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## Summary of Appropriations

Program	FY 2010 Appropriation	Inc./Dec. over FY 2009	Percent change
State General Aid	\$158,678,501	(\$ 24,383,913)	(13.3%)
ARRA Federal Stimulus Funding	\$ 23,100,000	\$ 23,100,000	100.0%
Faculty Salary Funding	\$ 916,680	(\$ 583,320)	(38.9%)
Voc-Tech Tuition Grant Program	\$ 2,512,958	(\$ 270,157)	(9.7%)
Regional Telecomm. Councils	\$ 1,232,071	(\$ 132,454)	(9.7%)
Workforce Development Fund	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Corrections Education Program	\$ 1,858,109	(\$ 12,249)	(0.7%)
ACE Infrastructure Fund	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Maintenance Infrastructure Fund	\$ 0	(\$ 2,000,000)	(100.0%)
Small Business Development Ctrs.	\$ 976,234	(\$ 83,766)	(7.9%)
SBDC Supplemental – GIVF	\$ 315,000	(\$ 35,000)	(10.0%)
Workforce Training & Economic Development Fund (260C.18A)	\$ 10,800,000	(\$ 700,000)	(6.1%)
ARRA Federal Stimulus Funding	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$212,389,553</b>	<b>(\$ 2,600,859)</b>	<b>(1.2%)</b>

## Community College Legislative Priorities How did we do?

### 1. State General Aid

- We requested a State General Aid increase of \$13,750,000 for FY 2010 based on the formula adopted by the State Board of Education.
- We received a base funding cut of \$24,383,913 in FY 2010.
- We received a one time federal stimulus allocation of \$23,100,000 to restore those cuts.

### 2. Infrastructure and Job Training Support

- We requested level funding in our infrastructure and job training programs.
- We secured level funding for the ACE Infrastructure Fund and the Workforce Development Fund. We received a \$700,000 cut in the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund.
- We received \$2,500,000 in one time federal stimulus funding to restore the funding cuts in the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund in FY 2009 and FY 2010.

### **3. Local Tax Support**

- We continued to look for an opportunity to increase our board approved general fund property tax levy authority to restore our taxing levels to 25% of revenues.
- There were no appropriate property tax reform or relief bills considered by the legislature this year that provided an opportunity to pursue this request.

### **4. Ensure the competitiveness of Iowa's skilled workers**

- We continued to pursue a long term financial commitment of \$40-\$60,000,000 in state and local assistance necessary to maintain and build skilled worker training capacity.
- Given the condition of the state and national economy and declining state tax revenues, we were again unable to do so.

### **5. Faculty Salary Support**

- We requested funding for increased salaries and equitably distributed supplemental salary appropriations for all staff.
- We received \$916,680 in new faculty salary funding.
- The FY 2009 \$1,500,000 salary appropriation was not funded or built into our state general aid base in FY 2010 resulting in the long term loss of that funding.

### **6. Student Financial Aid**

- We requested increased student financial aid, particularly grant aid, for both degree seeking and skills training for Community College students.
- We received a cut in the Voc-Tech Tuition Grant program and no new funding for non-credit skills training programs.

## **Mid Year Budget Cuts**

Iowa has been severely impacted by the national recession resulting in a dramatic loss of state tax revenues in 2008. As a result, Governor Culver implemented a 1.5% across the board state general aid cut in December 2008. That resulted in a reduction in community college state general aid by \$2,745,936.

Additionally, Governor Culver transferred \$10 million from The Grow Iowa Values Fund in the Fall of 2008 as part of his \$40 million flood recovery Jump Start Program. That resulted in a \$1,400,000 loss of funding in the Community College Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund (WTED) in 2008.

## **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Federal Stimulus Funding)**

Much of the estimated \$2.1 billion in funding coming to Iowa under the American Recovery and Revitalization Act (ARRA) of 2009 must be used for specific existing programs and purposes. Less than half falls into three categories: Medicaid (\$359.2 million), State Stabilization for Education (\$386.4 million), and State Stabilization for General Government Services (\$86.0 million) that will benefit the Iowa General Fund over the next 27 months.

For the FY 2010 budget year, ARRA provides Iowa's Community Colleges \$25,600,000, the Regent universities \$80,280,000 and K-12 \$257,600,000 for both FY 2009 and FY 2010. In addition, \$800,000 was expended for administrative services and \$14,930,000 for corrections and public safety, leaving only \$93.3 million in the federal stimulus State Stabilization Funds available to support education programs for FY 2011. Iowa's Community Colleges proportional share of these remaining dollars would be about 6 percent or \$5.6 million dollars.

For FY 2010, \$294,480,000 was expended for Medicaid and other human services programs and \$5,500,000 on transportation. Overall the Legislature expended \$680 million of the ARRA funds and has only \$152 remaining for FY 2011.

Iowa's two sectors of public higher education bore the brunt of the FY 2010 budget cuts because it is primarily through us that the State could inject the federal stimulus funding into the Iowa budget. To utilize the state stabilizations funds, the State had to cut our base funding levels. That has left the Community Colleges with a state general aid base that is \$24.4 million below where we started FY 2009. This lower state general aid base will be our funding base for development of the FY 2011 state budget with very little ARRA funding left to backfill those permanent cuts.

It should be noted that since K-12 has a statutory funding formula approved one year in advance, the ARRA funds were used to fund their 4 percent allowable growth rate resulting in an FY2010 increase in funding and not the cuts suffered by the Community Colleges and universities. The Legislature approved an allowable growth rate of 2 percent for K-12 in FY 2011 resulting in an increase.

The Des Moines Register characterized the long term nature of this funding problem in their Thursday, April 30 editorial entitled "Prepare now for the pain of next year's budget shortfalls – With fewer federal dollars, state will face severe cuts." Excerpts from the editorial follow:

"It's been only a few days since the Iowa legislature adjourned. The last thing people probably want to think about is next year's state budget. But lawmakers, agency administrators, state workers and union heads all need to put on their thinking caps."

"That's because the federal economic stimulus dollars that helped rescue Iowa's 2010 budget are temporary. This time next year, the state will be standing on the edge of a funding cliff, and most of the federal stimulus money will be gone."

"Lawmakers shaping the state budget for 2011 need to avoid falling off that cliff—and taking with them everyone from foster kids to poor people to state workers. Lawmakers will face potentially huge cuts in education, human services and health care—cuts that could be mitigated if everyone begins planning now for how to reduce expenses, increase revenue or both. State government won't be able to continue business as usual and balance the budget."

“According to calculations by the Legislative Services Agency, Iowa will have spent \$680 million of its education, Medicaid and “stabilization” stimulus dollars by the end of 2010. These dollars were targeted to preserve state-government jobs and to retain essential services. In general, it appears Iowa used them as intended.”

“By next year, Iowa lawmakers will have only about \$150 million of those types of dollars left to spend.”

“That sets up a scenario for big budget shortfalls in basic services. This year, about \$360 million went to K-12 education, community colleges and the state universities. Corrections got a big chunk. Medicaid, which provides health insurance for the poor, was rescued, as were jobs in human services. Money was shifted around so reductions weren’t as steep for areas of government not singled out for federal money.”

“Even if the recession ends soon, it’s highly unlikely state revenues will pick up quickly enough to make up the gap.”

“To prepare for future budget realities, Iowa should consider the following:” (The article then details the following recommendations, summarized here).”

- Reorganize for efficiency
- Involve state workers
- Save money on people
- Look at the revenue side

“Iowa can thank Washington for rescuing this state from devastating budget cuts this year. But that rescue was temporary. Iowa needs to plan for next year—and a year flies by before you know it.”

## **Interim Study Committees**

### **Government Reorganization Committee**

This committee will study and recommend changes in the State’s various governmental units.

### **Job Training interim Study Committee**

The legislative council is required to establish a job training interim study committee to examine job training issues during the 2009 legislative interim period. See page 23 for a detailed explanation.

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## Appropriations Bills

### Education Appropriations Bill: Senate File 470 & House File 820

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

**State General Aid for Community Colleges.** Appropriates \$158,678,501 in state general aid (SGA) to the Community Colleges. This is a decrease of \$24,383,913, a 13.3% cut, compared to the original FY 2009 appropriation of \$183,062,414.

As a result of the national recession and declining state tax revenues in 2008, the Governor issued a mid year 1.5% across the board (ATB) cut in December. That reduced our state general aid base by \$2,745,936 to \$180,316,478.

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).** Appropriates \$23,100,000 in HF 820 to restore state general aid reductions in FY 2010. It is to be allocated in proportion to each Community College's share of general state aid appropriated in the 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 470.

**SGA Table 1:** The following table shows the \$2,745,936 reduction in state general aid resulting from the Governor's 1.5% across the board cut in December 2008. The resulting \$180,316,478 became the new Community College state general aid funding base for development of the FY 2010 budget by both the Governor and the Education Appropriations Committee.

