

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 1/31/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration UEN	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This week
HF1	House File 1 mandates that school districts permit students residing in their district and enrolled in nonpublic schools to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests that are not offered by their nonpublic school contingent upon an agreement between the school district and the nonpublic school. Student may participate in a contiguous school districts if their district of residence does not offer the activity. If a fee is established for participation, it must not exceed the fee charged to students enrolled in the public school district. The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment.	opposed	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 189. Moves to the House Calendar	
HF10	House File 10 amends the existing law regarding the attachment or territory from a school district that is subject to an approved dissolution proposal. The bill specifies that the attachment will be effective on July 1 of the calendar year following the year in which the attachment was approved. The bill applies to dissolution propositions approved by voters on or after its effective date. The bill will be amended to match SF	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as 174. Moves to the House Calendar	
HF101	House File 101 introduces a new regulation regarding the issuance of bonds for public projects in Iowa. For any project where a proposition to issue bonds is approved in an election after July 1, 2025, the total amount of bonds issued cannot exceed 80% of the project's total cost. The remaining 20% must be funded through other sources.	opposed	subcommittee assigned: meggers, wichtendahl and wills	subcommittee assigned: meggers, wichtendahl and wills	No Action This week
HF102	Requires each school district and accredited nonpublic school to have at least one trained employee to assist with the administration of seizure medications and vagus nerve stimulation by July 1, 2025. By December 31, 2026, all school personnel must receive training on recognizing seizures and providing first aid. The bill outlines the development of individual health plans and seizure action plans for students with known seizure disorders, ensuring that schools maintain necessary documentation and collaborate with parents and healthcare professionals and provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith to assist students with seizure needs.	opposed	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/22.	subcommittee: bradley, kniff mcculla and levin.	
HF11	House File 11 amends the existing law regarding the start date of the school calendar for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools in Iowa. The bill stipulates that the school year can begin no earlier than August 23 or the first business day that falls three days after the conclusion of the Iowa State Fair.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 40.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 40.	No Action This week
HF113	Authorizes small school districts with a budget enrollment of 200 students or less to use unencumbered and unobligated moneys from the PPEL fund and the PERL fund for any general fund purpose, except for salaries and benefits, for up to five years. The use of these funds must be approved by at least 60% of voters in an election. Allows districts to adopt a new revenue purpose statement to include the use of unobligated revenues from the SAVE fund for the same duration and conditions.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 119.	subcommittee meeting: 02/04/2025 8:30am house lounge 2.	
HF114	House File 114 amends the Code of Iowa to authorize the expenditure of funds for nutritional items within therapeutic classrooms. The bill mandates access to micronutrients, vitamin supplementation, and minimally processed whole foods while restricting harmful food additives. It also addresses the negative impacts of excessive screen time and promotes exposure to natural light.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 119.	subcommittee: shipley, gehlbach and wessel-kroeschell. h.j. 171.	
HF119	House File 119 introduces changes to the rules governing content specialist and CTE secondary authorizations. It allows individuals with a master's degree or higher in an endorsement area to continue teaching under an initial content specialist authorization without conversion, provided they work under a mentor. These provisions apply to all applicants regardless of when they apply.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/27.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	

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HF120	Amends existing law to permit school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to apply to DE for a year-round school calendar for students in grades 9 through 12. Previously, only schools serving PK-8 students were eligible for such a calendar. The bill requires that a public hearing be held on any proposal before submitting an application. Initial applications must be submitted by Nov. 1 of the preceding school year.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/27.	subcommittee meeting: 02/04/2025 12:30pm rm 304.	
HF121	Requires DE to develop and distribute resources to school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and AEAs to enable school employees to offer testing services to students, helping their parents or guardians submit applications for HCBS waivers. These waivers are part of Medicaid programs designed to support individuals in receiving services in their homes or communities rather than in institutional settings. The bill also authorizes AEAs to provide these testing services to students in both public and nonpublic schools.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/27.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	
HF122	Increases the supplementary weighting associated with an SRO from two pupils to four pupils, effective July 1, 2025.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/27.	subcommittee: behn, bradley and gjerde. h.j. 171.	
HF136	Amends the Iowa school performance profiles by stipulating that if a student returns to school after dropping out and subsequently drops out again, this second dropout will not negatively affect the school's performance grade.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 129.	subcommittee: ingels, ehler and johnson, c. h.j. 171.	
HF149	The bill changes the definitions of 'harassment' and 'bullying' by eliminating the language that ties these actions to any actual or perceived traits or characteristics of students, focusing instead on the creation of a hostile school environment. The bill also makes conforming changes to related sections of the Iowa Code.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 149.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/30.	
HF150	Eliminates the use of standards-based grading for middle and high school students. (Standards-based grading is defined as a method that evaluates student performance based on mastery of specific learning objectives rather than traditional grading methods).	opposed	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 149.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/30.	
HF163	Allows districts and accredited nonpublic schools to create multidisciplinary threat assessment teams. These teams are tasked with assessing and intervening when students exhibit behaviors that may pose a threat to safety. The bill also allows for the sharing of relevant information among covered entities, including schools and governmental agencies, to ensure that students at risk receive appropriate services. Provides immunity from civil liability for individuals who report potential threats in good faith.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 151.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	
HF165	Requires students in grades 9 through 12 to pass a civics assessment based on the U.S. citizenship and immigration services naturalization civics test. Students must correctly answer at least 60% of the questions to pass, with unlimited retakes allowed for those who do not meet this threshold. The bill also stipulates that no fees can be charged for taking the assessment. Allows applies to students seeking a high school equivalency diploma. The state board of education is tasked with adopting rules to implement these provisions.	opposed	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 151.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	
HF166	Requires public schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in Iowa to display the national motto of the United States and the state motto of Iowa prominently within school facilities. Also mandates that schools begin each day of classroom instruction with two minutes of silent time, to be observed immediately before the recitation of the pledge of allegiance for students in grades 1-12.	opposed	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 151.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	
HF167	House File 167 modifies the existing definition of 'grooming behavior' to focus on the process of building trust and emotional connections with students for exploitative purposes.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 152.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	

