



Tab 9

Update on Implementation of New Laws

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
December 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 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. Veto session began on September 11, 2019. Unless otherwise noted within the bill, the effective date of all new laws was August 28.

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 September CBHE meeting, the department has:

- SB 68 – Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant
 - Filed the administrative rule with the Governor pursuant to Executive Order 17-03
 - Began accepting and reviewing applications for participation
- SB 306 – Modification of programs impacting military families
 - We are updating our guidance for the internet and providing guidance to schools as requested
- HB 604 – School Turnaround Act (A+ modification)
 - Filed the administrative rule with the Governor pursuant to Executive Order 17-03
 - Requested funding for the dual credit piece of the legislation in our budget

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

NEXT STEPS

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

- File the administrative rules for the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant and A+ changes with the Secretary of State upon approval from the Governor; 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 9 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	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	DHEWD has several next steps for this program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File proposed administrative rules upon receipt of approval from the Governor's office; Continue reviewing 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. 	August 28, 2019	Supervise implementation of these new programs at the institutions and offer guidance to the institutions.	Operations	<p>DHEWD is updating its guidance on its website for both students and institutions regarding these programs.</p> <p>DHEWD continues to provide guidance to schools as requested.</p>

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		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.				
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	<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 DHEWD 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>DHEWD plans to implement the A+ changes that are possible to file its administrative rule changes after approval by the Governor's Office.</p> <p>In the long-term, DHEWD staff proposed funding for the dual credit piece in its budget for FY21. There is no funding for this piece in the current FY budget. DHEWD will also monitor proposed changes to the competing dual credit statutes should they arise during session.</p>
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.	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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		<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 from PSRS employed by a public community college from such provisions of law.</p>				
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	<p>Appropriates money to the CBHE for improvements at various institutions:</p> <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.