



Legislative Update 2-6-14

Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

SB 699 **Pearce** **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into a distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of the state and grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules consistent with guidelines established by the regional higher education compacts for the approval of institutions to deliver distance education under the agreement.

Bill History: First Read: 1-13-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-30-14

HB 1389 **Thomson** **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education: Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into a distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of the state and grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules consistent with guidelines established by the regional higher education compacts for the approval of institutions to deliver distance education under the agreement.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-22-14

SB 492 **Pearce** **State Funding for Higher Education Institutions:** Requires the cooperative development of a resource allocation model by the public four-year institutions of higher education and the MDHE that incorporates performance funding for public four-year institutions of higher education. The model must be approved by the CBHE. The CBHE must develop and adopt at least five institutional performance measures for each public four-year institution, in collaboration with the institutions and the Joint Committee on Education. SCS limits performance funding/equity allocation to new funds (above previous year core) and adds Linn State Technical College to the model.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to S Education: 1-9-15; Hearing: 1-15-14; SCS voted Do Pass Senate Education Committee: 1-22-14;

Reported from S Education Committee to Floor w/SCS: 1-28-14; S Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection with SCS: 2-6-14

SB 494 **Pearce** **State Student Aid Study:** Requires the Joint Committee on Education to conduct a study of the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight), the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program, and the A+ Schools Program by November 1, 2014. The study must include, but not be limited to, eligibility requirements for each program, acceptance of aid by eligible students, and retention and graduation rates of recipients. Also adds public institutions of higher education to the entities which the JCE may make reasonable requests for staff assistance.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to Senate Education: 1-9-14

SB 605 **Dixon** **Higher Education Clean Up Bill:** Updates references to higher education statutes that have been repealed. Several statutes contain references to sections 173.205 and 173.215, which were repealed in 2007. This act removes these references and replaces them with references to either section 173.1102 or section 173.1104, as appropriate. Identical to introduced version of SB 67 (2013).

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-4-13; First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-16-14; S. Education Committee Hearing 1-29-14; Reported from S Education Committee to Floor (Consent): 2-6-14

SB 679 **Curls** **Parental Support for Higher Education:** Modifies laws regarding educational parental support for higher education.

Bill History: First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families, and Pensions Committee: 1-30-14

SB 722 **Justus** **MO Tuition Equity Act:** Requires colleges and universities to consider an individual a Missouri resident for tuition, fees, and admission purposes based on graduated from a Missouri high school having attended a Missouri high school for at least two years. The individual must have entered the US prior to enactment and, if not a citizen or permanent resident, must provide an affidavit confirming

the intent to become a permanent resident.

Bill History: First Read: 1-14-14; Second Read and Referred to S Education Committee: 1-30-14

SB 729 Romine **Tax Credits for Innovation Campuses:** Provides for a tax credit for donations to Innovation Education Campuses as defined in the bill. Tax credit would be for one-half of the donation but could not exceed current year tax liability of the donating entity.

Bill History: First Read: 1-15-14

HB 1232 Haahr **Show-Me Future Program Pilot:** Establishes a pilot program to study the impact of replacing traditional higher education tuition with a system that would enable graduates to repay higher education costs with a percentage of their income for a specified period of time.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-16-14; H. Higher Education Hearing: 2-4-14

HB 1247 Wood **A+ Dual Credit** Requires DHE to develop a procedure to reimburse students in the A+ program for books and academic fees based on dual credit course tuition and any fees paid by the student prior to high school graduation.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary: 1-16-14; House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee Hearing: 1-29-14

HB 1279 English **A+ Expansion:** Expands the A+ scholarship program to include any high school graduate, public or private, regardless of whether the school was designated as an A+ school.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee: 1-16-14

HB 1308 Thompson **Bright Flight Expansion:** Revises student eligibility requirements for the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight) and adds a forgivable loan component to the program.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-16-14; H Higher Education Hearing: 1-29-14; H. Higher Education Voted Do Pass (HCS): 2-4-14

HB 1377 Walker **Public Safety Officer Survivor Program Expansion:** Add emergency medical technicians to the list of public safety officers eligible for survivor's and disabled employee's education grant program.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-28-14; H. Higher Education Hearing: 2-4-14

HB 1383 Peters **In-state Tuition for Military:** Grants in-state tuition eligibility for active duty military personnel and national guard.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-28-14

HB 1390 Thomson **State Funding for Higher Education Institutions:** Requires the cooperative development of a resource allocation model by the public four-year institutions of higher education and the MDHE that incorporates performance funding for public two- and four-year institutions of higher education. The model must be approved by the CBHE. The CBHE must develop and adopt at least five institutional performance measures for each public institution, in collaboration with the institutions and the Joint Committee on Education.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-22-14; H Higher Education Hearing: 1-28-14; Referred to House Rules: 2-5-14

HB 1590 Kelly **Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement:** Requires all students attending public institutions of higher education who reside in on-campus housing to have received the meningococcal conjugate

vaccine.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-27-14; Referred to H. Health Care Policy: 2-5-14

HB 1635

Mims

Student Favoritism: Requires public institutions of higher education to adopt policies on student favoritism.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-29-14; Referred to H. Higher Education: 2-5-14

HB 1637

Fitzpatrick

Tuition Rates for Undocumented Individuals: Prohibits public institutions of higher education from offering tuition rates to undocumented individuals that is less than the rate charged to citizens or nationals of the US whose residence is not Missouri. Such students must be charged the same tuition rate as international students.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-29-14; Referred to H. Higher Education: 2-5-14

HB 1701

Ellington

A+ Schools Program: Requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a process by which a student in an unaccredited district who is enrolled in a public school that is not A+ designated can receive reimbursement under the A+ Schools Program.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-3-14

HB 1704

Curtis

MO Tuition Equity Act: Requires colleges and universities to consider an individual a Missouri resident for tuition, fees, and admission purposes based on graduated from a Missouri high school having attended a Missouri high school for at least two years. The individual must have entered the US prior to enactment and, if not a citizen or permanent resident, must provide an affidavit confirming the intent to become a permanent resident.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-3-14

HB 1705 Curtis **Remedial Tuition Reimbursement:** Allows students at two-year or four-year colleges or universities to seek tuition reimbursement for college remedial courses under certain circumstances.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-3-14

HB 1707 Curtis **Community College Police:** Allows community college police officers to establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-4-14

SB 628 Schaaf **Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions:** Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, except in fee simple, without General Assembly authorization.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-13-13; First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and referred to S Education Committee: 1-23-14; S. Education Hearing: 1-29-14; S. Education Voted Do Pass: 2-5-14

HB 1206 Wilson **Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions:** Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, except in fee simple, without General Assembly authorization.

Bill History: Prefiled: 1-3-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-9-14; H Higher Education Hearing 1-28-14; Referred to H. Rules: 2-5-14

HB 1442 Dunn **Alpha Phi Alpha Day:** Designates December 4 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in Missouri in honor of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-16-14; Referred to H Tourism and Natural Resources: 1-28-14; H Tourism and Nat. Resources Public Hearing: 2-6-14

HB 1487 Bahr **Reimbursement for Remedial College Courses:** Directs DESE to

establish a process to allow certain students at colleges and universities to receive tuition reimbursement for remedial college courses. Reimbursement would be deducted from the classroom trust fund.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-21-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-29-14