	FY 2009 SGA Appropriation	FY 2009 net after 1.5% ATB Cut	Decrease over FY 2009 base
Northeast Iowa	\$ 9,074,424	\$ 8,938,308	(\$ 136,116)
North Iowa Area	\$ 9,840,581	\$ 9,692,972	(\$ 147,609)
Iowa Lakes	\$ 9,045,521	\$ 8,909,838	(\$ 135,683)
Northwest	\$ 4,449,263	\$ 4,382,524	(\$ 66,739)
Iowa Central	\$ 9,992,314	\$ 9,842,429	(\$ 149,885)
Iowa Valley	\$ 8,656,370	\$ 8,526,524	(\$ 129,846)
Hawkeye	\$ 12,826,359	\$ 12,633,964	(\$ 192,395)
Eastern Iowa	\$ 15,963,828	\$ 15,724,371	(\$ 239,457)
Kirkwood	\$ 27,662,970	\$ 27,248,025	(\$ 414,945)
Des Moines Area	\$ 27,602,009	\$ 27,187,979	(\$ 414,030)
Western Iowa Tech	\$ 10,522,547	\$ 10,364,709	(\$ 157,838)
Iowa Western	\$ 10,685,790	\$ 10,525,503	(\$ 160,287)
Southwestern	\$ 4,505,374	\$ 4,437,793	(\$ 67,581)
Indian Hills	\$ 14,147,609	\$ 13,935,395	(\$ 212,214)
Southeastern	\$ 8,087,455	\$ 7,966,143	(\$ 121,312)
Total	\$183,062,414	\$180,316,478	(\$ 2,745,936)

**SGA Table 2:** The following table reflects the final FY 2010 appropriation which will become the new state general aid base for FY 2010. This reflects an additional reduction of \$21,637,977, a 12.0% cut in state general aid from the net FY 2009 base. The total reduction in state general aid from the original FY 2009 appropriation is \$24,383,913, a 13.3% cut. The new SGA base for FY 2010 does not include the \$1,500,000 faculty salary supplemental appropriation in FY 2009 because it was not funded in FY 2010.

	FY 2009 Net Appropriation	FY 2010 SGA Appropriation New SGA Base	Decrease over Net FY 2009
Northeast Iowa	\$ 8,938,308	\$ 7,897,910	(\$ 1,040,398)
North Iowa Area	\$ 9,692,972	\$ 8,516,966	(\$ 1,176,006)
Iowa Lakes	\$ 8,909,838	\$ 7,841,186	(\$ 1,068,652)
Northwest	\$ 4,382,524	\$ 3,851,558	(\$ 530,966)
Iowa Central	\$ 9,842,429	\$ 8,641,384	(\$ 1,201,045)
Iowa Valley	\$ 8,526,524	\$ 7,498,085	(\$ 1,028,439)
Hawkeye	\$ 12,633,964	\$ 11,126,360	(\$ 1,507,604)
Eastern Iowa	\$ 15,724,371	\$ 13,843,859	(\$ 1,880,512)
Kirkwood	\$ 27,248,025	\$ 23,966,719	(\$ 3,281,306)
Des Moines Area	\$ 27,187,979	\$ 23,955,883	(\$ 3,232,096)
Western Iowa Tech	\$ 10,364,709	\$ 9,103,886	(\$ 1,260,823)
Iowa Western	\$ 10,525,503	\$ 9,268,324	(\$ 1,257,179)
Southwestern	\$ 4,437,793	\$ 3,905,145	(\$ 532,648)
Indian Hills	\$ 13,935,395	\$ 12,251,603	(\$ 1,683,792)
Southeastern	\$ 7,996,143	\$ 7,009,633	(\$ 986,510)
Total	\$180,316,478	\$158,678,501	(\$21,637,977)

**SGA Table 3:** This table includes the \$1,500,000 in faculty salary supplemental funding appropriated in FY 2009 built into the net FY 2009 state general aid appropriation. This \$1,500,000 was not funded in FY 2010 but it has been included in the calculations for the ARRA federal stimulus backfill funding listed in column three. The 1.5% ATB cut in the faculty salary funding was backfilled in FY 2009 by a transfer of excess funds from the Voluntary Preschool appropriation. This is a one time only restoration of the FY 2009 faculty salary appropriation.

	FY 2009 Net Appropriation With Faculty Salary	FY 2010 SGA Appropriation SF 470	FY 2010 SGA ARRA Appropriation HF 820
Northeast Iowa	\$ 9,049,558	\$ 7,897,910	\$ 1,149,757
North Iowa Area	\$ 9,758,882	\$ 8,516,966	\$ 1,239,878
Iowa Lakes	\$ 8,984,562	\$ 7,841,186	\$ 1,141,499
Northwest	\$ 4,413,180	\$ 3,851,558	\$ 560,700

Iowa Central	\$ 9,901,442	\$ 8,641,384	\$ 1,257,990
Iowa Valley	\$ 8,591,430	\$ 7,498,085	\$ 1,091,551
Hawkeye	\$ 12,748,770	\$ 11,126,360	\$ 1,619,746
Eastern Iowa	\$ 15,862,525	\$ 13,843,859	\$ 2,015,353
Kirkwood	\$ 27,461,466	\$ 23,966,719	\$ 3,489,012
Des Moines Area	\$ 27,449,051	\$ 23,955,883	\$ 3,487,435
Western Iowa Tech	\$ 10,431,385	\$ 9,103,886	\$ 1,325,320
Iowa Western	\$ 10,619,800	\$ 9,268,324	\$ 1,349,258
Southwestern	\$ 4,474,580	\$ 3,905,145	\$ 568,501
Indian Hills	\$ 14,038,092	\$ 12,251,603	\$ 1,783,556
Southeastern	\$ 8,031,754	\$ 7,009,633	\$ 1,020,444
Total	\$181,816,477	\$158,678,501	\$23,100,000

**SGA Table 4:** This table combines the FY 2010 state general aid appropriation in SF 470 and the FY 2010 ARRA federal stimulus appropriation in HF 820 to restore our FY 2010 state general aid reductions. This will be the total FY 2010 state general aid allocated to each Community College. Please note that it is \$16,477 short of the full restoration required. **See Table 1 for a detailed spreadsheet.**

	FY 2010 SGA Appropriation SF 470	FY 2010 SGA ARRA Stimulus Appropriation HF 820	FY 2010 Total SGA Appropriation
Northeast Iowa	\$ 7,897,910	\$ 1,149,757	\$ 9,047,667
North Iowa Area	\$ 8,516,966	\$ 1,239,878	\$ 9,756,844
Iowa Lakes	\$ 7,841,186	\$ 1,141,499	\$ 8,982,685
Northwest	\$ 3,851,558	\$ 560,700	\$ 4,412,258
Iowa Central	\$ 8,641,384	\$ 1,257,990	\$ 9,899,374
Iowa Valley	\$ 7,498,085	\$ 1,091,551	\$ 8,589,636
Hawkeye	\$ 11,126,360	\$ 1,619,746	\$ 12,746,107
Eastern Iowa	\$ 13,843,859	\$ 2,015,353	\$ 15,859,212
Kirkwood	\$ 23,966,718	\$ 3,489,012	\$ 27,455,730
Des Moines Area	\$ 23,955,883	\$ 3,487,435	\$ 27,443,318
Western Iowa Tech	\$ 9,103,886	\$ 1,325,320	\$ 10,429,206
Iowa Western	\$ 9,268,324	\$ 1,349,258	\$ 10,617,582
Southwestern	\$ 3,905,145	\$ 568,501	\$ 4,473,646
Indian Hills	\$ 12,251,603	\$ 1,783,556	\$ 14,035,160
Southeastern	\$ 7,009,633	\$ 1,020,444	\$ 8,030,077
Total	\$158,678,501	\$23,100,000	\$181,778,501

## State General Aid Appropriations History:

FY 1988	\$ 75,399,923	
FY 1989	\$ 80,351,182	\$ 4,951,259
FY 1990	\$ 87,275,326	\$ 6,924,144
FY 1991	\$ 99,007,776	\$11,732,450
FY 1992	\$103,957,683	\$ 4,949,907
FY 1993	\$105,999,720	\$ 2,042,037
FY 1994	\$111,520,721	\$ 5,521,001
FY 1995	\$115,470,717	\$ 3,949,996
FY 1996	\$120,871,270	\$ 5,400,553
FY 1997	\$126,006,271	\$ 5,135,001
FY 1998	\$130,582,051	\$ 4,575,780
FY 1999	\$135,366,156	\$ 4,784,105
FY 2000	\$141,577,403	\$ 6,211,247
FY 2001	\$147,577,403	\$ 6,000,000
FY 2002	\$137,585,680	(\$ 9,991,723)
FY 2003	\$138,585,680	\$ 1,000,000
FY 2004	\$139,260,763	\$ 675,083
		\$ 762,675 one time supplement
	\$135,779,244	(\$ 3,481,519) 2 ½% ATB cut
FY 2005	\$139,779,244	\$ 4,000,000
FY 2006	\$149,579,244	\$ 9,800,000
FY 2007	\$159,579,244	\$10,000,000
FY 2008	\$171,962,414	\$12,383,170
FY 2009	\$183,062,414	\$ 9,100,000
	\$180,316,478	(\$ 2,745,936 1) ½% ATB cut
FY 2010	\$158,678,501	(\$21,637,977)
	\$181,778,501	\$23,100,000 ARRA one time supp.

