reimbursement program	Operations	DHEWD staff are currently determining the best way to implement this funding, including preparing a proposed rulemaking.
HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.070 provides \$55,900,000 for the A+ Schools Program, but adds new language that the institutions must provide DHEWD will year-end data to allow DHEWD to submit a report to the general assembly detailing data about the distribution and utilization of the funds.	July 1, 2021	Educate institutions about new requirement, collect data, write report	Operations	Educate institutions about the new reporting requirements and develop internal timeline to prepare report.
HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.081 provides \$2,000,000 to establish a nursing simulation laboratory facility to enhance and expand nursing education and development through an online statewide nursing education program.	July 1, 2021	Pass through funds through standard procurement	Operations	DHEWD staff are working to determine the scope of potential vendors and will procure the services through standard procurement.

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HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.140 provides \$200,000 for persons with autism through a contract with a Southeast Missouri organization.	July 1, 2021	None	Operations	DHEWD staff will renew the current contract with Tailor Institute performing these functions.
HB 3	DHEWD Budget	<p>Section 3.145 provides numerous budget line items for the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$935,500 for Certified Work Ready Community Program (Work Keys and Career Ready); • \$500,000 for Launch Code in STL City; • \$200,000 for an organization in Kansas City to provide education curriculum, training, access to capital, and mentoring; • \$300,000 for STL City Pre-Apprenticeship program for minorities and women into construction field; • \$100,000 for organization in KC that enables disadvantaged persons to obtain self-sufficiency through job training and entrepreneurship; • \$400,000 for a KC Pre-Apprenticeship for minorities and women entry into construction; • \$600,000 for STL City organization that facilitates supplemental education programs, job development and training, and community service programs; and • \$600,000 to STL City organization that facilitates supplemental education programs, job development and training, and community service programs; 	July 1, 2021	Procure services and issue sub-awards, where appropriate	Operations	DHEWD staff are determining which line-items may be issued as sub-awards under the DHEWD federal grant-making authority and which have to be procured through standard procurement process. Once determined, DHEWD staff will prepare the appropriate documentation. DHEWD staff are also working with the Governor's Office and the Office of Administration to determine whether all funding streams are actually available for the appropriated purpose as there is some over-appropriating from certain funds.

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HB 3	DHEWD Budget	Section 3.200 provides \$10,044,016 for distribution to community colleges for equity adjustments.	July 1, 2021	Administer the funds	Operations	Determine how to administer the funds.
HB 7	DED, DCI, DOLIR Budget Bill	Section 7.490 provides \$2,000,000 for competitive grants to eligible IHEs for nursing programs, not to exceed \$50,000 each.	July 1, 2021	Work with State Board of Nursing to administer program.	Operations	DHEWD staff will meet with the State Board of Nursing staff to figure out how to implement this new grant program.
HB 19	Planning and Capital Improvement Projects Budget Bill	Section 19.160 provides \$1,500,000 for construction of a technical education building in Ashland.	July 1, 2021	Contract out the funds	Operations	Pass through dollars for appropriated purpose. Determine how to do it without violating the MO Constitution prohibition on providing state funds to private entities.
HB 19	Planning and Capital Improvement Projects Budget Bill	Section 19.165 provides \$5,000,000 for construction of a technical education building in Perryville.	July 1, 2021	Contract out the funds	Operations	Pass through dollars for appropriated purpose. Determine how to do it without violating the MO Constitution prohibition on providing state funds to private entities.
HB 19	Planning and Capital Improvement Projects Budget Bill	Section 19.215 provides \$18,000,000 for equal distribution to community colleges for deferred maintenance	July 1, 2021	Issue the funds	Operations	Pass through the dollars for the appropriated purpose.
HB 19	Planning and Capital Improvement Projects Budget Bill	Section 19.220 provides \$5,000,000 to a community college for construction of a technical education and workforce development building.	July 1, 2021	Issue the funds	Operations	Pass through the dollars to the appropriate institution.
HB 297	Higher Education Omnibus Bill	Creates section 161.625 known as the Students' Right to Know Act.	January 1, 2022	Collect and publish data from IHEs	Performance & Strategy	Staff are preparing an initiative contract to outline the steps to fully implement the changes.
HB 297	Higher Education Omnibus Bill	Amends existing section 173.035 to require DHEWD to post information from public IHEs and Vocational schools, including info from Students' Right to Know Act. Makes private institution reporting permissive.	August 28, 2021	Collect info from vocational schools for publication online.	Performance & Strategy	Determine what new institutions must report and educate those institutions on reporting requirements.

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HB 297	Higher Education Omnibus Bill	Amends section 173.1003 to suspend the HESFA tuition caps beginning July 1, 2022. Also provides that if an IHE uses differentiated tuition, the institution must notify DHEWD and may not utilize course fees.	July 1, 2022	None	Commissioner's Office	Determine how to define "differentiated tuition."