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Final Report on 2019 Legislative Session and Plan for Implementation of New Laws

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
September 11, 2019

BACKGROUND

The 2019 regular session of the General Assembly began on January 9, 2019, and concluded on May 17, 2019. 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. Veto session begins on September 11. Unless otherwise noted within the bill, the effective date of all new laws was August 28.

CURRENT STATUS

Summary of 2019 Legislative Session:

- Number of bills filed: 1,974
- Number of bills that were Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed: 91

The following bills affect higher education, were signed into law, and became effective August 28, 2019, unless otherwise noted:

- SB 68 – Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant
- SB 306 – Modification of programs impacting military families
- HB 604 – School Turnaround Act (A+ modification)
- HB 77 – Public Education Employee Retirement System modification

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

NEXT STEPS

In the coming months, MDHE will continue to work on implementing the new laws. Specifically, the MDHE plans to:

- File the administrative rules for the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant;
- Resolve the A+ dual credit issues; and
- Issue new guidance for the changes to the three programs impacting military families.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- New Law Implementation Matrix

Tab 5 Attachment
New Law Implementation Matrix

PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LAWS
2019 NEW HIGHER EDUCATION-RELATED LAWS
ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE MDHE/CBHE

Bill	Subject	Description	Implementation			Next Steps
			Effective Date/Deadline	New Duties	Area Responsible	
Bills Passed in 2019						
SB 68	FastTrack	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	MDHE has several next steps for this program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File proposed administrative rules; • Review applications received; • Make first awards.
SB 306	Military Families	<p>This legislation impacts the Veteran's Survivor Grant, the Missouri Returning Heroes Education Act, and In-State Tuition determinations.</p> <p>For the Veteran's Survivor Grant, 173.234, it removes the sunshine provision.</p> <p>For the Missouri Returning Hero's Act, 173.900, it does the following:</p> <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</p>	August 28, 2019	Supervise implementation of these new programs at the institutions and offer guidance to the institutions.	Operations	MDHE is updating its guidance on its website for both students and institutions regarding these programs.

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		that eligibility for in-state tuition rates be determined at time dependent is accepted for admission.				
HB 604	A+	Modifies the A+ program to require MDHE 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.	Operations	<p>This legislation is problematic in that the way it is written it is impossible to make the dual credit payments because the qualifying criteria are impossible to achieve. As written, to get dual credit dollars while in high school, a student must be a graduate from high school.</p> <p>It is also problematic because the legislation requires that the traditional A+ students be paid first, then dual-credit in high-school paid second on the basis of financial need. However, the MDHE will not know how much money is left for the dual-credit students until May of 2020, well beyond the time-frame for making it available for students with a financial need.</p> <p>MDHE plans to implement A+ as historically implemented in the short term, while working to determine how to handle the two issues in the longer term.</p>
HB 77	PSRS	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This act exempts any person retired and currently receiving a retirement allowance</p>	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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		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	The budget teams from DWD and DHE are integrated and working to create a unified budget. Historically, the two budgets operated very differently, so we are working internally to bring them together.
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.
Bills Passed in 2018 – Final Update						
HB 3	Computer science	Allows a high school student to substitute a math, science, or practical arts course with a computer science course provided that the student has taken all classes with a required end-of-course exam; requires DESE to cooperate with DHE to develop and implement academic requirements for computer science courses.	July 1, 2019	Cooperate with DESE to develop and implement academic requirements for computer science courses.	Academic Affairs	MDHE staff will continue to monitor to determine possible impact to student qualifications for educator preparation programs in addition to impacts to overall student preparation for collegiate-level coursework and remediation rates.
HB 1606	Career and salary information	Requires the CBHE and DED to provide specific career and salary information for each credential offering offered by a public institution of higher education; the information must appear on the public institution's website and in the course catalog	On or before October 1, 2019	Ensure that reporting is provided to the institutions that fulfills the requirements of the statute regarding graduate outcomes, or work with institutions to ensure that	Data	MDHE staff received feedback from institution on draft reports and will provide reports to the institutions for the 2019-2020 academic year by September 15, 2019.

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		alongside its credential offerings, if the institution publishes a course catalog.		they are able to provide alternate data from other sources.		
HB 1744; SB 807 & 577; SB 603	Access Missouri program	Modifies the Access Missouri financial assistance program by allowing students attending virtual institutions to be eligible for awards.	August 28, 2018	Ensure that MDHE procedures and practices relating to issuing Access Missouri awards are consistent with new state law.	Financial Aid	Rulemaking final. Program implemented.
HB 1744; SB 807 & 577	A+ scholarship program	Modifies the A+ scholarship program student eligibility by removing the requirement that a student's attendance occur in the three years immediately prior to graduation.	June 1, 2018 (due to emergency clause on HB 1744)	Ensure that MDHE procedures and practices relating to issuing A+ Scholarship awards are consistent with new state law.	Financial Aid	Rulemaking final. Program implemented.
SB 807 & 577	HESFA	Modifies the Higher Education Student Funding Act by allowing public institutions of higher education to increase tuition by an amount (no greater than 5%) that would produce an increase in net tuition revenue no greater than the amount by which state operating support was reduced in the previous fiscal year.	August 28, 2018	Ensure that MDHE and CBHE procedures and practices relating to tuition setting are consistent with the revised parameters.	Fiscal Affairs; Data; Commissioner	MDHE staff filed the final Order of Rulemaking with the Secretary of State on August 14, 2019. The rule will be final on October 30, 2019.
SB 870; SB 807 & 577	Public Safety Officer Survivor Grant	Expands the list of professions whose children and spouses are eligible to receive a public safety office or employee survivor grant from the CBHE.	August 28, 2018	Ensure that MDHE procedures and practices relating to issuing the grant awards are consistent with new state law.	Financial Aid	Rulemaking final. Program implemented.