**Community College Faculty Salaries.** Appropriates \$916,680 for distribution to Community Colleges to supplement faculty salaries. This is the third year for this appropriation. The FY 2008 appropriation was \$2,000,000 and the FY 2009 appropriation was \$1,500,000. Future annual appropriations are uncertain although there is a tentative commitment by legislative leadership to provide additional funding in future years in an effort to increase Community College faculty salaries to the national average. The 2008 Education Appropriations Bill codified a new distribution formula for allocation of the funding between the Community Colleges. These funds are to be built into our base state general aid appropriation for all future years. This was done in FY 2008 but was not done in FY 2009. The 2009 Education Appropriations bill provided no ongoing funding for the 2008 appropriation.

**Instructor Salary Distribution Formula.** The 2008 Education Appropriations Bill created a new Code section, Section 260C.18D, establishing a new faculty salary distribution formula. This year's bill added the following provision:

**5. Evenly Divided Payments.** A community college receiving funds distributed pursuant to this section shall determine the amount to be paid to instructors in accordance with subsection 4 and the amount determined to be paid to an individual instructor shall be divided evenly and paid in each pay period of the fiscal year beginning with the October payroll.

**The distribution of faculty salary funding will be determined by the Department of Education at a later date.**

**Regional Telecommunications Councils.** Appropriates \$1,232,071 to the Regional Telecommunications Councils to provide technical assistance for ICN network classrooms, planning and troubleshooting for local area networks, scheduling of video sites and other related support activities. This is a decrease of \$132,454 compared to the estimated FY 2009 appropriation for a cut of 9.7%. The regional distribution is based on a per region amount plus a per site amount. The final distribution for FY 2010 will be determined by the Educational Telecommunications Council. It will be similar to the FY 2009 distribution below but will reflect the 8.33% cut.

	FY 2009 Allocation
Northeast Iowa	\$ 96,144
North Iowa Area	\$ 86,754
Iowa Lakes	\$ 69,540
Northwest	\$ 66,410
Iowa Central	\$ 96,144
Iowa Valley	\$ 72,670
Hawkeye	\$ 89,884
Eastern Iowa	\$ 85,189
Kirkwood	\$ 122,749
Des Moines Area	\$ 139,964
Des Moines Public Schools	\$ 10,000
Western Iowa Tech	\$ 91,449
Iowa Western	\$ 103,969
Southwestern	\$ 75,800
Indian Hills	\$ 83,624
Southeastern	\$ 74,235
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,364,525</b>

**Regional Telecommunications Councils Appropriations History:**

FY 1998	\$1,750,000
FY 1999	\$1,858,192
FY 2000	\$1,858,192
FY 2001	\$1,692,188

FY 2002	\$1,522,393
FY 2003	\$1,272,285
FY 2004	\$1,272,285
FY 2005	\$1,240,478
FY 2006	\$1,240,478
FY 2007	\$1,240,478
FY 2008	\$1,364,525
FY 2009	\$1,364,525
FY 2010	\$1,232,071

**Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program.** Appropriates \$2,512,958 for the Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program. This is a decrease of \$270,157 compared to the estimated FY 2009 appropriation for a cut of 9.7%. The current funding level provides average grants of \$800 to an estimated 3,400 students. The maximum grant is \$1,200.

**Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program Appropriations History:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Applicants</b>	<b>Students Assisted</b>	<b>Average Award</b>
FY 1998	\$1,875,000	23,499	5,217	\$ 416
FY 1999	\$2,244,197	21,581	5,859	\$ 383
FY 2000	\$2,482,400	21,747	5,890	\$ 421
FY 2001	\$2,482,400	19,108	6,051	\$ 410
FY 2002	\$2,482,400	14,307	5,899	\$ 403
FY 2003	\$2,375,657	19,523	2,767	\$ 859
FY 2004	\$2,533,115	20,888	2,642	\$ 899
FY 2005	\$2,533,115	21,476	2,891	\$ 876
FY 2006	\$2,533,115	20,525	2,961	\$ 850
FY 2007	\$2,533,115		2,950	\$ 850
FY 2008	\$2,783,115		3,397	\$ 817
FY 2009	\$2,783,115			
FY 2010	\$2,512,958			

**National Guard Educational Assistance Program.** Appropriates \$3,499,545 to the College Student Aid Commission for the National Guard Tuition Aid Program. This is a decrease of \$243,084 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation. The current funding level provided average awards of \$3,379 to an estimated 1,217 students in FY 2008. Maximum award is limited to the cost of attendance at Regents universities.

**Student Work Study Program. Eliminates funding for this program.** This is a decrease of \$980,075 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation. This standing appropriation was eliminated in FY 2002 with a loss of \$2,750,000 in funding. The past several years represented a restoration of that funding. The federal stimulus funding has money allocated to this program and it is the legislative intent that this cut will be offset by that one time supplemental funding.

**Private College Iowa Tuition Grant Program.** Appropriates \$45,213,069 to the Iowa Tuition Grant Program in support of students attending Iowa's private colleges and universities. This is a decrease of \$4,109,543 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation reflecting a cut of 8.33%.

Senate File 479 appropriates an additional \$2,000,000 to support this program in FY 2010.

Appropriates \$4,988,561 to the Iowa Tuition Grant Program for students attending for profit private institutions. This is a decrease of \$453,424 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation reflecting a cut of 8.33%.

**All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program.** Appropriates \$2,502,537 for the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program. This is a decrease of \$1,437,463 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation. \$460,000 of the FY 2009 appropriation was not utilized.

Permits private colleges and universities that are eligible for the Tuition Grant Program to be included in the All Opportunity Scholarship Program if the amount appropriated for FY 2010 exceeds \$500,000 which it does.

Appropriates \$687,510 for the All Opportunity Foster Care Grant Program.

Removes the words "upon graduation" from the requirement that All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship recipients have a 2.5 grade point average so that any public or private university or college may notify award recipients earlier in the year at the time they are deciding which college to attend.

**State University Funding.** The Regents are appropriated \$597,061,158, a decrease of \$80,278,771 in new state general aid for all university programs (\$677,339,929 net base in FY 2009). The Regents received \$80.2 million in federal stimulus funding.

**Additional MIS Reporting Requirements.** Specifies the following additional data pertaining to salaries and benefits that the Community Colleges must report to the Department of Education through the management information system:

- The contracted salary and benefits for the trustees of the Community College.
- The contracted salary and benefits and any other expenses related to support for governmental affairs efforts, including expenditures for lobbyists and lobbying activities for the Community College.
- The contracted salaries, including but not limited to bonus wages and benefits, including but not limited to annuity payments or any other benefit covered using state funds of any kind for administrators of the Community College.

Specifies that the Department of Education must report annually to the General Assembly the data provided by the Community Colleges regarding the enrollment of high school students in Community Colleges and salaries and benefits information identified above.

**Faculty Salary Funding.** Requires that funds appropriated by the General Assembly for Community College instructor salaries be paid by the Community Colleges to instructors in equal payments each pay period throughout the year beginning in October.

**Student Financial Aid Commission.** Requires any postsecondary institution whose students are eligible for or who receive scholarship or grant moneys administered by the commission and who were enrolled in a school district in Iowa to include in its student management information system the unique student identifiers assigned to the institution's students while the students were in the state's K-12 system.

### **Economic Development Appropriations Bill: Senate File 469** *Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

**Workforce Development Fund.** Appropriates \$4,000,000 from the Workforce Development Fund Account to the Iowa Department of Economic Development's (DED) Workforce Development Fund program. This is level funding with FY 2009. By statute, \$3,000,000 is distributed by formula to the Community Colleges for job training projects authorized under Chapter 260F and \$1,000,000 is distributed to those Community Colleges with eligible apprenticeship programs also authorized under Chapter 260F and based on each Community College's proportional share of eligible contact hours from the previous year. That distribution will be determined after the FY 2009 numbers are certified. The bill allows the DED to use up to \$400,000 of these funds for the administration and four FTE positions in support of these programs however they will draw their administrative dollars from their 260E one percent funds instead. This transfer of funds is authorized in the appropriations bill. \$300,000 will be taken from the \$3,000,000 260F allocation and placed in the Community College business consortium training fund leaving \$2,700,000 for distribution based each Community College's proportional share of state general aid in FY 2009 as provided for by administrative rule. These are the official numbers as determined by the Department of Education. **See Table 2 for a detailed spreadsheet.**

	FY 2010 Allocation
Northeast Iowa	\$ 134,387
North Iowa Area	\$ 144,921
Iowa Lakes	\$ 133,422
Northwest	\$ 65,536
Iowa Central	\$ 147,038
Iowa Valley	\$ 127,584
Hawkeye	\$ 189,321
Eastern Iowa	\$ 235,561

Kirkwood	\$ 407,807
Des Moines Area	\$ 407,622
Western Iowa Tech	\$ 154,908
Iowa Western	\$ 157,706
Southwestern	\$ 66,448
Indian Hills	\$ 208,468
Southeastern	\$ 119,273
 Total	 \$2,700,000

**Workforce Development Fund Appropriations History:**

FY 1998	\$4,250,000	
FY 1999	\$6,850,000	
FY 2000	\$8,800,000	
FY 2001	\$8,000,000	Cap reduced from \$10.0 to \$8.0 million
FY 2002	\$4,000,000	Cap reduced from \$8.0 to \$4.0 million
FY 2003	\$4,000,000	
FY 2004	\$4,000,000	
FY 2005	\$4,000,000	
FY 2006	\$4,000,000	
FY 2007	\$4,000,000	
FY 2008	\$4,000,000	
FY 2009	\$4,000,000	
FY 2010	\$4,000,000	

**Small Business Development Centers (ISU Economic Development Programs).**

Appropriates \$2,751,092 to the economic development programs at Iowa State University which represents a decrease of \$192,032 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation which reflects a 6.52% cut. The bill requires an allocation of \$976,234 for the Small Business Development Centers, many of which are located at our Community Colleges. This is an decrease of \$83,766 over the FY 2009 level of funding. The Grow Iowa Values Fund also appropriates \$350,000 in supplemental funding for the SBDC's in each of the next six years. That allocation was reduced to \$315,000 for FY 2010.