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HF168	Requires DE to create a list detailing the rights and services available to students in public schools, which are not accessible to those in nonpublic schools. This list must be developed in consultation with relevant educational organizations and distributed to nonpublic schools. Nonpublic schools that accept ESA funds must then provide this list to parents or guardians of enrolled students.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 152.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/30.	
HF174	House File 174 amends the effective date provisions for school district changes in Iowa. If a proposition to enlarge, reorganize, or change a school district's boundary is approved by voters before January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 following the election. Conversely, if approved on or after January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 of the following calendar year. The bill also adjusts the effective date for the attachment of territory in cases of dissolution based on the same timeline. Additionally, the legislation is retroactively applicable to January 1, 2025. Companion to SF 16.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 153.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	
HF186	House File 186 introduces significant changes to the definition of 'child abuse' by including employees and agents of public and nonpublic schools as responsible parties. It mandates that any allegations of child abuse involving these individuals be reported to the Department of HHS and, if applicable, to law enforcement. The bill also requires the HHS to establish rules for handling such reports and necessitates that school boards place employees on administrative leave during ongoing assessments.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 155.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 155.	
HF187	Beginning July 1, 2024, the bill establishes that resident pupils attending nonpublic schools can receive ESAs, with specific conditions regarding prior enrollment and household income not to exceed 400% of the federal poverty level. Notably, the bill removes the income eligibility requirement for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025, allowing broader access to the program. The bill is effective immediately upon enactment.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 155.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 155.	
HF189	House File 189 mandates that school districts permit students residing within the district and enrolled in nonpublic schools to participate in athletic contests not offered by their nonpublic school, contingent upon an agreement between the school district and the nonpublic school regarding the student's eligibility. Allows the nonpublic student to participate in a contiguous districts if their resident district doesn't offer the activity. The bill stipulates that any fees for participation must be paid by the student or their guardian, and these fees cannot exceed those charged to public school students.	opposed	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	
HF190	Allows for the administration of state assessments to students receiving online instruction. It allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to conduct assessments in an online format that mirrors the students' regular academic environment. Requires scheduled assessment times, synchronous sessions managed by school personnel, and monitoring by assessment proctors via video feed. The bill also stipulates a maximum student-to-proctor ratio of 10 to 1 and requires verification of assessment submission by school employees. These changes aim to enhance the integrity and accessibility of assessments for online learners.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	
HF27	House File 27 introduces a tax deduction for the purchase of nonathletic school uniforms mandated for students attending public or nonpublic schools. Taxpayers can subtract the amount spent on these uniforms from their taxable income, up to a maximum of \$500. The bill is designed to alleviate some of the financial burden associated with school uniform requirements. It applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.	undecided	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 42.	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 42.	No Action This week
HF33	House File 33 creates an agriculture education grant program within the DE aimed at expanding student access to agriculture-related instruction. School districts can apply for grants to cover personal services costs associated with hiring teachers for additional instruction in agriculture education programs. Grants can cover up to 100% of costs for programs less than ten years old and 50% for older programs. The funding must supplement existing public funding and cannot replace it. The DE will also track teacher instruction time funded by these grants and establish rules for grant administration.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/14.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 43.	No Action This week

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HF34	Amends existing Iowa law to require that information about immunization exemptions and the requirements for obtaining them be included in public communications following immunization recommendations. Schools, child care centers, and institutions of higher education must provide this information in their communications to parents, guardians, and students. The bill specifies that this information must be made available on relevant websites and in registration documentation. The state will cover the costs associated with these requirements through existing school funding.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
HF36	House File 36 modifies the standards for judicial review of agency actions under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act. It requires courts to interpret state statutes and agency rules de novo, without deferring to agency interpretations. The bill also mandates that courts exercise any remaining doubt in favor of interpretations that limit agency authority.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report recommends passage	No Action This week
HF39	The bill requires individual property tax statements to include a comparison of current and proposed tax amounts starting from fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026. Additionally, it mandates that cities must mail notifications regarding bond issuances to eligible electors, detailing the amount, purpose, and estimated tax impact of the bonds. Subcommittee members talked about a possible amendment to make reporting easier for local governments compared to current law.	undecided	introduced, referred to local government. h.j. 01/14.	tabled until future meeting.	No Action This week
HF51	The bill defines obscene performance and prohibits knowingly exposing minors to such performances. It establishes penalties for individuals who admit minors to premises where obscene performances occur, with aggravated misdemeanors for serious violations. The act also allows parents or guardians to file civil suits against those who disseminate obscene materials to minors, with a minimum damage award of \$10,000. Public institutions are barred from using state resources for obscene performances, and the legislation repeals previous exemptions for educational purposes.	undecided	introduced, referred to judiciary. h.j. 01/14.	introduced, referred to judiciary. h.j. 46.	No Action This week
HF52	House File 52 provides that sports officials officiating athletic contests in Iowa are not liable for civil actions related to their officiating duties, except in cases of intentional, malicious, or grossly negligent actions. The bill also defines 'sports official' and outlines various criminal penalties for assaults against them, including classifications of felonies and misdemeanors based on the severity of the assault. The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment and applies to legal actions commenced after its effective date.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
HF60	House File 60 amends the eligibility criteria for budget adjustments for school districts in Iowa that have been affected by natural disasters. It allows these districts to receive an additional budget adjustment equal to the amount they received in the base year if a major disaster has been declared by the president or the governor during the base year or the preceding budget year.	support	subcommittee: johnson, c., boden and ehler. h.j. 01/22.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
HF67	House File 67 amends the current law that mandates school calendars in Iowa to begin no sooner than August 23. For the school year starting July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the bill allows schools to start their calendars as early as August 20.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/15.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 63.	No Action This week
HF68	House File 68 requires every school district in Iowa to adopt a policy that defines 'insufficient classroom space' to include standards related to the capacity to provide instruction to English learners. Currently, school districts must approve open enrollment applications unless they can demonstrate insufficient classroom space, which is a decision typically based on special education services or inadequate facilities. This bill adds EL staffing considerations to the requirement.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 85.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 85.	No Action This week

