BUDGET UNIT BRIEF - FY 2021

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Work-Based Learning Clearinghouse

Purpose and History

Governor Kim Reynolds established the Iowa Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning by Executive Order on January 29, 2018, as part of the Future Ready Iowa Initiative.

The Clearinghouse is established to ensure access to high-quality, in-depth work-based learning in rural and urban communities, especially for traditionally underrepresented students, with a focus on high-demand fields and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The Clearinghouse will connect employers and educators in a virtual space to create work-based learning opportunities for K-12 students, as well as students in college and trade schools. The <u>Clearinghouse</u> is a joint effort of the Department of Education and the Area Education Agencies (AEAs).

The Governor has appointed an advisory board for the Clearinghouse, chaired by the Directors of the Department of Education and Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) and consisting of 49 voting members representing business and industry, education, nonprofit agencies, and students, as well as four ex officio members from the Iowa General Assembly.

Funding — State General Fund

The Clearinghouse first received funding in FY 2019 with a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000. The current General Fund appropriation is \$300,000.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Executive Order Number One

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More Information

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