**Small Business Development Centers Appropriations History:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>GIVF</b>
FY 1998	\$1,222,880	
FY 1999	\$1,235,880	
FY 2000	\$1,248,329	
FY 2001	\$1,211,869	
FY 2002	\$1,147,192	
FY 2003	\$ 459,831	
FY 2004	\$ 460,000	

FY 2005	\$ 550,000	
FY 2006	\$ 550,000	\$350,000
FY 2007	\$ 650,000	\$350,000
FY 2008	\$ 900,000	\$350,000
FY 2009	\$1,060,000	\$350,000
FY 2010	\$ 976,234	\$315,000

**Workforce Development Field Offices.** Appropriates \$12,010,167 from the general fund to support the state’s system of rural and satellite workforce development center field offices, the New Iowans Centers and the IWD state board. This is a decrease of \$360,042, due to a 2.91% cut compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation.

An appropriation of \$6,500,000 from the Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund to the Department for Field Offices is also provided. Specifies that \$11,832,989 of the General Fund appropriation for Workforce Development Operations is to be used for the operation of Field Offices. The result is total funding for the Field Offices from all funds of \$18,332,989. This is decrease of \$392,939 compared to estimated net FY 2009.

Prohibits the IWD from reducing the number of Field Offices below the number in operation on January 1, 2009. There are currently 55 Field Offices, including one-stop offices and State offices.

**New Iowans Centers.** The Department of Workforce Development (IWD) is directed to maintain New Iowans Centers that offer one-stop services to deal with the multiple issues related to immigration and employment. The centers are designed to support workers, businesses, and communities with information, referrals, job placement assistance, translation, language training, and resettlement, as well as technical and legal assistance on such issues as forms and documentation. Through the coordination of local, state, and federal service providers, and through the development of partnerships with public, private and nonprofit entities with established records of international service, these centers shall seek to provide a seamless service delivery system for new Iowans.

**Statewide Standard Skills Assessment. Funding for this program is eliminated.** This is a decrease of \$489,929 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation. This program is being piloted in five regions of the State and is intended to support the development and administration of a statewide standard skills assessment to assess the employability skills of adult workers statewide. It is hoped that IWD will be able to allocate some of its DOL federal stimulus dollars to backfill these cuts in FY 2010.

**Offender Reentry Program.** Appropriates \$367,477 to support an initiative begun in FY 2009 that will provide for the development and administration of an offender reentry program to provide offenders with employment skills. IWD will partner with the Department of Corrections to provide staff within the correctional facilities to improve offender’s abilities to find and retain productive employment. This is level funding with FY 2009.

## **Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund (260C.18A)**

**See Senate File 822, Senate File 478 and House File 820.**

**Grow Iowa Values Fund (GIVF).** A standing appropriation of \$7.0 million is deposited annually from the \$50.0 million Grow Iowa Values Fund established in 2005, into the Community College Workforce Training and Economic Development (WTED) Fund accounts established under Section 260C.18A. FY 2010 will be the fifth year of this standing appropriation. The GIVF appropriation is now being paid from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund rather than the General Fund. **The GIVF appropriation for FY 2010 was reduced by 10% to \$45,000,000 reducing the Community College allocation to \$6,300,000 for FY 2010. See Senate File 822.**

**Iowa Power Fund (IPF).** A standing appropriation of \$2,500,000 is deposited annually from the \$25.0 million Iowa Power Fund established in 2007, to the Workforce Training and Economic Development (WTED) Fund accounts established under Section 260C.18A for a period of four years. FY 2010 will be the third year of that standing appropriation. **The Iowa Power Fund appropriation was reduced to \$24,000,000 for FY 2010 but Section 469.10 of the Iowa Code requires that the full \$2,500,000 be deposited into the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund in FY 2010. See Senate File 478.**

**Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).** Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund for deposit into the Community College Workforce Training & Economic Development (WTED) Fund created for each Community College in Section 260C.18A, notwithstanding Section 8.57, subsection 6, paragraph 'c', which eliminates the need for the funding to be used only for vertical infrastructure purposes. This is the third year of this annual appropriation from the RIIF and level funding compared to FY 2008. **See House File 822.**

For FY 2010, these three appropriations total \$10,800,000, a reduction of \$700,000 when compared to the FY 2009 appropriation and will be distributed as follows using the funding distribution formula as provided for in Section 260C.18A. **See Table 3 for a detailed spreadsheet.**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).** An additional \$2,500,000 was appropriated from the ARRA federal stimulus funds (state general government stabilization component) to backfill the \$1,400,000 in FY 2009 GIVF flood recovery cuts and the \$700,000 reduction in FY 2010 GIVF funds. House File 820 does not specify that the funds are to be deposited into the Community College Workforce Training and Economic Development (WTED) Fund accounts established under Section 260C.18A but that is the intent of the appropriation. The bill specifies that the funding is to be allocated based on each Community Colleges prorated share of state general aid as shown below. **See House File 820.**

	<b>FY 2010 Allocation</b>	<b>FY 2009 &amp; FY 2010 ARRA Stimulus Allocation</b>	<b>FY 2010 Total Allocation</b>
Northeast Iowa	\$ 496,239	\$ 124,433	\$ 620,672
North Iowa Area	\$ 440,312	\$ 134,186	\$ 574,498
Iowa Lakes	\$ 392,042	\$ 123,539	\$ 515,581
Northwest	\$ 199,535	\$ 60,682	\$ 260,217
Iowa Central	\$ 678,794	\$ 136,146	\$ 814,940
Iowa Valley	\$ 390,257	\$ 118,133	\$ 508,390
Hawkeye	\$ 652,007	\$ 175,297	\$ 827,304
Eastern Iowa	\$ 848,005	\$ 218,112	\$ 1,066,117
Kirkwood	\$2,074,523	\$ 377,599	\$ 2,452,122
Des Moines Area	\$2,215,230	\$ 377,428	\$ 2,592,658
Western Iowa Tech	\$ 541,933	\$ 143,433	\$ 685,366
Iowa Western	\$ 644,469	\$ 146,024	\$ 790,493
Southwestern	\$ 203,461	\$ 61,526	\$ 264,987
Indian Hills	\$ 623,284	\$ 193,026	\$ 816,310
Southeastern	\$ 399,909	\$ 110,438	\$ 510,347
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,800,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$13,300,000</b>

**Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund Appropriations History:**

	<b>Grow Iowa Values Fund</b>	<b>Power Fund</b>	<b>Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 2004	\$ 3,758,065			
FY 2005	\$ 3,106,160			
FY 2006	\$ 7,000,000			
FY 2007	\$ 7,000,000			
FY 2008	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$11,500,000
FY 2009	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$11,500,000
	(\$ 1,400,000)	20% flood recovery cut		\$10,100,000
FY 2010	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$10,800,000

**Justice Systems Appropriations Bill: Senate File 475**

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

**Corrections Education.** Appropriates \$1,558,109 for educational programs for inmates at state penal institutions. This is a decrease of \$12,249 compared to the estimated net FY 2009 appropriation. This appropriation is distributed through the five Community Colleges serving those institutions. It specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used only for inmate education. It requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to consult with Community Colleges located within the area of the

prisons regarding how to maintain the high school completion, high school equivalency diploma, adult literacy, and adult basic education programs at the institutions. It requires the DOC to establish guidelines and procedures to prioritize admission to educational and vocational programs to facilitate inmate’s successful release from the correctional facility. It permits the DOC to transfer funds from Iowa Prison Industries for educational programs for inmates.

Requires the DOC to transfer at least \$300,000 from Canteen Funds to the Corrections Education Program.

