

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 2/20/2025

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. Students 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.	oppose	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 189.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 189.	no action
HF10	House File 10 amends the existing law regarding the timing of a dissolution. The bill specifies that the dissolution 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 16.	undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 174.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 174.	no action
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.	oppose	subcommittee: meggers, wichtendahl and wills, j. h.j. 123.	subcommittee: meggers, wichtendahl and wills, j. h.j. 123.	no action
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. Requires 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. Provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith to assist students with seizure needs.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
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
HF113	Authorizes small school districts with a budget enrollment of 200 students or less to use unencumbered and unobligated moneys from PPEL, and PERL 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 these districts to adopt a new revenue purpose statement to include the use of unobligated revenues from SAVE for the same duration and conditions.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF114	The bill mandates access to micronutrients, vitamin supplementation, and minimally processed whole foods while restricting harmful food additives for students in therapeutic classrooms. It also mandates that programs address the negative impacts of excessive screen time and promotes exposure to natural light.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/17/2025 12:30pm rm 103.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 522.	
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. 126.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	no action

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HF120	Allows school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to apply to the DE for a year-round school calendar for students in grades 9 through 12. Previously, only students in prekindergarten through grade eight were eligible for such a calendar. Current law requires that a public hearing before submitting an application. Initial applications must be submitted by November 1 of the preceding school year.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 392.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 392.	no action
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. 126.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	no action
HF122	Increases the supplementary weighting associated with an SRO from two pupils to four pupils, effective July 1, 2025.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 515.	
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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 393.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 393.	
HF145	The bill adds charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools employees, full-time, part-time, substitute, volunteers with supervisory authority and contracted services for purposes of criminal sexual exploitation prosecution (aligns with the public school employee requirements_	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 138.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 138.	no action
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	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF150	House File 150 aims to eliminate the use of standards-based grading in Iowa's secondary education system. Standards-based grading is defined as a method that evaluates student performance based on mastery of specific learning objectives rather than traditional grading methods.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
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. 01/30.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	no action

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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.	oppose	amendment h-1007 filed. h.j. 314.	amendment h-1007 filed. h.j. 314.	no action
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.	oppose	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	no action
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. 01/30.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	no action
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. 01/30.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 01/30.	no action
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. 01/30.	amendment h-1019 filed. h.j. 372.	
HF186	Includes employees and agents of public and nonpublic schools as responsible parties in the definition of "child abuse". It mandates that any allegations of child abuse involving these individuals be reported to the 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 389.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 389.	no action
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 code section that strikes the income eligibility requirement for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025, maintaining a more restricted 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.	no action

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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.	oppose	amendment h-1013 filed. h.j. 334.	amendment h-1013 filed. h.j. 334.	no action
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.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	no action
HF204	Mandates DE to offer technical assistance to school districts for establishing career and technical student organizations focused on robotics. Permits high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests related to robotics.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 514.	
HF212	House File 212 mandates the use of natural fats and oils in meal preparation and explicitly prohibits the use of margarine and certain artificial dyes and additives in meals served to students. The new regulations will take effect for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 253.	fiscal note.	
HF214	Changes the calculation of preschool budget enrollment. Previously, funding was based on 50% of the actual enrollment of eligible students; the new bill proposes to use 100% of actual enrollment as the basis for funding. Additionally, the bill modifies the funding calculation for the initial school year of program approval. The legislation will take effect for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 253.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 253.	no action
HF215	Mandates the development and distribution of age-appropriate educational materials and model guidelines for child sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention. It requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to provide consistent instruction based on these guidelines. The bill required the content to encourage students to recognize and report inappropriate behavior, understand safe and unsafe touches, and access support resources. It establishes continuing education requirements for educators related to this subject.	undecided	sponsor added, croken. h.j. 286.	sponsor added, croken. h.j. 286.	no action
HF220	House File 220 amends existing laws to require school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to permit students enrolled in grade eight to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests provided for students in grades nine through twelve. The bill requires students to meet the academic standards set by their respective schools.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 513.	

