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Update on Implementation of New Laws

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
December 12, 2018

BACKGROUND

The Second Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly began on January 3, 2018, and concluded on May 18, 2018. For bills that were truly agreed to and finally passed, the governor had until July 14, 2018, to sign or veto bills. Special session began on September 10, 2018. Veto session began on September 12, 2018.

Unless otherwise noted within the bill, the effective date of the new laws was August 28, 2018.

CURRENT STATUS

During special session, the legislature passed HB 3, which contained provisions allowing a high school student to substitute a math, science, or practical arts course with a computer science course provided that the student has taken all classes with a required end-of-course exam. Governor Parson signed the bill on October 30, 2018. The bill requires Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to cooperate with MDHE to develop and implement computer science academic performance standards.

With regard to all of the new laws passed during the 2018 session, MDHE staff is continuing to make progress on implementing the various provisions that affect the department. Since the September CBHE meeting, the department has:

- Drafted a rule for the new HESFA parameters, which will be presented for the CBHE's approval during this meeting;
- Appointed Dr. Joanie Hartnett, Associate Professor of Middle, Secondary, and Adult Education at the University of Central Missouri, to the Career Readiness Course Task Force as a representative of a public four-year institution of higher education;
- Engaged with DESE to create a computer science academic standard workgroup to develop and implement academic requirements for computer science courses, and identified representatives of higher education institutions to serve on the workgroup; and
- Began to prepare the financial aid rule amendments for the formal rulemaking process, including delivery to the Governor's Office and the Secretary of State.

The attachment entitled "New Law Implementation Matrix" contains additional details about implementation of the 2018 higher education-related laws.

NEXT STEPS

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

- Work with the Department of Economic Development to build reports necessary to satisfy the requirement that institutions publish career and salary information relating to each credential offered by a public institution of higher education and seek feedback from institutions about said reports (House Bill 1606/§ 173.1004.2, RSMo);
- Engage with DESE and the computer science academic standard workgroup to develop computer science course standards (House Bill 3/§ 170.018.1(4), RSMo); and

- Begin the formal rulemaking process for the HESFA rule (Senate Bill 807 & 577/§ 173.1003, RSMo).

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- New Law Implementation Matrix

Tab 13 Attachment
New Law Implementation Matrix

PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LAWS
2018 NEW HIGHER EDUCATION-RELATED LAWS
ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE MDHE/CBHE

Bill	Subject	Description	Implementation			Next Steps
			Effective Date/Deadline	New Duties	Area Responsible	
Bills Passed in 2018						
HB 3	Computer science	Allows a high school student to substitute a math, science, or practical arts course with a computer science course provided that the student has taken all classes with a required end-of-course exam; requires DESE to cooperate with DHE to develop and implement academic requirements for computer science courses.	July 1, 2019	Cooperate with DESE to develop and implement academic requirements for computer science courses.	Academic Affairs	<p>A workgroup was formed and consists of representatives from DESE, DHE, business and industry, and institutions of higher education.</p> <p>At the higher education front, the following representatives are serving on the workgroup: Reginald Brigham, East Central Community College; Jennifer Hegeman, Missouri Western State University; Daniel Kopsas, Ozark Technical Community College; and Mary Shepherd, Northwest Missouri State University.</p> <p>The timeline for the workgroup is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present draft of recommendations at the State Board of Education meeting and open the comment period – February 19, 2019; • Close the comment period and begin revising – March 12, 2019; • Present the final recommendations for vote by the State Board of Education – April 16, 2019. <p>The latest meeting for the workgroup was December 10.</p>
HB 1465; SB 807 & 577	Degree authorization	Modifies various provisions relating to degree offerings at public institutions of higher education; outlines the CBHE's authority to approve, disapprove, or provisionally approve new degree programs.	August 28, 2018	Ensure that MDHE and CBHE procedures and practices relating to program approvals are	Academic Affairs	MDHE has filed the rule with the Secretary of State and expects the amended rule to take effect within the next few months. When new programs are proposed by institutions, MDHE will follow the new parameters outlined in statute.