**Corrections Education Appropriations History:**

FY 1998	\$2,950,600	
FY 1999	\$2,950,600	
FY 2000	\$3,294,775	
FY 2001	\$3,294,775	
FY 2002	\$3,075,014	
FY 2003	\$ 100,000	Program funding eliminated
FY 2004	\$1,000,000	Program funding partially restored
FY 2005	\$1,008,358	
FY 2006	\$1,008,358	
FY 2007	\$1,070,358	
FY 2008	\$1,570,358	
FY 2009	\$1,870,358	Includes Canteen Fund funding
FY 2010	\$1,858,109	Includes Canteen Fund funding

**Infrastructure Appropriations Bill: House File 822**

*Awaiting Governor’s final Action*

**Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).** Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund for deposit into the Community College Workforce Training & Economic Development (WTED) Fund accounts created for each Community College in Section 260C.18A, notwithstanding Section 8.57, subsection 6, paragraph ‘c’, which eliminates the need for the funding to be used only for vertical infrastructure purposes. This is the third year of this annual appropriation from the RIIF and level funding compared to FY 2009.

The bill specifies that moneys from this appropriation may be used to provide job training services to underserved populations in Iowa. “Underserved populations” includes people making less than twenty thousand dollars annual net income, minorities, women, disabled persons, the elderly, and people convicted of felonies trying to reenter society after release from prison. **This is new permissive intent language.**

**Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund – Grow Iowa Values Fund.** Appropriates \$45,000,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund for deposit into the Grow Iowa Values Fund. This is a reduction of \$5,000,000 or 10% from the annual standing

appropriation. The bill specifies that the Community College Workforce Training & Economic Development (WTED) Funds are to receive an allocation of \$6,300,000 from this appropriation. This is a reduction of \$700,000 or 10% from the FY 2009 allocation.

**Project Reporting Requirements.** Annually, on or before December 31 of each year, a recipient of moneys from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund for any purpose shall report to the state agency to which the moneys are appropriated the status of all projects completed or in progress. The report shall include a description of the project, the progress of work completed, the total estimated cost of the project, a list of all revenue sources being used to fund the project, the amount of funds expended, the amount of funds obligated, and the date the project was completed or an estimated completion date of the project, where applicable. It is assumed our annual progress report to the DED board for the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund would suffice for this new requirement.

**Targeted Industries Infrastructure Fund. No appropriation in FY 2010.** \$900,000 was appropriated in FY 2008 and FY 2009. This funding was used to support the Community College Project Lead the Way initiative in FY 2008 and the Workbased Learning Intermediary initiative in FY 2009.

### **Appropriations Bonding Bill: Senate File 376** *Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

**Accelerated Career Education Infrastructure Program.** Appropriates \$5,500,000 from the new Appropriations Bonding Fund established in SF 477 for infrastructure improvements at Community Colleges associated with implementing Accelerated Career Education Programs authorized under Chapter 260G. This is level funding compared to FY 2009. There is no distribution language in the bill but is assumed that the funding will be distributed equally to all Community Colleges as it has been in prior years. **Each Community College will be allocated \$366,667.** Historically, any unencumbered or unobligated funds, remaining after April 1, 2006, will be made available for use by other Community Colleges.

#### **Accelerated Career Education Program Infrastructure Appropriations History:**

FY 2000	\$7,500,000
FY 2001	\$5,300,000
FY 2002	\$2,500,000
FY 2003	\$2,500,000
FY 2004	\$5,500,000
FY 2005	\$5,500,000
FY 2006	\$5,500,000
FY 2007	\$5,500,000
FY 2008	\$5,500,000
FY 2009	\$5,500,000
FY 2010	\$5,500,000

**Community College Maintenance Infrastructure Funding.** Appropriates \$2,000,000 to restore funding appropriated for FY 2009 but not yet financed. The FY 2009 \$2,000,000 appropriation from the Tax-Exempt Restricted Capital Fund (RC3) was not distributed to the Community Colleges during the year because the Treasurers office was unable to sell the bonds in a volatile bond market. **There is no appropriation in FY 2010.** \$2,000,000 was appropriated in each of the last four years. FY 2009 was the last year of a four year standing appropriation.

## **Federal Funds Appropriations Bill: House File 820**

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).** Appropriates \$23,100,000 to the Community Colleges to supplement the general state financial aid appropriated in SF 470. This funding is to be allocated to each Community College based on its proportional share of state general aid appropriated in SF 470. This funding restores the funding cuts in Community College state general aid in FY 2010 to the net FY 2009 level. This is only \$37,977 below the amount of funding needed for full restoration of the cuts. **See SGA Tables 3 & 4 above for detailed distribution information.** This funding is allocated from the ARRA Education State Stabilization Fund.

An additional \$2,500,000 was appropriated from the ARRA federal stimulus funds to supplement the general state financial aid appropriated in SF 470. We requested this funding allocation to restore the \$1,400,000 in FY 2009 GIVF flood recovery cuts and the \$700,000 reduction in FY 2010 GIVF funds. **House File 820 does not specify that the funds are to be deposited into the Community College Workforce Training and Economic Development (WTED) Fund accounts established under Section 260C.18A as we requested, but that is the intent of the appropriation.** The bill specifies that the funds are to be allocated based on each Community Colleges proportional share of state general aid. This funding is allocated from the ARRA General Government Stabilization Fund. **See the table under the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund for a detailed distribution.**

## **Salary & Standings Bill: Senate File 478**

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

**Interpreters for the Deaf.** This bill appropriates \$200,000 to Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) for salaries and support for interpreters for the deaf due to the high number of articulation agreements between the state school for the deaf and IWCC, for allocation for arrangements made between the state school for the deaf and IWCC.

**Tuition Grants.** This bill appropriates an additional \$2,000,000 to supplement the private college tuition grant program appropriation in Senate File 470. Since the private colleges and student financial aid programs are not eligible for federal stimulus funding,

this supplemental appropriation is intended to partially backfill the 8.33 percent cut in the tuition grant program in Senate File 470..

**Job Training Interim Study Committee.**

The legislative council is required to establish a job training interim study committee to examine job training issues during the 2009 legislative interim period.

The study committee shall examine and make recommendations concerning job training needs in Iowa. The study committee shall focus on job training mechanisms that provide services to underserved populations in Iowa. Underserved populations include people making less than twenty thousand dollars per year, minorities, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and people convicted of felonies trying to re-enter society after release from prison.

The legislative council shall consider providing funding for the hiring of a private consultant to identify duplicative programs that contribute to the fragmentation of job training efforts. The study committee shall make recommendations for the removal of any such duplicative programs.

The committee shall submit a report to the general assembly.

**This interim study committee is being established at the request of Rep. Wayne Ford who worked on this issue during the legislative session but was unable to move a bill forward.**

**Supplemental Appropriations Bill: House File 414**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill relates to public funding and regulatory matters and makes, reduces, and transfers appropriations and revises fund amounts.

**Capital Appropriation Revisions.** This division of the bill reduces or eliminates various capital appropriations from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and the FY 2009 tax-exempt bond proceeds restricted capital funds account. Replacement appropriations for the amounts reduced or eliminated from RIIF and the FY 2009 tax-exempt bond proceeds restricted capital funds account are made from the Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund account for FY 2009. An amount of \$37 million is transferred from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund to the State general fund for FY 2009. The division takes effect upon enactment.

The following previous appropriations from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund were eliminated or reduced:

- A reduction in the 2007 Accelerated Career Education Program (260G) capital projects appropriation from \$5,500,000 to \$1,275,000.
- A reduction in the 2008 Accelerated Career Education Program (260G) capital projects appropriation from \$900,000 to \$0.

The following replacement appropriation was approved from the Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capital Funds Account:

- \$5,125,000 for Accelerated Career Education Program (260G) capital projects at Community Colleges in FY 2009.

**The net effect of the above funding reductions and replacements, is the full funding of the ACE capital projects for the current fiscal year.**

**Appropriation Restorations and Supplements.** This division supplements various annual appropriations made from the State general fund for FY 2009. The supplemental appropriations restore the appropriations for the 1.5 percent uniform reduction made in appropriation allotments pursuant to the governor's executive order number 10 and includes the following Department of Workforce Development programs of interest to Community Colleges:

- \$189,367 for the operation of IWD field office, the Workforce Development Board and the New Iowans Centers.
- \$7,500 for the career readiness certificate program.

## **Other Bills of Primary Interest to Community Colleges**

### **Department of Education Reporting Requirements: House File 687**

*Signed by the Governor*

**Reporting Student Achievement.** The bill amends Code section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph c, to eliminate requirements that school districts and accredited nonpublic schools report graduation rates based on the definition specified by the National Governors Association, and the number of students pursuing and receiving a high school equivalency diploma, the percentage of students receiving a high school diploma who were not proficient in core areas by grade 11, and the number of high school juniors who, in the prior year, were within four units of meeting graduation requirements.

**Community College GED Student Information Requests.** The bill strikes Code section 260C.14, subsection 21, which requires that the board of directors of a Community College request students pursuing or receiving a high school equivalency diploma to identify their school districts of residence and the last year in which they were enrolled in their school district. The stricken provision requires the Community College to annually report the information to the school districts.