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HF221	Limits the total amount of bonds issued to no more than 80% of the total project cost, mandating that the remaining 20% must be funded through alternative sources. Applies to bond elections after July 1, 2025.	oppose	subcommittee: shiple, gjerde and hayes. h.j. 290.	subcommittee: shiple, gjerde and hayes. h.j. 290.	no action
HF222	Creates an alternate school start date fund, funded by state-imposed hotel and motel taxes collected during a specified period. The funds will be distributed on a pro rata basis to eligible schools that begin after Labor Day, providing them with additional financial resources.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 255.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 255.	no action
HF223	Requires school districts to publish mental health resources provided by 'Your Life Iowa' on their websites or link to the resources. Requires school districts to engage students to explore further methods of increasing awareness about mental health resources.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 255.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 255.	no action
HF236	grades 9 through 12 in Iowa. The bill increases the minimum requirement for United States government instruction from one-half unit to one full unit. Requires instruction to include voting procedures, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and civics education, emphasizing the roles and responsibilities of citizens. The bill applies to all school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/17/2025 12:30pm house lounge.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 520.	
HF245	Requires county commissioners of elections to reject petitions for satellite absentee voting stations located on school property if the election ballot includes questions related to school funding, such as bonds or levies.	oppose	introduced, referred to state government. h.j. 258.	introduced, referred to state government. h.j. 258.	no action
HF251	publish a list of nonpublic schools accredited by independent agencies. The list must include descriptions of the educational standards these schools meet for accreditation, as well as any amendments or waivers granted. The state board is also tasked with updating this list annually, ensuring that the information remains current and accessible to the public.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 259.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 259.	no action
HF252	Requires higher education institutions in Iowa to integrate preparation in computer science, artificial intelligence, and computational thinking into their teacher preparation programs. Institutions can fulfill this requirement through dedicated courses or by incorporating these topics into existing curricula. The state board of regents is tasked with providing guidance to institutions on how to implement these changes effectively. The provisions of this bill will apply to students admitted to these programs on or after July 1, 2026.	undecided	subcommittee: ingels, kurth and weldon. h.j. 291.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF253	Requires a semester of computer science as a condition for high school graduation. Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, all students must complete this requirement, which may include instruction provided in grade eight. The bill allows for computer science instruction to be integrated into existing science and mathematics units. Provides pathways for teachers to obtain endorsements for computer science instruction and establishes a professional development incentive fund for educators.	undecided	subcommittee: ingels, kurth and weldon. h.j. 291.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF259	House File 259 requires public notices for governmental meetings include specific details such as the time, date, and place of the meeting, as well as the tentative agenda. The bill requires notices to be posted in a prominent location and on the governmental body's internet site. Requires that if a tentative agenda is amended, the changes must be clearly marked and communicated. The legislation also stipulates that notice must be given for canceled meetings.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 260.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 260.	no action

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HF262	House File 262 introduces a teacher minimum salary budget adjustment for Iowa school districts, effective from July 1, 2025. If a district's actual costs to comply with minimum salary requirements exceed its total teacher salary supplement district cost, it can receive an adjustment. This adjustment is limited to the necessary amount to comply with teacher leadership positions and prevent salary compaction. School boards must adopt a resolution to receive the adjustment and notify the school budget review committee. The additional revenues generated will be classified as miscellaneous income and must be used for minimum teacher salary purposes.	support	subcommittee meeting: 02/18/2025 12:30pm house lounge.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF263	House File 263 amends existing law to require that all physically able students in K-5 engage in at least 30 consecutive minutes of physical activity each school day. This requirement is in addition to the physical education curriculum and cannot be fulfilled by physical education classes. The bill specifies conditions under which schools may exempt students from this requirement, such as health and safety concerns, inclement weather, early dismissal, or student absence. The bill clarifies that the physical activity requirement does not apply to students who are suspended or expelled.	oppose	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 261.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 261.	no action
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. 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
HF271	House File 271 creates a scholarship program aimed at supporting individuals with disabilities who are at least 18 years old and enrolled in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs approved by the U.S. DOE. The program will provide financial assistance to help cover tuition and fees, with awards not exceeding \$5,000 per academic year. Applicants must reapply annually, and priority will be given to Iowa residents. A dedicated fund will be established to manage the appropriated moneys for this purpose.	support	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	no action
HF272	House File 272 introduces the Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Competitive Scholar Program to support teachers in Iowa by reimbursing tuition costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement. Eligible teachers must work in Iowa schools or AEAs and apply for reimbursement annually. The program will provide up to 75% of tuition costs over a maximum of two years, with specific payment schedules tied to teaching duration. A fund is established to manage appropriated funds, ensuring ongoing support for the program. The college student aid commission is tasked with administering the program and reporting on its outcomes.	support	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	no action
HF274	public libraries and accredited educational institutions to use materials that may be considered obscene for educational purposes. The repeal removes the protection that permits minors to attend exhibitions or displays of art works and access certain materials in public libraries without restrictions.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/17/2025 11:30am rm 103.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 521.	