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HF69	House File 69 amends existing laws regarding the use of alcoholic beverages on public school property. It allows school boards to authorize the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer during social events or other non-school-related functions, provided that the premises hold a five-day retail alcohol license. The bill maintains restrictions on consumption during school-related functions and establishes penalties for violations. The legislation is effective immediately upon enactment.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 85.	rereferred to state government. h.j. 104.	No Action This week
HF76	House File 76 requires school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in Iowa to incorporate specific provisions related to pregnancy and fetal development into their human growth and development and health curricula. The curriculum for grades 7 and 8 must include human biology related to pregnancy, human development inside the womb, and visual aids such as a high-definition ultrasound video and computer-generated animations depicting fetal development. For grades 9 through 12, similar content is mandated in the health curriculum.	opposed	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 86.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 86.	No Action This week
HF8	House File 8 mandates that school districts and accredited nonpublic schools create procedures for school nurses to administer broad-spectrum cannabidiol products to students. The bill defines broad-spectrum cannabidiol as a pharmaceutical-grade cannabinoid that contains no tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Parents or guardians must provide the product along with written instructions and documentation confirming its compliance with the definition. The procedures must include a form for parental authorization and specific usage instructions.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 39.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 39.	No Action This week
HF80	House File 80 aims to protect the rights of employees, contractors, and students in Iowa's school districts and charter schools by prohibiting disciplinary actions related to the use of legal names and the failure to use personal pronouns. The bill ensures that individuals can address others using their legal names as listed in school records without fear of punishment. Additionally, it allows individuals to refrain from disclosing or using personal pronouns in official communications without facing disciplinary measures. Violations of this legislation can lead to civil actions, including reinstatement and damages for affected employees. The bill defines 'disciplinary action' broadly, encompassing various forms of punishment, including termination and suspension.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 87.	subcommittee: hayes, matson and stone. h.j. 123.	No Action This week
HF88	The bill allows parents to place children under independent private instruction with fewer requirements (no limit on the number of unrelated students in the home school program, allows tuition to be charged, removes requirement of immunization proof for first-time placements). Clarifies the definition of independent private instruction and ensures that diplomas from such programs are treated equally to traditional high school diplomas. Prohibits the incorporation of gender-neutral language in world language instruction where applicable. The legislation increases the tuition tax credit for families with children receiving private instruction or attending accredited schools, retroactively applying to tax years beginning January 1, 2025.	opposed	subcommittee meeting: 01/27/2025 11:30am rm 103.	committee report. Recommending amendment and passage. h.j.142	
HF9	House File 9 provides grant funding for the school security legislation enacted last year for districts with fewer than 1,000 students. The program provides annual grants to match local funding for security personnel, with a maximum grant amount of \$50,000. The funds allocated for this program will not revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, ensuring ongoing availability for future use.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 39.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 39.	No Action This week
HF96	House File 96 creates the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive scholar program, administered by the college student aid commission to reimburse teachers for tuition costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement. Eligible teachers must work in Iowa schools or area education agencies and apply for reimbursement annually. The total reimbursement is capped at 75% of tuition costs and is available for a maximum of two years. The bill also establishes a fund for the program and appropriates \$335,000 for the fiscal year 2025-2026.	support	subcommittee: johnson c., ehler and weldon	subcommittee recommends passage.	

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HF97	The bill creates a scholarship program aimed at supporting individuals with intellectual, developmental, or learning disabilities who are at least 18 years old and enrolled in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs approved by the U.S. DOE. The program is administered by the college student aid commission in consultation with the division of vocational rehabilitation services. Scholarships can provide up to \$5,000 per academic year to help cover tuition and fees. Applicants must reapply annually, and priority is given to Iowa residents. The bill also establishes a dedicated fund for the scholarship program, ensuring that appropriated funds remain available for future use.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/22.	subcommittee meeting: 02/04/25 12:00 pm	
HSB10	The bill amends existing laws regarding health services in Iowa schools. Beginning July 1, 2025, each school district is required to employ either a licensed school nurse or an athletic trainer to ensure health services are available to students in working toward a goal of one health professional for every 750 students. Additionally, the bill makes conforming changes to various code sections to incorporate athletic trainers into the framework of school health services.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
HSB105	House Study Bill 105 proposes changes to the governance of charter schools in Iowa by removing the requirement that non-resident board members must be residents of the state. Additionally, it allows students from charter schools and innovation zone schools to participate in the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program through their respective school districts. For online charter schools, students can access the program through their school district of residence. These changes aim to enhance the flexibility and accessibility of educational opportunities for charter school students.	watching	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 169.	subcommittee: wheeler, gehlbach and kurth. h.j. 01/30.	
HSB106	House Study Bill 106 amends existing educational policies to include new provisions regarding the use of personal electronic devices by students during instructional hours. Starting July 1, 2025, school districts must adopt policies that restrict the use of these devices during classroom time, while also providing methods for parental communication during emergencies. Additionally, the bill mandates that health curricula for grades six through eight include instruction on the effects of social media, with support for teachers to deliver this content.	watching	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 169.	subcommittee: shipley, hora and matson. h.j. 01/30.	
HSB107	House Study Bill 107 amends the existing law regarding the training and certification of school bus drivers in Iowa. It mandates that all school bus drivers must complete a DE approved course within the first six months of employment and every 24 months thereafter. The bill introduces a provision that allows the DE to accept proof of completion of federal entry-level driver training as meeting the course requirements, provided it includes the necessary passenger and school bus endorsement training. Additionally, it stipulates that failure to provide proof of completion will result in revocation of the driver's authorization to operate a school bus. This change aims to streamline the certification process while ensuring compliance with federal training standards.	support	by committee on education	subcommittee: moore, t., kurth and weldon. h.j. 171.	
HSB108	House Study Bill 108 proposes to amend the current funding formula for charter schools in Iowa. The bill adds the teacher salary supplement state cost per pupil to the existing funding structure, which already includes the regular program state cost per pupil and other supplements. This change aims to ensure that charter schools receive adequate funding to support their educational programs. The bill is set to take effect immediately upon enactment and will apply to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.	watching	by committee on education	subcommittee: gehlbach, madison and shipley. h.j. 172.	
HSB18	The Employment Appeal Board is established within the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing to handle contested cases under various Iowa Code chapters, which includes taking over the duties of the Iowa Public Employment Relations Board, PERB, eliminated during state government reorganization legislation enacted in 2024. The bill outlines the procedures for rehearing applications and judicial reviews, specifying that petitions can be filed in certain district courts. It also clarifies that the board and the department are not liable for unemployment benefits that are not due or if funds are unavailable.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
HSB2	The bill amends the existing school attendance laws in Iowa to include exemptions for children who are either undergoing military entrance processing or are actively engaged in military service. This bill adds new provisions that exempt military applicants and service members absences from counting toward the determination of chronic	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week