**Strikes the following Section 260C.14, subsection 21, Code 2009:**

21. *Request that a student pursuing or receiving a high school equivalency diploma provide to the community college the student's school district of residence and the last year the student was enrolled in the school district of residence. The community college shall annually report the information available to the community college pursuant to this subsection to the school district of residence.*

**Articulation Agreements: House File 815:**  
*Awaiting Signature by the Governor*

This bill relates to the transfer and articulation of academic credits between the state's postsecondary institutions.

The bill directs the boards of directors of the Community colleges and the state board of regents to enter into a collective statewide articulation agreement to provide for the seamless transfer of academic credits from a completed associate of arts or associate of science degree program offered by a Community College to a baccalaureate degree program offered by a Regents university.

The bill also directs the boards to identify a transfer and articulation contact office or person, publicize transfer and articulation and contact information, and submit the contact information for publication on the articulation website maintained by the state board of regents.

The boards are further directed to collaborate with each other to meet the requirements to develop a systematic process for expanding academic discipline and faculty-to-faculty meetings, develop criteria to prioritize core curriculum areas, promote greater awareness of articulation-related activities, facilitate additional opportunities for individual institutions to pursue program articulation agreements for career and technical educational programs, and develop and implement a process to examine a minimum of eight new associate of applied science degree programs for which articulation agreements would serve students' continued academic success in those degree programs.

The Department of Education is directed to develop and implement a plan to provide, at least twice annually, notification to all principals and guidance counselors employed by school districts and accredited nonpublic schools describing how students can find and use the articulation website, and to provide suggested methods for schools and Community Colleges to effectively communicate information about the website to all interested elementary, secondary, and Community College students.

The board directs the state board of regents to prepare jointly, with the department of education and the liaison advisory committee on transfer students, and submit by January annually to the general assembly, an update on the articulation efforts and activities implemented by the Community Colleges and the regent's universities.

**See Appendix A for a complete version of the bill.**

**Iowa Workforce Development Board Expansion: Senate File 82**  
*Signed by the Governor*

Adds four non-voting members to the Iowa Workforce Development Board: a representative from the vocational rehabilitation community (appointed by the State Rehabilitation Council of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), representatives from

the Department of Education and the Department of Economic Development, and someone appointed by the US Department of Labor (Office of Apprenticeship).

## **Innovation and Commercialization Fund: Senate File 142**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill makes changes relating to economic development.

Division I of the bill creates an innovation and commercialization development fund in the state treasury under the control of the Department of Economic Development, consisting of moneys appropriated to the Department and of any other moneys the department is authorized to place in the fund. The department is authorized to use the moneys in the fund for purposes of facilitating agreements and enhancing commercialization in the targeted industries, for increasing the availability of skilled workers within those targeted industries, and other purposes specified in the bill. The targeted industries are advanced manufacturing, biosciences, and information technology.

**This includes the purchase of advanced equipment and software at Iowa Community Colleges in order to support training and coursework related to the targeted industries.**

Currently, the department is appropriated \$3 million from the Grow Iowa Values fund for purposes of providing commercialization services. The bill authorizes the department to transfer that \$3 million to the innovation and commercialization development fund.

## **Federal Unemployment Insurance Compliance: Senate File 197**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill relates to unemployment insurance benefits and brings Iowa into compliance with federal law and will authorize Iowa to receive \$71 million in additional federal Reed Act funds.

The bill establishes training extension benefits. An individual who has been separated from a declining occupation or who involuntarily lost a job due to a permanent reduction in operations but who is in an approved job training program when the individual's regular unemployment benefits run out may be eligible for training extension benefits. A declining occupation is defined as one in which there is a lack of sufficient current demand in the labor market for which the individual has skills or experience. The training extension benefit amount is no more than 26 times the individual's weekly benefit amount and equal to the weekly benefit amount. Employers shall not be charged for an individual's extension training benefits.

In order to be eligible for the training extension benefits, an individual must be in training for a high-demand or high skill occupation, including the fields of life sciences, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, alternative fuels, insurance, and environmental technology. "High-demand occupation" means an occupation in a labor market area in

which the department determines work opportunities are available and there is a lack of qualified applicants. An individual must file any unemployment insurance claim to which the individual becomes entitled to under state or federal law; and must be enrolled and be making satisfactory progress in the training.

The bill states that if an individual is a part-time worker a majority of the weeks of work in the individual's base period, then the part-time worker is not required to be available for, seek, or accept full-time employment.

An alternate method of calculating the base period, to determine the monetary attachment-to-the-workforce eligibility of individuals for unemployment benefits, is included for cases where the current method of calculation makes an individual ineligible for unemployment benefits. The bill moves the base period closer, by one quarter, to the benefit claim filing date so that the base period would consist of the first four calendar quarters immediately preceding the calendar quarter in which the claim for unemployment benefits is filed if doing so would qualify the individual for benefits.

The bill waives employer charges for unemployment claims stemming from temporary workers who have replaced active-duty military employees. The bill prevents the account of an employer from being charged if benefits are paid to an individual who is laid off as the result of the return to work of a permanent employee who is a member of the national guard of the United States armed forces reserves ordered to temporary duty, as defined in Code section 29A.1, subsection 3, 11, or 12, for any purpose and who has completed the duty, or who is a member of the civil air patrol performing duty pursuant to Code section 29A.3A and who has completed the duty.

Any funds received from the federal government due to the bill's enactment are appropriated by the general assembly to the department of workforce development to be placed in the unemployment compensation trust fund (estimated to be \$71 million). The computation date in Code section 96.19(8) is delayed until federal funds are received but only until September 5, 2009, if the funds are not received by then.

The amendment in the bill to Code section 96.3 applies to any week of unemployment benefits that begins on or after July 5, 2009. The amendment in the bill to Code section 96.4 applies to any new claim with an effective date on or after July 5, 2009.

## **Postsecondary School Registration: Senate File 270**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill transfers the administrative duties relating to the registration of postsecondary schools, and the evidence of financial responsibility those schools must file, from the office of the Secretary of State to the College Student Aid Commission. The bill also establishes that a postsecondary school that maintains or conducts courses of instruction by distance delivery methods in Iowa must register with the commission and provide evidence of financial responsibility.

The bill makes conforming changes to a number of Code provisions.

The bill modifies the registration requirements by adding that the school must be approved by all state agencies authorized to approve the school before being approved to operate by the commission. The bill eliminates a requirement which provides that a substantial change in program offerings means the school must renew its registration. The bill adds that a practitioner preparation program, which must be accredited and approved by the State Board of Education to operate in this state, must also be approved for operation by the commission. A violation of the registration requirements constitutes an unlawful practice under the consumer fraud Act.

The bill alters the membership on the advisory committee on postsecondary registration to replace the representative of the office of secretary of state with a representative of the commission, adds to the membership a representative from a for-profit accredited private institution **and continues to include a representative from a community college in this state.**

The bill modifies the list of schools and courses of instruction exempt from Code chapter 261B, relating to the registration of postsecondary schools, by providing that schools and education programs conducted by religious organizations are only exempt when providing instruction to leadership practitioners of that religious organization, and by providing that postsecondary educational institutions must be licensed by the state to conduct business in the state prior to July 1, 2009, in order to be exempt from the Code chapter.

The bill also specifies that registration under Code chapter 261B does not exempt a school from the requirements of the Iowa business corporation Act or for organization of a corporation for pecuniary profit under Code chapter 491.

## **Uniform Athletic Agents Act: Senate File 199**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill repeals the existing provisions of Code chapter 9A, which relate to the registration of athlete agents and replaces them with the uniform athlete agents Act. The uniform athlete agents Act provides for uniform registration, certification, and background checks of sports agents seeking to represent student athletes who are or may be eligible to participate in intercollegiate sports, imposes specified contract terms on agreements between student athletes and athlete agents, and provides educational institutions with a right to notice of the existence of a contract between an athlete agent and a student athlete.

The bill also provides an educational institution with civil remedies against an athlete agent or a student athlete who violates the provisions of the chapter.

The bill also provides that an athlete agent that violates the prohibited activities section of the Code chapter is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. Prohibited activities include

providing materially false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent information, making a materially false or misleading promise or a materially false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation, furnishing things of value before a contract is made with an athlete, violating the Code chapter's registration requirements, predating or postdating an agency contract, or failing to notify a student athlete prior to signing that signing an agency contract may make the student athlete ineligible to participate as a student athlete in that sport.

A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875.

### **Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax Credit Program: Senate File 304** *Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

This is the so called Border Bill and it makes the following statutory changes to the program and extends the sunset on the program by three years to June 30, 2013.

The withholding agreement shall provide for the total amount of withholding tax credits awarded. An agreement shall not provide for an amount of withholding credits that exceeds the amount of the qualifying investment made in the project.

An agreement shall not be entered into with an employer not already located in a pilot project city when another Iowa community is competing for the same project and both the pilot project city and the other Iowa community are seeking assistance from the department.

The pilot project city shall provide on an annual basis to the Department of Economic Development information documenting the total amount of payments and receipts under a withholding agreement, including all agreements with an employer to suspend, abate, exempt, rebate, refund, or reimburse property taxes, to provide a grant for property taxes paid or a grant not related to property taxes, or to make a direct payment of taxes, with moneys in the special fund. The Department of Economic Development shall verify the information provided by the pilot project city.

