

## IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

### Regulatory Plan for Fiscal Year 2017 August 1, 2016

Executive Order Number Nine requires each state agency to submit an annual Regulatory Plan detailing foreseeable rulemaking initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year that the agency reasonably expects to issue in proposed or final form. The Iowa College Student Aid Commission's review of upcoming rulemaking initiatives for Iowa Administrative Rules Section 283 identified the actions outlined in this Regulatory Plan.

#### **Regulatory Action:**

**Legislative Action:** The Iowa College Student Aid Commission acts quickly to make changes required as a result of legislative action. The following Administrative Rules changes will occur as a result of action taken by the General Assembly during its 2016 session for Fiscal Year 2017:

- National Guard Educational Assistance Program – Senate File 2234 changes the way in which maximum benefits under the program are determined for students attending schools that do not measure progress by semesters. Administrative Rules will be proposed to ensure proper determination of maximum benefits for Guard members.
- Postsecondary Registration – Senate File 2370 requires the Commission to collect an application and consumer protection information from all schools that claim an exemption under Iowa Code Chapter 261B. The Commission will review the new language and propose new Administrative Rules to ensure proper administration of the exemption requirements.
- Postsecondary Registration – House File 2341 prohibits postsecondary educational entities from establishing a presence in Iowa if the entity is not accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Further, the bill prohibits any school registered under Iowa code Chapter 261B from entering into an agreement to conduct courses of instruction, confer a degree, or conduct any aspect of its operation with a school that is not accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Commission will review the new language and propose new Administrative Rules to ensure proper administration of the requirements of the law.

**Administrative Action:** The Iowa College Student Aid Commission reviews administrative rules annually to address regulatory issues and to ensure they are not outdated. The following Administrative Rules changes will occur as a result of this

review process. There is potential for additional updates as the Administrative Rule review process continues:

- All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship – Strengthening references to the definition of Iowa high school.
- Iowa Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program – Strengthening and modernizing references to the definition of ‘eligible school or agency’ and ‘teacher’. These changes will also keep consistency with definitions in the Teach Iowa Scholar Program.

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