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HSB22	House Study Bill 22 introduces a new criminal offense of grooming, classified as a class 'D' felony in Iowa. Individuals convicted under this law will be required to register as tier I sex offenders. The bill stipulates a special sentence of 10 years in custody of the Iowa Department of Corrections, with eligibility for parole. Additionally, offenders must register as sex offenders for a period of 10 years upon release from incarceration, probation, or parole.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 180	
HSB30	This bill requires all students in grades 9 through 12 in Iowa to pass a civics assessment based on the U.S. citizenship and immigration services naturalization test as a condition for graduation, starting from the school year beginning July 1, 2026. Students must correctly answer at least 60% of the questions to pass and can retake the assessment as many times as needed without incurring any fees. The bill also applies to individuals seeking a high school equivalency diploma. The state board of education is required to adopt rules to implement these	opposed	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 165	
HSB31	House Study Bill 31 modifies the earliest possible start date for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools in Iowa. Under current law, the school calendar must begin no sooner than August 23. The proposed change allows for the school year to start on the earlier of August 23 or the first Wednesday following the conclusion of the Iowa	support	by committee on education	committee report recommending passage and amendment	
HSB32	Requires public schools, including charter and innovation zone schools, to display the national motto of the United States and the state motto of Iowa prominently within school facilities. Mandates that each school day starts with two minutes of silent time for students, which is to occur immediately before the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.	opposed	subcommittee meeting: 01/27/2025 12:30pm house lounge.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 166	
HSB33	The bill establishes guidelines for school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to conduct state assessments for students receiving online instruction. The bill mandates that assessments be administered in a manner similar to the students' regular academic environment, ensuring proper monitoring and verification processes. Key provisions include assigned assessment times, synchronous sessions managed by school personnel, and a maximum student-to-proctor ratio of ten to one. Additionally, the bill requires that assessment proctors monitor students via video feed throughout the assessment duration. The state board of education is required to adopt rules to implement these provisions.	support	by committee on education	subcommittee meeting: 01/28/2025 8:15am house lounge.	
HSB34	The bill requires school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in Iowa to incorporate specific provisions related to pregnancy and fetal development into their human growth and development and health curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12. The curriculum must include human biology related to pregnancy, human development inside the womb, and visual aids such as a high-definition ultrasound video and a computer-generated animation depicting the stages of fetal development.	opposed	subcommittee: hayes, boden and wessel-kroeschell. h.j. 84.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB43	The bill amends existing laws to streamline data reporting from community colleges to the DE. It requires annual submission of financial and educational outcome data, which will be included in a comprehensive report to the General Assembly. Additionally, the act establishes a national board certification program for teachers, providing financial support for those who achieve certification and stipends for advanced dyslexia specialists. The legislation also outlines employee compensation and benefits for staff at the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually impaired and the Iowa school for the deaf.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 01/28/2025 12:00pm house lounge.	committee report recommending passage	
HSB44	The bill mandates DE to create a list of industry-recognized credentials for high school students, which will be aligned with career and technical education service areas. It requires school districts to report students who attain these credentials and recognize them by affixing a seal to their transcripts or providing a certificate. Additionally, the bill modifies the curriculum for grades five through eight to include career planning and pathways, ensuring students are prepared for their future careers.	determining registration	subcommittee: kniff mcculla, bradley and ehler. h.j. 106.	committee report recommending passage	
HSB45	The bill requires the director of the DE to create and manage a Purple Star School Initiative. This initiative aims to recognize schools that demonstrate a commitment to supporting military-connected students	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report recommending passage	

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HSB46	The bill amends the definition of 'grooming behavior' in Iowa law to focus on actions that build trust and emotional connections with students for the purpose of exploitation. It requires school district officials and administrators to report any disciplinary actions against licensed employees for such behavior.	support	subcommittee meeting: 01/28/2025 12:30pm house lounge.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 167	
HSB47	The bill authorizes the creation of multidisciplinary threat assessment teams in school districts and accredited nonpublic schools. These teams are tasked with assessing and intervening when students exhibit behaviors that may pose a threat to safety. The bill allows for the sharing of information among covered entities, including schools and governmental agencies, to ensure the safety and well-being of students experiencing emotional disturbances or mental illness. Additionally, it provides immunity from civil liability for individuals who report credible	support	subcommittee meeting: 01/28/2025 12:00pm rm 304.1.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 163	
HSB5	House Study Bill 5 amends existing laws to prevent school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools from including certain ingredients in their breakfast and lunch programs. Specifically, the bill prohibits the use of red dye 40, yellow dye 7, and margarine in meals served to students. This legislation applies to all schools that provide meal programs, ensuring compliance with the new standards.	undecided	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	committee report recommending amendment and passage	
HSB68	The Iowa Workforce Development and Education Enhancement Act focuses on enhancing the functions of the Department of Workforce Development and local workforce boards. It modifies existing laws related to unemployment insurance and taxable wages, ensuring that only wages paid in Iowa are considered for tax purposes. The act also establishes an Iowa student internship program to connect students with employers, particularly in STEM fields, and appropriates funds to support these initiatives. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of adult education and literacy programs, streamlining the administration of these programs to better serve the community.	watching	subcommittee: moore, t., jeneary and mcburney. h.j. 124.	subcommittee meeting: 02/03/2025 12:00pm house lounge.	
HSB7	The bill amends the existing law regarding the health examination requirements for personnel working in licensed or registered child care facilities. Previously, employees were required to complete a physical examination within six months prior to employment, which included tests for communicable diseases and was to be repeated every three years. The new bill eliminates this preemployment physical examination requirement, allowing for more flexibility in hiring practices. However, it maintains that controlled medical conditions that do not affect job performance will not prohibit employment.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
HSB75	House Study Bill 75 amends existing laws regarding public notice for governmental meetings. It mandates that governmental bodies provide notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting, including reconvened meetings, and the tentative agenda. Notices must be posted in a conspicuous location and on the governmental body's internet site. If a tentative agenda is amended, it must be marked as 'AMENDED' and the changes identified. Additionally, the bill requires notice for canceled meetings to be given at least 24 hours in advance, or as soon as reasonably possible if that is not feasible. This legislation aims to enhance public awareness and participation in governmental proceedings.	watching	subcommittee: siegrist, dunwell and zabner. h.j. 124.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB76	The Iowa Public Records Request Reform Act establishes new requirements for lawful custodians of public records upon receiving requests. It mandates that custodians promptly acknowledge requests, provide contact information for authorized designees, and estimate any associated costs. Additionally, custodians must inform requesters of any expected delays in fulfilling requests. The bill aims to enhance transparency and accessibility of public records while ensuring that costs remain reasonable for the public.	watching	subcommittee: collins, jeneary and wilburn. h.j. 124.	subcommittee meeting: 01/30/2025 11:30am rm 304.	
HSB77	House Study Bill 77 proposes to extend the period for filing complaints with the Iowa Public Information Board from 60 days to 90 days following an alleged violation of open meetings or open records laws. This change allows individuals, taxpayers, and legal representatives more time to become aware of and report violations. The bill emphasizes that all complaints filed will remain public records, ensuring transparency in the complaint process.	watching	subcommittee meeting: 01/30/2025 12:00pm house lounge 2.	subcommittee recommends passage.	