The department shall have the authority to approve or deny a withholding agreement and shall only deny an agreement if the agreement fails to meet the requirements of this paragraph "c" or the local match requirements in paragraph "j", or if an employer is not in good standing as to prior or existing agreements with the Department of Economic Development. The department may suggest changes to an agreement.

A pilot project city entering into a withholding agreement shall arrange for matching local financial support for the project. The local match required under this paragraph "j" shall be in an amount equal to one dollar for every dollar of withholding credit received by the pilot project city.

- For purposes of this paragraph "j", "local financial support" means cash or in-kind contributions to the project from a private donor, a business, or the pilot project city.
- If the project, when completed, will increase the amount of an employer's taxable capital investment by an amount equal to at least ten percent of the amount of withholding credit dollars received by the pilot project city, then the pilot project city shall itself contribute at least ten percent of the local match amount computed under subparagraph (1).
- If the project, when completed, will not increase the amount of an employer's taxable capital investment by an amount at least equal to ten percent of the amount of withholding credit dollars received by the pilot project city, then the pilot project city shall not be required to make a contribution to the local match.
- A pilot project city's contribution, if any, to the local match may include the dollar value of any tax abatement provided by the city to the business for new construction.

## **Elections Technical Corrections Bill: House File 475**

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

**Plant Fund Levy.** Code sections 260C.15 and 260C.22 are amended to allow Community Colleges to submit the question of imposing or renewing the facilities property tax levy at the regular school election in September of the odd-numbered year or at a special election held on the second Tuesday in September of the even-numbered year.

## **Wind Energy Tax Credits: Senate File 456**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill modifies eligibility requirements applicable to the wind energy production tax credit established in Code chapter 476B and the renewable energy tax credit established in Code chapter 476C.

With regard to the wind energy production tax credit, the bill provides for a maximum combined nameplate capacity restriction of no more than 30 megawatts for applicants for the credit. **The bill also adds to the definition of "qualified facility"**, for applications filed on or after July 1, 2009, by a private college or university, **Community College**, institution under the control of the state board of regents, or public hospital as defined in Code section 249J.3, for the applicant's own use of qualified electricity a wind turbine with a combined nameplate capacity of three-fourths of a megawatt or greater.

The wind energy production tax credit allowed under Chapter 476B equals the product of one cent multiplied by the number of kilowatt-hours of qualified electricity sold by the owner during the taxable year.

Wind energy production tax credit certificates issued under Chapter 476B may be transferred to any person or entity.

## **Iowa Youth Councils: House File 315**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill creates an Iowa collaboration for youth development council and state of Iowa youth advisory council in the department of human rights.

The creation of the councils is codified in Code chapter pertaining to the division of criminal and juvenile justice planning.

The term "youth" is defined to mean children and young persons who are ages six through 21 years.

For the Iowa collaboration for youth development council, the bill specifies a purpose, vision statement, membership and procedural authority, and duties. The membership is to be determined by the council itself but is required to include staff from various state agencies. The council is authorized to determine its own rules of procedure and operating policies, including but not limited to terms of members. The duties of the council include various coordination and analysis functions and include a required annual report to the governor and general assembly.

The bill also creates a state of Iowa youth advisory council to provide input to the governor, general assembly, and other policymakers regarding youth issues. The membership of not more than 21 persons is to be appointed by the director of the department of human rights or the director's designee. The membership is limited to youth who are age 14 through 20 years. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth advisory council is authorized to determine its own rules of procedure and operating policies, subject to approval by the department director or the director's designee.

## **Iowa Health Care Reform Bill: Senate File 389**

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

### **Division V: Health Care Workforce Support Initiatives.**

Division V of the bill establishes a health care workforce support initiative, including a health care workforce shortage fund.

The division creates a health care workforce shortage fund and creates accounts within the fund under the control of the college student aid commission, the department of public health, the governing group of the Iowa health care collaborative safety net provider network, or the state entity identified for receipt of federal funds by the federal government for a specified health care workforce shortage initiative. The fund and the accounts in the fund consist of moneys appropriated from the general fund of the state; moneys received from the federal government; contributions, grants, and other moneys from communities and health care employers; and moneys from any other public or private source. The entities with control of the moneys are authorized to accept

contributions, grants, and in-kind contributions, to support the purposes of the fund and the accounts. The fund consists of the medical residency training account under the control of the department of public health; the health care professional and nurse workforce shortage initiative account under the control of the college student aid commission; the safety net provider network workforce shortage account under the control of the governing group of the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network; and the health care workforce shortage national initiatives account under the control of the state entity identified by the federal government providing the funds. The bill specifies the purposes for which the moneys in the fund and the accounts can be used and identifies existing state programs or entities that may receive moneys in order to draw down the maximum amount of federal funding for health care workforce shortage programs and initiatives. The bill provides that state appropriations from the fund shall be made in equal amounts to the accounts and that any federal funding received, unless otherwise provided by the source of the funds, is to be allocated equally between the workforce represented by the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network and other eligible health care providers. The division limits administrative costs to 5 percent of the moneys in each account.

The division **includes community colleges in the existing nurse and nurse education loan forgiveness program** and also directs the commission to establish two programs under a nursing workforce shortage initiative. The nurse educator incentive payment program is established to recruit and retain nurse educators. The program provides for an incentive payment of up to \$20,000 for a nurse educator who remains teaching in a qualifying position for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years. The nurse educator and the commission are required to enter into an agreement specifying the obligations of the nurse educator and the commission. If the nurse educator leaves the teaching position prior to teaching for four consecutive academic years, the nurse educator is liable to repay the amount of the incentive payment paid through the program plus interest. However, if the nurse educator leaves the teaching position involuntarily, the nurse educator is liable to repay only the pro rata portion of the amount based on non-completed years of service. The division directs the commission to adopt rules for the program including specifying what constitutes a qualifying teaching position.

The commission is also required to establish a nursing faculty fellowship program to provide funds to nursing schools in the state for fellowships for individuals employed in qualifying positions on the nursing faculty. The program is designed to assist nursing schools in filling vacancies in qualifying positions throughout the state. The commission, in consultation with the department of public health and in cooperation with nursing schools throughout the state, is to develop a distribution formula which provides that no more than 30 percent of the available funds are awarded to a single nursing school. Additionally, the program limits funding for a qualifying position in a nursing school to no more than \$10,000 per year for up to three years. The commission, in consultation with the department of public health, is required to adopt rules for administration of the program including determining what constitutes a qualifying position at a nursing school. In determining eligibility for a fellowship, the commission is to consider the length of time a qualifying position has gone unfilled at a nursing school, documented recruiting efforts by a nursing school, the geographic location of a nursing school, the type of

nursing program offered at the nursing school, and the need for the specific nursing program in the state.

The division requires the commission to submit an annual report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the status of the health care workforce support initiative, including the balance remaining in and appropriations from the workforce shortage fund.

## **Other Bills of Secondary Interest to Community Colleges**

### **Tax Credit Changes: Senate File 483**

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

This bill relates to tax credits for economic development and agricultural assets transfers, to net operating losses, and to refund interest.

Division I of the bill sets a maximum aggregate limit on the amount of tax credits the department of economic development may issue pursuant to the high quality jobs creation program, the film television and video project promotion program, the corporate research tax credit of the quality jobs enterprise zone program, the enterprise zones program, and the assistive device tax credit program. The department may not issue more than \$185 million in tax credits in any year.

The original draft of the bill included the Iowa New Jobs Training Program (260E) job credits from withholding in the capped amount of annual tax credits which would have been a real problem for the program. With DED Director Mike Tramontina's assistance, we were successful in removing our program from those included under the cap.

### **Definition of Veteran: House File 503**

*Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

This bill changes the definition of veteran in Code section 35.1 to provide that a veteran also includes a resident of this state who served on active federal service, other than training, in the armed forces of the United States and was discharged under honorable conditions, regardless of when the service occurred. Current law defines veteran to include a resident of the state who served in the armed forces of the United States only during certain periods of time encompassing various wars and conflicts. The bill makes corresponding changes in other sections of the Code to reflect the expanded definition of veteran in Code section 35.1.

### **Wage Discrimination: Senate File 137**

*Signed by the Governor*

This bill provides that discrimination against any employee on the basis of pay because of the age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, or disability of such employee is an unfair employment practice under the Iowa civil rights Act. The bill provides that an unfair or discriminatory practice occurs relative

to wage discrimination when a discriminatory pay decision is made, when an individual becomes subject to a discriminatory pay decision, or when an individual is affected by application of a discriminatory pay decision or other practice, including each time wages, benefits, or other compensation is paid, resulting in whole or in part from such a decision or practice. The bill provides that it shall be an affirmative defense to a claim if payment of wages is made pursuant to a seniority system, a merit system, a system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production, or is based on any other factor other than the age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, or disability of such employee. The bill also provides that the bill does not apply to employers who regularly employ fewer than four individuals. The bill does provide that reducing the wage rate of an employee does not remedy any potential violation for wage discrimination.

