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2024 Legislative Session Final Report

Coordinating Board for Higher Education

June 12, 2024

BACKGROUND

The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly began on January 3, 2024, and concluded on May 17, 2024.

CURRENT STATUS

The attached Bill Tracking Report includes all higher education and workforce development related legislation tracked by the department during the 2024 legislative session. The following truly agreed to and finally passed bills will either impact the department and higher education institutions or are of interest.

SB 912

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Ben Brown (R-Washington) House Handler: Rep. Dave Griffith (R-Jefferson City)

Legislation modifies the educational assistance available to Missouri National Guard members to include a tuition and fee waiver for undergraduate courses at Missouri public institutions of higher education in addition to the State Tuition Assistance Program grant currently offered. It requires the National Guard to distribute all moneys available for the grant before tuition and fee waivers are awarded, and if the state does not fund the grant program at the same percentage of total program costs as the previous fiscal year, tuition and fee waivers shall not be awarded.

SB 754

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer (R-Parkville) House Handler: Rep. Lane Roberts (R-Joplin)

Legislation creates the "Stop Cyberstalking and Harassment Task Force" and tasks the group with studying and completing a report regarding the need for trainings and resources about cyberstalking and harassment for law enforcement and victims. One member of the task force is to be appointed by the Commissioner for the Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development and the individual shall have experience educating people about cyberstalking and harassment.

SB 894

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R-Holts Summit) House Handler: Alex Riley (R-Springfield)

Legislation establishes the Regulatory Sandbox Act and creates the "General Regulatory Sandbox Program Advisory Committee." The Commissioner for the Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development is to appoint one member of a higher education institution to serve on the Advisory Committee. The Governor can appoint a member of the public or of a higher education institution to serve on the Advisory Committee. The members will serve four-year terms. The Advisory Committee will advise the Regulatory Relief Office in the Department of Economic Development on applications for participation in the Sandbox Program, and the Committee can override a decision of the Regulatory Relief Office regarding an applicant's participation in the Sandbox Program.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Bill Tracking Report