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HSB8	The bill directs the Iowa Department of HHS to revise its administrative rules. The amendment permits employees of child care centers who are at least 16 years old to provide flex care to children up to five years of age without needing supervision from older staff. Flex care is defined as child care during designated nap hours and brief periods when a qualified employee is absent.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
HSB84	The bill amends existing educational regulations in Iowa by extending the prohibition of programs, curricula, tests, surveys, and instruction related to gender identity and sexual orientation to students in grades seven through twelve. Previously, this prohibition applied only to students in kindergarten through grade six. The bill aims to restrict discussions and teachings on these topics within the specified grade levels, impacting how schools approach education on human growth and development.	watching	subcommittee: wheeler, levin and stone. h.j. 125.	subcommittee: wheeler, levin and stone. h.j. 125.	
HSB86	The Bill modifies existing legislation concerning school concussion and brain injury policies. It requires collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services, the Iowa High School Athletic Association, and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union to develop training materials and protocols for managing concussions in students. The bill updates the definition of 'licensed health care provider' to include individuals with a doctorate in psychology specializing in neuropsychology or concussion management.	watching	by committee on health and human services	subcommittee meeting: 02/04/2025 12:00pm house lounge 2.	
HSB97	The bill proposes amendments to existing educational guidelines by requiring schools to replace references to the 'Gulf of Mexico' with 'Gulf of America' and 'Denali' with 'Mount McKinley' in all classroom instruction and student handouts. This change aims to standardize geographic terminology used in educational settings across Iowa. The bill applies to all school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools, ensuring compliance with the new requirements. The implications of this legislation may affect how students learn about geography and cultural significance associated with these locations.	opposed	by committee on education	subcommittee meeting: 02/03/2025 11:45am rm 103.	
SF100	The bill requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools in Iowa to publish mental health resources on their websites, specifically those created by Your Life Iowa. Additionally, schools are tasked with partnering with students to explore further methods of increasing awareness about mental health resources.	determining registration	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 122.	subcommittee evans, staed, taylor s.j.152	
SF102	The bill requires school districts in Iowa to implement annual, evidence-based training on mental wellness for educators and students by July 1, 2026. The training for educators will focus on self-identification and mitigation of negative mental health symptoms and must occur within the first 60 days of the school calendar. Similarly, training for student social and emotional wellness will take place in January or February. Both training programs must adhere to nationally recognized best practices, and the state board of education will establish qualifications for trainers.	opposed	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 123.	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and taylor s.j. 153	
SF111	The bill requires that by July 1, 2025, each school district and accredited nonpublic school must have at least one trained employee to assist with the administration of seizure medications. By December 31, 2026, all school personnel must receive training on recognizing seizures and providing first aid. The bill outlines the process for developing individual health plans and seizure action plans in collaboration with parents and healthcare professionals. It also stipulates that schools must maintain records of authorizations and plans for students with known seizure disorders. Additionally, the legislation provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith in accordance with these plans.	opposed	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 129.	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and gruenhagen. s.j. 153.	

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SF113	The bill changes the rights of parents and guardians regarding their children's education and health screenings. It mandates that school districts provide age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development instruction, including information on sexually transmitted diseases and vaccines. The bill also establishes requirements for library programs in schools to ensure they contain only age-appropriate materials. Additionally, it repeals several existing provisions related to parental consent for student surveys and health assessments.	watching	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 130.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 153.	
SF115	Senate File 115 requires school districts to obtain written informed consent from a student's parent or guardian before enrolling the student in human growth and development courses or facilitating attendance at educational conferences on the subject. The bill also mandates that school boards provide annual information to parents about the curriculum and the process for inspecting instructional materials. This legislation aims to ensure that parents are informed and have control over their children's education regarding human growth and development topics.	opposed	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 130.	subcommittee: salmon, campbell, and winckler. s.j. 153.	
SF123	Senate File 123 proposes changes to the funding of local preschool programs in Iowa by adjusting the preschool budget enrollment calculation. Currently, funding is based on 50% of the actual enrollment of eligible students; this bill seeks to change that to 100%. Additionally, it modifies the funding calculation for the initial school year a district is approved to participate in the preschool program. The changes are set to take effect for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.	watching	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 132.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and winckler. s.j. 153.	
SF138	Directs the state BOE to establish standards for elective social studies courses that emphasize religious scriptures. School districts may offer courses on the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, or both, provided they follow guidelines ensuring religious neutrality and respect for diverse perspectives. Approval from the school improvement advisory committee and the school board is required to implement these courses. Additionally, students are not restricted to a specific translation of the scriptures for their studies.	watching	introduced, referred to education.	subcommittee: salmon, campbell, and trone garriott. s.j. 154.	
SF140	Requires the county commissioner of elections to reject a petition to establish a satellite absentee voting station on school property if the election ballot includes a question regarding school funding or programs. This includes questions related to bonds, instructional support programs, educational improvement programs, physical plant and equipment levies, or public education and recreation levies.	watching	introduced, referred to state government. s.j. 141.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SF141	Requires public schools to accept legal tender as a form of payment for entry into any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions. Additionally, it stipulates that organizations sponsoring these events must also accept legal tender as a condition of their registration with the DE. This bill aims to standardize payment methods for athletic events, ensuring accessibility for all participants and attendees.	watching	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 141.	subcommittee: shipley, pike, and staed. s.j. 153.	
SF16	Senate File to amend the provisions regarding the effective dates of school district changes, including enlargements, reorganizations, and boundary adjustments. If a proposition is approved by voters before January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 following the election. Conversely, if approved on or after January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 of the following calendar year. The bill also addresses the effective date for the attachment of territory in dissolution proposals, with similar conditions based on the approval date. Additionally, the legislation is retroactively applicable to January 1,	support	introduced, referred to education.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as []	
SF167	Sets the state percent of growth and categorical state percent of growth at 2% for the budget year starting July 1, 2025. The bill also revises the calculation for property tax replacement payments for school districts, ensuring that these payments are based on weighted enrollment and a per pupil property tax replacement amount. The changes are intended to be enacted immediately upon approval.	opposed	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	

