



Tab 7 Implementation of New Laws

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
June 17, 2020

BACKGROUND

The 2020 regular session of the General Assembly began on January 8, 2020, and concluded on May 15, 2020. For bills that are truly agreed and finally passed during session, the Governor has 15 days to sign or veto the bills. For bills that are truly agreed and finally passed and delivered to the Governor after session concludes, the Governor has 45 days to sign or veto the bills. DHEWD staff will report on implementation of bills passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor during the 2020 legislative session at the board's September 2020 meeting.

This update will focus on the implementation of laws passed during the 2019 session. This will be the final report on the implementation of the new laws passed during the 2019 legislative session.

CURRENT STATUS

With regard to all of the new laws passed during the 2019 session, DHEWD staff are continuing to make progress on implementing the various provisions that affected the department. Since the March CBHE meeting, the department has:

- SB 68 – Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant
 - Filed the Order of Rulemaking with the Secretary of State's Office, the rule will be final and effective on June 30, 2020;
 - Continued to work with ITSD and contract developers to automate and streamline the application and administration process; and
 - Continued to prepare for the transition to academic year 2020-2021 including the expanded list of designated programs and the addition of students at independent institutions.
- SB 306 – Modification of programs impacting military families
 - We continue to provide guidance to schools as requested.
- HB 604 – School Turnaround Act (A+ modification)
 - Rulemaking became final and effective on May 30, 2020.
 - The legislature did not fund the dual credit portion of this legislation for FY21, so DHEWD staff will not be able to implement that portion.

The attachment entitled "New Law Implementation Matrix" contains further details about implementation of the 2019 higher education-related laws.

NEXT STEPS

DHEWD staff will continue to work to administer and promote the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant. This program has the potential to be an important economic recovery tool for the State of Missouri as we move through the COVID-19 pandemic.

DHEWD staff will continue to advocate for funding of these programs despite budget uncertainties.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- New Law Implementation Matrix

Tab 7 Attachment
New Law Implementation Matrix

PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LAWS
2019 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 2019						
SB 68	Fast Track	Creates the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant which provides grants for Missouri citizens to attend approved programs at Missouri institutions.	August 28, 2019	Administer new grant/loan program.	Operations	DHEWD staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed the Order of Rulemaking with the Secretary of State's Office, the rule will be final and effective on June 30, 2020; Continued to work with ITSD and contract developers to automate and streamline the application and administration process, and Are preparing for the transition to academic year 2020-2021 including the expanded list of designated programs and the addition of students at independent institutions. DHEWD will continue to promote this program as an important economic development recovery tool.
SB 306	Military Families	This legislation impacts the Veteran's Survivor Grant, the Missouri Returning Heroes Education Act, and In-State Tuition determinations. For the Veteran's Survivor Grant, 173.234, it removes the sunshine provision. For the Missouri Returning Heroes Act, 173.900, it does the following:	August 28, 2019	Supervise implementation of these new programs at the institutions and offer guidance to the institutions.	Operations	DHEWD continues to provide guidance to schools as requested.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the definition of “combat veteran” to include those who served before 9/11/01; Extends the program to graduate degrees; and Allows the veteran to choose whether to apply the tuition reduction before or after other aid is awarded. <p>For In-State Tuition determinations for military dependents, 173.1155, it requires that eligibility for in-state tuition rates be determined at time dependent is accepted for admission.</p>				
HB 604	A+	Modifies the A+ program to require DHEWD to provide A+ dollars to high school students in dual-credit classes.	August 28, 2019	Cooperate with the Governor’s Office to figure out how to implement. Once funded, implement the new dual-credit piece of the program.	Operations	The administrative rule is final and enforceable. DHEWD staff will continue to advocate for funding for the A+ piece of this legislation, but given the budget crisis, funding is not expected for FY21.
HB 77	PSRS	Under current law, any person retired from the Public School Retirement System of Missouri (PSRS) may be employed by an employer included in the retirement system in a position that does not normally require a Missouri teacher certification. Such a person may earn up to 60% of the statutory minimum teacher salary without a discontinuance of the person's retirement allowance. If any such person is employed in excess of the limitations, the person shall not be eligible to receive the person's retirement allowance for any month during which the person is employed.	August 28, 2019	No action required.	N/A	Item provide for informational purposes only as this legislation impacts Missouri’s community colleges.

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		This act exempts any person retired and currently receiving a retirement allowance from PSRS employed by a public community college from such provisions of law.				
HB 3	Budget Bill	Officially combined the DWD, MERIC, and DHE budgets.	July 1, 2019	Create budget plan for an entirely new department.	Operations	DHEWD staff combined the budgets for legacy DWD, MERIC, and DHE. DHEWD now has a unified budget plan for the remainder of the fiscal year and going into next fiscal year.
HB 17	Capital Improvement Projects	Appropriates money to the CBHE for improvements at various institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC • Moberly Area Comm College • St. Charles Comm College • St. Louis Comm College • State Tech • SEMO • Northwest • Harris-Stowe • Three Rivers College • Crowder College Cassville campus • MSU • Truman 	July 1, 2019	None	Operations	Pass through dollars for appropriated purpose.