The bill also authorizes the civil rights commission to award damages to a person subject to wage discrimination in an amount double the wage differential paid to any other employee compared to the complainant for the period of time for which the complainant has been discriminated, and, in instances of willful violation, up to three times that wage differential

### **Small Wind Innovation Zones: HF 810**

#### *Awaiting Governor's Final Action*

This bill establishes a small wind innovation zone program, to be administered by the utilities division of the department of commerce, with the objective to optimize local, regional, and state benefits from wind energy and to facilitate and expedite interconnection of small wind energy systems with electric utilities throughout this state. Pursuant to the program, the bill provides that an owner of a small wind energy system located within a small wind innovation zone desiring to interconnect with an electric utility shall benefit from a streamlined application process, may utilize a model interconnection agreement, and can qualify under a model ordinance.

The bill defines a "small wind energy system" as a wind energy conversion system that collects and converts wind into energy to generate electricity which has a nameplate generating capacity of less than or equal to 100 kilowatts.

The bill defines a "small wind innovation zone" as a political subdivision of this state, including but not limited to a city, county, township, school district, **community college**, area education agency, institution under the control of the state board of regents, or any other local commission, association, or tribal council which adopts, or is encompasses within a local government which adopts, a model ordinance.

The bill states that a model ordinance applicable to small wind innovation zones shall be developed by specified associations and entities. A local government adopting the model ordinance is required to establish an expedited approval process with regard to small wind energy systems in compliance with the ordinance, or to modify preexisting zoning provisions or restrictions which differ from the model ordinance to conform with the

model ordinance prior to the granting of board approval for a political subdivision to qualify as small wind innovation zone.

The bill directs the Iowa utilities board to develop a model interconnection agreement by June 1, 2010, for utilization within a small wind innovation zone by the owner of a small wind energy system seeking to interconnect with an electric utility. The bill further directs the board to establish by rule procedures for modification of the model interconnection agreement upon mutually agreeable terms and conditions in unique or unusual circumstances, subject to board approval. Electric utilities are directed to consider adopting the model agreement.

The bill establishes annual reporting requirements applicable to the division with regard to the program. The bill also provides a tax credit incentive for small wind energy system owners by reserving 50 percent of the nameplate generating capacity remaining unallocated with respect to the wind energy production tax credit on the bill's effective date for issuance of tax credit certificates to small wind energy systems operating within a small wind innovation zone. The bill provides that a small wind energy system operating within a small wind innovation zone shall be approved as a qualified facility for purposes of tax credit eligibility, and that the board shall by rule establish a streamlined application process applicable for small wind innovation zone applicants.

The bill makes other conforming changes to Code chapter 476B consistent with small wind energy system qualification for the wind energy tax credit.

The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009.

### **Code Corrections: Senate File 446**

*Signed by the Governor*

The bill makes two minor technical code corrections to Chapter 260C.

## **Bills of Interest to Community Colleges *not* Enacted by the Legislature**

**Prevailing Wage: House File 333.** Requires the state and local governments to pay a prevailing wage for public construction projects. The bill failed to pass the House.

**Choice of Doctor: House File 530.** Provides that an employee may select their own doctor by having that doctor on file with the employer. The doctor need not be a specialist or occupational physician and any referral to such a specialist must be paid for by the employer. Currently employers can send injured workers directly to the appropriate specialist thus avoiding the cost of the referring doctor. The bill failed to pass the House.

**Fair Share Fees: House File 555.** Repeals the right to work provisions afforded to Iowa's private and public employees and requires a fair share fee upon non-union employees. The fair share fee would be the amount charged to an employee (covered by a bargaining unit) who is not a member of a union to cover the costs incurred by the union. The bill failed to pass the House.

## APPENDIX A

### House File 815

1 1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsection:

1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 61. Develop and implement a plan to  
1 4 provide, at least twice annually to all principals and  
1 5 guidance counselors employed by school districts and  
1 6 accredited nonpublic schools, notice describing how students  
1 7 can find and use the articulation information available on the  
1 8 website maintained by the state board of regents. The plan  
1 9 shall include suggested methods for elementary and secondary  
1 10 schools and community colleges to effectively communicate  
1 11 information about the articulation website to the following:

1 12 a. To all elementary and secondary school students  
1 13 interested in or potentially interested in attending a  
1 14 community college or institution of higher education governed  
1 15 by the state board of regents.

1 16 b. To all community college students interested in or  
1 17 potentially interested in admission to a baccalaureate degree  
1 18 program offered by an institution of higher education governed  
1 19 by the state board of regents.

1 20 Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
1 21 the following new subsection:

1 22 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Enter into a collective statewide  
1 23 articulation agreement with the state board of regents  
1 24 pursuant to section 262.9, subsection 32, which shall provide  
1 25 for the seamless transfer of academic credits from a completed  
1 26 associate of arts or associate of science degree program  
1 27 offered by a community college to a baccalaureate degree  
1 28 program offered by an institution of higher education governed  
1 29 by the state board of regents. The board shall also do the  
1 30 following:

1 31 a. Identify a transfer and articulation contact office or  
1 32 person, publicize transfer and articulation information and  
1 33 the contact office or person, and submit the contact  
1 34 information to the state board of regents, which shall publish  
1 35 the contact information on its articulation website.

2 1 b. Collaborate with the state board of regents to meet the  
2 2 requirements specified in section 262.9, subsection 32,  
2 3 including but not limited to developing a systematic process  
2 4 for expanding academic discipline and meetings between the  
2 5 community college faculty and faculty of the institutions of  
2 6 higher education governed by the state board of regents,  
2 7 developing criteria to prioritize core curriculum areas,  
2 8 promoting greater awareness of articulation-related  
2 9 activities, facilitating additional opportunities for  
2 10 individual institutions to pursue program articulation  
2 11 agreements for career and technical educational programs, and  
2 12 developing and implementing a process to examine a minimum of  
2 13 eight new associate of applied science degree programs for  
2 14 which articulation agreements would serve students' continued  
2 15 academic success in those degree programs.

2 16 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2009, is amended by adding the

2 17 following new subsection:  
2 18 NEW SUBSECTION. 32. In consultation with the state board  
2 19 for community colleges established pursuant to section 260C.3,  
2 20 establish and enter into a collective statewide articulation  
2 21 agreement with the community colleges established pursuant to  
2 22 chapter 260C, which shall provide for the seamless transfer of  
2 23 academic credits from a completed associate of arts or  
2 24 associate of science degree program offered by a community  
2 25 college to a baccalaureate degree program offered by an  
2 26 institution of higher education governed by the board. The  
2 27 board shall also do the following:

2 28 a. Require each of the institutions of higher education  
2 29 governed by the board to identify a transfer and articulation  
2 30 contact office or person, publicize transfer and articulation  
2 31 information and the contact office or person, and submit the  
2 32 contact information to the board for publication on its  
2 33 articulation website.

2 34 b. Develop, in collaboration with the boards of directors  
2 35 of the community colleges, a systematic process for expanding  
3 1 academic discipline and meetings between the community college  
3 2 faculty and faculty of the institutions of higher education  
3 3 governed by the board. The board shall conduct and jointly  
3 4 administer with the boards of directors of the community  
3 5 colleges four program and academic discipline meetings each  
3 6 academic year for the purpose of enhancing alignment between  
3 7 course content and expectations at the community colleges and  
3 8 institutions of higher education governed by the state board  
3 9 of regents.

3 10 c. Develop criteria to prioritize core curriculum areas  
3 11 and create or review transition guides for the core curriculum  
3 12 areas.

3 13 d. Include on its articulation website course equivalency  
3 14 and transition guides for each of the institutions of higher  
3 15 education governed by the board.

3 16 e. Jointly, with the boards of directors of the community  
3 17 colleges, select academic departments in which to articulate  
3 18 first=year and second=year courses through faculty=to=faculty  
3 19 meetings in accordance with paragraph "b". However,  
3 20 course=to=course equivalencies need not occur in an academic  
3 21 discipline when the board and the community colleges jointly  
3 22 determine that course content is incompatible.

3 23 f. Promote greater awareness of articulation=related  
3 24 activities, including the articulation website maintained by  
3 25 the board and articulation agreements in which the  
3 26 institutions participate.

3 27 g. Facilitate additional opportunities for individual  
3 28 institutions to pursue program articulation agreements for  
3 29 community college career and technical education programs and  
3 30 programs of study offered by the institutions of higher  
3 31 education governed by the board.

3 32 h. Develop and implement by January 1, 2012, a process to  
3 33 examine a minimum of eight new community college associate of  
3 34 applied science degree programs for which articulation  
3 35 agreements between the community colleges and the institutions  
4 1 of higher education governed by the board would serve  
4 2 students' continued academic success in those degree programs.

4 3 i. Prepare, jointly with the department of education and

4 4 the liaison advisory committee on transfer students, and  
4 5 submit by January 1 annually to the general assembly, an  
4 6 update on the articulation efforts and activities implemented  
4 7 by the community colleges and the institutions of higher  
4 8 education governed by the board.