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SF168	Senate File 168 amends existing laws regarding supplementary weighting for school districts in Iowa. The bill specifies that starting from budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2024, supplementary weighting for shared operational functions related to college and career transition counselors will not count towards the maximum additional weighting limit. Furthermore, beginning July 1, 2025, similar exclusions will apply to shared operational functions involving master social workers, independent social workers, mental health professionals, and school resource officers.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	
SF171	Senate File 171 amends the effective date provisions for school district changes in Iowa. If a proposition to enlarge, reorganize, or change a school district's boundary is approved by voters before January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 following the election. Conversely, if approved on or after January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 of the following calendar year. The bill also applies similar changes to the attachment of territory in dissolution proposals. Additionally, the legislation includes retroactive applicability provisions to January 1, 2025.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. s.j. 168.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 171.	
SF22	The bill prohibits the use of hand-held electronic devices to write, send, or view messages while driving, with exceptions for voice-activated or hands-free modes. It allows the use of electronic devices when the vehicle is completely stopped off the roadway. The bill also outlines penalties for violations, including increased fines and potential license suspensions for repeat offenders. Additionally, it preempts local ordinances regarding electronic device use while driving, ensuring uniform enforcement across the state.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
SF29	The bill introduces significant changes to property tax exemptions in Iowa, specifically targeting elderly homeowners and veterans. The bill transforms the homestead tax exemption for individuals aged 65 and older into a credit of up to \$6,500 on actual taxes payable. Additionally, it raises the military service tax exemption for veterans, allowing for a property tax exemption based on the lesser of the actual property value or a calculated amount equivalent to a \$4,000 credit. The changes take effect immediately upon enactment and apply retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.	opposed	subcommittee: rowley, dawson, and quirmbach.	subcommittee: rowley, dawson, and quirmbach.	No Action This week
SF34	The bill establishes a requirement for physically able students in kindergarten through grade five to participate in at least thirty consecutive minutes of physical activity daily. This requirement is in addition to the existing physical education curriculum and cannot be fulfilled by physical education classes. Exceptions to this requirement include situations where a student poses a safety risk, inclement weather necessitates relocation of outdoor activities, early dismissal occurs due to unforeseen circumstances, or if a student is absent from school.	opposed	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 68.	subcommittee: shipley, garrett, and trone garriott. s.j. 151	
SF47	The bill creates a framework for individuals to seek expedited relief from civil actions that challenge their rights to free speech, assembly, and petition. Under this act, parties can file a special motion to dismiss such actions within 60 days of being served. The act stays all other proceedings while the motion is pending, ensuring that the focus remains on the protection of constitutional rights. The court is required to hold a hearing on the motion within 60 days and must rule on it promptly. If the motion is granted, the court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party.	undecided	subcommittee: reichman, blake, and taylor.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SF50	The bill provides that sports officials in Iowa are not liable for civil actions related to their officiating duties, except in cases of intentional, malicious, or grossly negligent actions. The bill also defines 'sports official' and outlines various criminal penalties for assaults against them, including classifications of felonies and misdemeanors based on the severity of the assault. The legislation takes effect immediately upon enactment and applies to legal actions commenced thereafter, including those alleging prior actions.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	

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SF58	The bill requires school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in Iowa to provide free breakfast and lunch to students whose families meet specified income thresholds. For the fiscal year 2025-2026, meals will be free for families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level, increasing to 400% in the following year. Starting in 2027, all students will receive free meals regardless of family income. The bill includes appropriations from the state general fund to cover costs not funded by federal programs. The state board of education is tasked with adopting rules to implement these provisions. The act takes effect immediately upon enactment.	support	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 105.	subcommittee: rozenboom, evans, and winckler. s.j. 151	
SF6	The bill amends existing Iowa law to require that information about immunization exemptions and their requirements be included in public communications following immunization recommendations. Schools, child care centers, and institutions of higher education must provide this information in their communications to parents, guardians, and students. Additionally, it specifies that this information must be available on relevant websites and registration documents. The legislation also outlines the responsibilities of various educational institutions in disseminating this information.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No Action This week
SF60	Senate File 60 amends the existing framework for calculating foundation aid for Iowa school districts. It establishes a minimum foundation aid of \$300 per pupil unless the total aid exceeds the combined district cost per pupil. The bill also requires adjustments to the foundation property tax rate if the total aid and property tax exceed the combined foundation base. Applicable to budget years starting on or after July 1, 2026.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 105.	subcommittee: taylor, garrett, and quirnbach. s.j. 151	
SF61	The bill focuses on enhancing robotics extracurricular activities in Iowa schools. It requires the Department of Education to provide technical assistance and educational resources to school districts for chartering career and technical student organizations related to robotics. Additionally, the bill authorizes high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests and competitions in robotics, thereby promoting student engagement in this advanced technology field.	support	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 105.	subcommittee meeting: 02/03/2025 12:30 pm senate lounge	
SF64	The bill amends the budget adjustment process for school districts in Iowa that have been affected by natural disasters. It allows these districts to receive an additional budget adjustment equal to the amount they received in the base year if a major disaster has been declared by the president or the governor during the base year or the year preceding	support	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 106.	subcommittee: evans, taylor, and winckler s.j.151	
SF72	The bill creates the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive scholar program, administered by the college student aid commission to reimburse teachers for tuition costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement. Eligible teachers must work in Iowa schools or area education agencies and apply for reimbursement annually. The total reimbursement is capped at 75% of tuition costs over a maximum of two years. The bill also establishes a fund for the program and appropriates \$335,000 for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Reporting requirements are included to track the program's outcomes and effectiveness.	support	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 112.	subcommittee: taylor, gruenhagen, and winckler s.j. 151	
SF78	The bill modifies existing programs to include skilled trades such as welding, carpentry, and plumbing in educational curricula across school districts. It establishes internship programs to assist students studying these trades in securing positions with Iowa employers, providing financial assistance to employers who hire interns. The act also emphasizes the importance of skilled trades in STEM education and aims to recruit and support skilled trades teachers. Additionally, it mandates data collection on the enrollment of females and minorities in	determining registration	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 110.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink s.j. 152	
SF8	The bill prompts school districts and charter schools from taking disciplinary actions against employees, contractors, or students for using legal names or names as listed in school records. It also protects individuals from penalties for not using personal pronouns in official communications. The bill defines 'disciplinary action' broadly, including termination, suspension, and reprimands. Employees who believe their rights are violated under this law can seek civil action for reinstatement and damages.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 36.	subcommittee recommends passage.	