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				consistent with new state law.		
HB 1606	Career and salary information	Requires the CBHE and DED to provide specific career and salary information for each credential offering offered by a public institution of higher education; the information must appear on the public institution's website and in the course catalog alongside its credential offerings, if the institution publishes a course catalog.	On or before October 1, 2019	Ensure that reporting is provided to the institutions that fulfills the requirements of the statute regarding graduate outcomes, or work with institutions to ensure that they are able to provide alternate data from other sources.	Data	MDHE is working with OA-ITSD to determine whether MoSCORES can be used to build reports with the needed information, or whether MDHE/DED staff will need to provide the data. By March 1, 2019, MDHE will provide draft reports to the institutions for the current year (2018-2019) for their review. MDHE staff will solicit additional feedback from institutions and provide reports to the institutions for the 2019-2020 academic year by September 15, 2019.
HB 1606	Career Readiness Course Task Force	Requires the Commissioner of Higher Education to appoint a representative of a public four-year institution of higher education to the Career Readiness Course Task Force, which is tasked with exploring the possibility of a course covering various topics to students in eighth or ninth grade	Before October 31, 2018	Ensure that Commissioner Mulligan appoints a representative.	Commissioner's Office	Commissioner Mulligan appointed Dr. Joanie Hartnett, Associate Professor of Middle, Secondary, and Adult Education at the University of Central Missouri, to the Career Readiness Course Task Force as a representative of a public four-year institution of higher education. No further action is needed by MDHE.
HB 1744; SB 807 & 577; SB 603	Access Missouri program	Modifies the Access Missouri financial assistance program by allowing students attending virtual institutions to be eligible for awards.	August 28, 2018	Ensure that MDHE procedures and practices relating to issuing Access Missouri awards are consistent with new state law.	Financial Aid	MDHE staff is preparing the rule amendments for delivery to the Governor's Office and the Secretary of State. By January 2019, MDHE staff plans to have the rule filed with the Secretary of State.
HB 1744; SB 807 & 577	A+ scholarship program	Modifies the A+ scholarship program student eligibility by removing the requirement that a student's attendance occur in the three years immediately prior to graduation.	June 1, 2018 (due to emergency clause on HB 1744)	Ensure that MDHE procedures and practices relating to issuing A+ Scholarship awards are consistent with new state law.	Financial Aid	MDHE staff is preparing the rule amendments for delivery to the Governor's Office and the Secretary of State. By January 2019, MDHE staff plans to have the rule filed with the Secretary of State.

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SB 807 & 577	HESFA	Modifies the Higher Education Student Funding Act by allowing public institutions of higher education to increase tuition by an amount (no greater than 5%) that would produce an increase in net tuition revenue no greater than the amount by which state operating support was reduced in the previous fiscal year.	August 28, 2018	Ensure that MDHE and CBHE procedures and practices relating to tuition setting are consistent with the revised parameters.	Fiscal Affairs; Data; Commissioner	<p>MDHE staff developed an internal model for the HESFA calculations that will be used beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.</p> <p>MDHE staff drafted a proposed rule based on the current HESFA policy. Upon approval by the CBHE, MDHE staff will begin the formal rulemaking process with the Secretary of State. In the interim, MDHE staff will follow the rule as its HESFA policy with regard to procedures and calculations until the rule is promulgated.</p>
SB 870; SB 807 & 577	Public Safety Officer Survivor Grant	Expands the list of professions whose children and spouses are eligible to receive a public safety office or employee survivor grant from the CBHE.	August 28, 2018	Ensure that MDHE procedures and practices relating to issuing the grant awards are consistent with new state law.	Financial Aid	MDHE staff is working with OA Forms Management to finalize the application revisions. Furthermore, MDHE staff is preparing the rule amendments for delivery to the Governor's Office and the Secretary of State. By January 2019, MDHE staff plans to have the rule filed with the Secretary of State.

2018 NEW HIGHER EDUCATION-RELATED LAWS
ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION BY THE MDHE/CBHE

Bill	Subject	Description	Effective Date/Deadline	Notes
SB 882	Missouri Higher Education Savings Program	Changes the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program to the Missouri Education Savings Program to allow for funds in a 529 account to be used at elementary and secondary education institutions; allows funds in a 529 account to be transferred tax-exempt to a Missouri ABLE account.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
SB 990; SB 807 & 577; HB 1744	Attachment of school districts	Allows community colleges to initiate attachment to a local school district.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
HB 1268	Dental faculty permits	Allows the Missouri Dental Board to issue a dental faculty permit to individuals who are employed by an accredited dental school, college, or program in Missouri.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
HB 1517	Legal expense fund	Requires the legal counsel and the designated keeper of accounts of public institutions that award baccalaureate degrees to submit a report to the general assembly outlining specified details of all settlements and judgments paid each month from the state legal expense fund.	By September 30, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
HB 1744	Missouri Higher Education Savings Program	Allows funds in a 529 account to be transferred tax-exempt to a Missouri ABLE account.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
HB 1744	Meal plans	Prohibits public institutions from requiring students to purchase meal plans or dine at on-campus facilities when a student has presented medical documentation of a food allergy or sensitivity, or a medical dietary issue.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
HB 1879; SB 807 & 577	Purchasing laws	Exempts public institutions of higher education from being required to follow the state purchasing laws outlined in Chapter 34 RSMo.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
SB 807 & 577	College Credit Disclosure Act	Establishes the College Credit Disclosure Act, which requires non-accredited higher education institutions that grant college level credit to disclose their lack of federally recognized regional accreditation to students during the admission process.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.
SB 807 & 577	Mental health report	Requires public institutions of higher education to publish an annual report relating to mental health services provided on campus.	Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year	This does not require action by MDHE.
SB 807 & 577	Civics exam	Requires students attending public institutions of higher education to score at least 70% on the Missouri Higher Education Civics Examination in order to graduate.	July 2019	This does not require action by MDHE, although it will likely have an impact on CORE 42. MDHE has discussed this new requirement with the Council of Chief Academic

				Officers and has offered to help facilitate institutional discussion about implementation.
HB 2034	Industrial and agricultural hemp	Allows public institutions of higher education to engage in the growth, cultivation, and marketing of industrial and agricultural hemp in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture.	August 28, 2018	This does not require action by MDHE.