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SF80	The bill mandates that the lead special education teacher or a student's IEP is responsible for assessing the student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular athletic events at public or nonpublic schools. The teacher must consider the student's attendance record and academic performance when making this determination. Coaches and athletic directors are explicitly prohibited from making eligibility decisions for these students. The bill does not apply to students with severe and profound disabilities who require special education under chapter 256B.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 119.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152	
SF82	The bill requires that school districts anticipating revenue from the SAVE fund, if the bond amount exceeds \$5 million, or if a petition is received, must submit the question to voters. A majority of 60% approval from voters is required for the bond to be issued.	opposed	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 120.	subcommittee meeting: 01/30/2025 11:00 senate lounge (cancelled)	
SF86	The bill requires school district boards to develop and implement a process for appointing student liaisons. These liaisons will serve as a bridge between the board, administrators, teachers, and the student body, providing student perspectives on educational policies. The appointed student liaison will participate in regular board meetings in a nonvoting capacity and will have access to nonconfidential materials. However, they are prohibited from participating in special meetings or discussions related to disciplinary matters. The bill also mandates the development of a model application and selection process for the Senate Fire or requires public school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to grant at least one excused absence per school year to students in grades 9 through 12 for participation in civic or political events. Students must notify school administrators in advance and demonstrate their understanding of the event through an essay or presentation. The bill defines civic or political events to include voting, serving as a poll worker, attending political forums, and more. Additionally, absences related to these events will not count towards	opposed	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 120.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and staed s.j. 152	
SF88	The bill mandates that the SCS board is responsible for processing all applications for access to the communications system without delegation. It ensures that applications are not delayed by any other committees or third parties and outlines eligibility for access, including public entities and various public service organizations. The act specifies that all associated costs for equipment and programming are the responsibility of the organizations, while the state will provide setup, training, and support at no cost. Additionally, it allows for appeals against decisions to deny or remove access. The act takes effect	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 120.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink s.j. 152	
SF89	The bill changes provisions related to the determination of school enrollment in Iowa. The bill specifies that budget enrollment will be calculated annually based on averages from counts taken on October 1 and March 1 of the following year. It also outlines the process for determining additional enrollment due to special education and supplementary weighting, requiring school districts to certify their counts by specific deadlines. The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment and applies to school budget years starting after its effective date.	undecided	introduced, referred to state government. s.j. 121.	introduced, referred to state government. s.j. 121.	No Action This week
SF91	The bill outlines the requirements for lobbyists, including mandatory registration with the chief clerk of the house and secretary of the senate before engaging in lobbying activities. It specifies the need for lobbyists to declare their interests in specific legislation and prohibits various forms of unethical conduct, such as offering gifts or economic opportunities to members of the legislature. The rules also mandate electronic filing of information and ensure that all lobbyist-related documents are public records. Additionally, the legislation includes provisions for the reporting of lobbying activities and establishes	determining registration	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 121.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink and trone garriott s.j. 152	
SSB1013	The bill requires that candidates for city council and school board elections be nominated through primary elections, moving away from nonpartisan elections. The bill outlines the procedures for filing nomination papers, the number of signatures required for candidacy, and the timeline for conducting these elections. It also specifies that the costs of conducting these primary elections will be borne by the respective city councils and school boards. The act will take effect for elections held on or after January 1, 2027.	opposed	by committee on local government	subcommittee meeting: 01/23/2025 12:00pm senate lounge (cancelled).	
SSB1021	The bill outlines the requirements for lobbyists, including mandatory registration with the chief clerk of the house and secretary of the senate before engaging in lobbying activities. It specifies the need for lobbyists to declare their interests in specific legislation and prohibits various forms of unethical conduct, such as offering gifts or economic opportunities to members of the legislature. The rules also mandate electronic filing of information and ensure that all lobbyist-related documents are public records. Additionally, the legislation includes provisions for the reporting of lobbying activities and establishes	undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as scr 1	committee report approving bill, renumbered as scr 1	No Action This week

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SSB1022	The bill amends existing laws regarding supplementary weighting for school districts that share operational functions with political subdivisions. The bill allows for supplementary weighting for the position of college and career transition counseling starting from budget years after July 1, 2024, and for mental health professionals, social workers and school resource officers starting from budget years after July 1, 2025, to be exempted from the 21-student cap. The maximum additional weighting a school district can receive remains at 21 pupils, but these four positions will not count towards this limit.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 01/27/2025 2:30pm room 217 conference room.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 168	
SSB1023	The bill clarifies the participation of students who open enrollment for online education in cocurricular and extracurricular activities. It stipulates that these students may engage in activities offered by their district of residence under the same conditions as enrolled students, but only if their online school does not sponsor such activities. Current law limits participation to two activities per school year unless further approved by the resident district. Students must also adhere to the eligibility and conduct requirements set by the district.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as []	
SSB1025	The bill allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools that provide online instruction to administer state assessments in an online format. The bill stipulates that assessments must be conducted under specific conditions, including assigned dates and times, synchronous sessions managed by school personnel, and monitoring by assessment proctors via video feed. Additionally, it mandates a maximum ratio of ten students per proctor and requires verification of assessment submission by an administrator.	support	subcommittee meeting: 01/29/2025 1:00pm room 217 conference room.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1026	Senate Study Bill 1026 amends the existing law regarding the composition of teacher quality committees in Iowa. The bill stipulates that teacher members will now be appointed by the school district's or area education agency's administration, rather than by a certified employee organization. This change aims to streamline the appointment process while maintaining equal representation of administrators and teachers on the committee. Additionally, if a school district has an existing committee with significant stakeholder involvement, it may be allowed to assume the responsibilities of the teacher quality committee.	watching	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and pike.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1027	The bill allows school districts to implement programs aimed at recruiting new teachers and retaining current ones by using funds from the district management levy. The bill stipulates that any recruitment or retention incentive cannot exceed 10% of an initial teacher's salary and can only be paid for a maximum of five school budget years. Additionally, school boards must choose between adopting early retirement benefits or teacher incentives, but not both concurrently. Public discussion and comment are required before any program	support	subcommittee meeting: 01/29/2025 11:00am room 217 conference room.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1028	The bill requires school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in Iowa to incorporate provisions related to pregnancy and fetal development into their human growth and development and health curricula. The bill specifies that students in grades 1 through 8 must receive instruction on human development inside the womb, including high-definition ultrasound videos and computer-generated animations depicting prenatal development. For grades 9 through 12, the health curriculum must also include similar content. The state board of education is required to adopt rules to administer these provisions, ensuring that the information provided is age-appropriate and research-based.	opposed	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as []	
SSB1030	The bill requires all students in grades 9 through 12 in Iowa to pass a civics assessment as a condition for high school graduation starting from the 2026 school year. The assessment will consist of multiple-choice questions from the U.S. citizenship and immigration services civics test, with a passing score set at 60%. Students who do not pass will have the opportunity to retake the assessment multiple times without any associated fees. Additionally, individuals seeking a high school equivalency diploma must also pass this civics examination. The state board of education is required to adopt rules to implement these	opposed	subcommittee meeting: 01/30/2025 12:00pm room 217 conference room.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage	

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SSB1033	The bill proposes the repeal of Section 97B.53A of the Iowa Code, which mandates that the Iowa public employees' retirement system must send a notice to members who terminate their covered employment before retirement. This notice includes the balance and status of the member's accounts and outlines possible courses of action under the relevant code chapter.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 01/27/2025 3:00pm room 217 conference room.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 162	
SSB1036	The bill stipulates that the school year must begin no sooner than the Monday immediately preceding the last Monday in August, rather than the previously established date of August 23.	support	subcommittee: shipley, gruenhagen, and trone garriott.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1042	Senate Study Bill 1042 aims to restrict political subdivisions from utilizing funds obtained through taxation to employ or compensate lobbyists. The bill defines a lobbyist and outlines the penalties for knowingly violating this provision, categorizing such violations as serious misdemeanors. If a lobbyist is found in violation, they may face reprimand, suspension, or dismissal from their position. The legislation seeks to enhance government ethics and transparency by preventing the use of taxpayer money for lobbying activities. This measure reflects a commitment to accountability in the use of public funds.	watching	introduced, referred to local government.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	
SSB1053	The Iowa School Funding Adjustment Act modifies existing provisions related to school funding by setting the state percent of growth and categorical state percent of growth at 2 percent for the budget year starting July 1, 2025. It also revises the calculation for property tax replacement payments for school districts, ensuring that these payments are based on weighted enrollment and a per pupil property tax replacement amount. The bill aims to provide a stable funding framework for schools while addressing the financial needs of school districts. The changes reflect a commitment to maintaining educational funding amidst evolving fiscal conditions.	opposed	by committee on education	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	
SSB1061	Senate Study Bill 1061 proposes significant changes to the eligibility criteria for financial institutions that accept public funds in Iowa. The bill removes the requirement for these institutions to demonstrate a commitment to serving the local community, which was previously mandated by Code section 12C.6A. Additionally, it allows for the investment of uninsured public funds in federally insured banks or savings associations without regard to their location, provided certain conditions are met. The bill also amends existing provisions related to the treasurer of state and the process for challenging an institution's eligibility. Overall, these changes aim to broaden the options for public fund deposits while streamlining regulatory requirements.	watching	by committee on state government	subcommittee meeting: 02/03/2025 12:00pm room 217 conference room.	
SSB1065	The bill amends existing laws to require school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to adopt policies limiting student use of personal electronic devices during instructional hours, effective July 1, 2025. It also mandates the inclusion of instruction related to the effects of social media in the health curriculum for students in grades six through eight. The bill outlines specific requirements for these policies, including communication methods for parents and protocols for device storage. Additionally, it emphasizes the need for professional development support for teachers to effectively deliver this instruction. The legislation aims to enhance student safety and well-being in the digital age.	watching	by committee on education	subcommittee: evans, quirnbach, and taylor.	
SSB1066	Senate Study Bill 1066 seeks to amend the current definition of 'grooming behavior' as it pertains to licensed school employees. The bill replaces the existing definition, which focuses on actions to entice or entrap students for sexual acts, with a new definition that highlights the process of building trust and emotional connections with the intent to exploit students. This change aims to broaden the understanding of grooming behavior and enhance the reporting requirements for school officials. The bill mandates that any disciplinary actions against licensed employees for such behavior must be reported to the Board of Educational Examiners. The intent is to strengthen protections for students and ensure that inappropriate behaviors are addressed more comprehensively.	watching	by committee on education	subcommittee meeting: 02/04/2025 8:00am room 217 conference room.	
SSB1067	Senate Study Bill 1067 introduces a new initiative aimed at enhancing support for military-connected students in Iowa. The bill requires the director of the Department of Education to create a program that recognizes schools demonstrating a commitment to these students and their families. The initiative seeks to increase the resources and support available to military-connected students, thereby fostering a more inclusive educational environment. This recognition aims to encourage schools to adopt practices that better serve the unique needs of military families.	watching	by committee on education	subcommittee: gruenhagen, taylor, and trone garriott.	

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Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration UEN	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This week
SSB1068	The bill introduces significant changes to the Iowa workforce development framework by removing outdated provisions and clarifying the roles of the Department of Workforce Development and local boards. It eliminates the requirement for a statewide skills assessment and repeals several programs that are no longer in operation. The legislation also modifies the definition of taxable wages for unemployment insurance, ensuring that only wages paid in Iowa are considered. Additionally, it retains a component of the Iowa student internship program focused on STEM fields while striking the financial assistance for small and medium-sized businesses. Overall, the bill aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of workforce development initiatives in Iowa.	watching	by committee on workforce	subcommittee: pike, taylor, and townsend.	
SSB1075	The proposed legislation modifies existing laws regarding the submission of data by community colleges to the Department of Education (DE), shifting the responsibility from the community colleges bureau to DE. It establishes new deadlines for data submission and requires the inclusion of educational and employment outcomes in the annual condition report. Additionally, the bill clarifies employment procedures for staff at the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually impaired program and the Iowa school for the deaf, ensuring that all employees responsible for child care and instruction are subject to specific discharge procedures. The legislation aims to enhance data reporting accuracy and improve oversight of educational services.	undecided	by committee on education	introduced, referred to education.	
SSB1076	Senate Study Bill 1076 proposes amendments to existing laws regarding school district reorganization and whole grade sharing. The bill allows districts that initiate reorganization or dissolution to receive supplementary weighting for students attending classes in other districts. This supplementary weighting is available for a maximum of three years and is contingent upon progress towards reorganization. The bill aims to encourage school districts to collaborate and reorganize by providing financial incentives, thereby enhancing educational opportunities for students. The changes reflect a commitment to improving educational structures in Iowa through strategic partnerships among districts.	support	by committee on education	introduced, referred to education.	
SSB1077	The proposed bill seeks to update Iowa's laws regarding compulsory education and truancy by adding new exceptions for military applicants, military service members, and individuals traveling for funerals or weddings. It mandates the development of a model policy for county attorneys to reference when enforcing truancy laws. Additionally, the bill modifies the notification process for chronic absenteeism, allowing for various methods of communication rather than solely certified mail. It also stipulates that school officials must only initiate engagement meetings if absences are negatively impacting a child's academic progress.	watching	by committee on education	introduced, referred to education.	