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HF299	House File 299 requires schools, child care centers, and institutions of higher education to provide immunization information about exemptions in their communications to parents, guardians, and students. It specifies that the costs associated with these mandates will be covered by state school foundation aid, ensuring that schools can comply without additional financial burden.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 276.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 276.	no action
HF315	House File 315 allows schools districts affected by a natural disaster, for which a major disaster has been declared, to request an additional budget adjustment. This adjustment is equal to the amount of the school district's budget adjustment for the base year. School boards will pass a resolution requesting SBRC to grant them the modified supplemental amount (spending authority).	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 278.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 278.	no action
HF316	DE bill which requires the DE to provide a list of industry recognized credentials and to provide a seal or certificate to school districts to provide to students on their diploma or transcript regarding attainment of the credential. Requires career planning and pathways instruction in middle schools.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 278.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 278.	no action
HF319	House plan for Education Funding. Sets SSA at 2.25% for regular program and categorical. Allocations \$22.6 million supplemental appropriation to assist schools with inflationary costs, to be used for any general fund purpose. Raises the operational weighting to a cap of 25 students, provides additional funding to the transportation equity fund and raises the SCPP up \$10 per pupil to address the differential between the lowest and highest DCP.	support	withdrawn. h.j. 330.	withdrawn. h.j. 330.	no action
HF33	House File 33 allows school districts to apply for grants to cover personnel 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. Requires the DE to track teacher instruction time funded by these grants and establish rules for grant administration.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 369.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 369.	no action
HF331	Requires the athletic unions/associations to create a conference realignment committee. Requires the committee to evaluate and approve requests for changing conference affiliations based on various factors, including school enrollment and travel distance. Prohibits schools from competing in the same activity for two years if they withdraw from a conference without approval. Requires member schools to offer athletic activities for both boys and girls across all seasons.	determining registration	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 301.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF332	Requires school administrators and superintendents to provide classroom instruction at specified intervals. Includes licensure consequences for failure to comply.	oppose	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 301.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF335	Requires that any moneys deposited into the student activity fund will not revert to the general fund of the school district until the end of the fiscal year in which they were deposited.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 301.	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 12:00pm rm 103.	

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HF336	Requires school districts to implement age-appropriate instruction on the Holocaust and antisemitism in Iowa beginning in the 2025 school year. The bill outlines specific content areas that must be covered, including the causes and ramifications of the Holocaust, the history of antisemitism, and the role of the United States in World War II. Mandates that teachers receive training on these subjects as part of PD. Requires DE to report annually.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 301.	subcommittee meeting: 02/24/2025 12:00pm house lounge.	
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.	undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 299.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 299.	no action
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	committee vote: yeas, 15. nays, 6. h.j. 174.	committee vote: yeas, 15. nays, 6. h.j. 174.	no action
HF369	House File 33 allows school districts to apply for grants to cover personnel 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. Requires the DE to track teacher instruction time funded by these grants and establish rules for grant administration.	support	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 315.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 315.	no action
HF371	Prohibits athletic organizations which sponsors or administer athletic contests from prohibiting member schools from competing against nonmember schools.	determining registration	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 316.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF382	Requires HHS to change rules allowing the provision of flex care from employees at least 16 years old, for children up to 5 years of age without direct supervision from older staff. Defines under what conditions.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 317.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 317.	no action
HF389	Expands the definition of 'a person responsible for the care of a child' to include school employees, mandating that any allegations of child abuse against them be reported to HHS and, if applicable, to law enforcement. The bill requires the HHS to adopt rules for school districts and nonpublic schools to follow in these cases. Mandates that employees under investigation be placed on administrative leave.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	no action
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	tabled until future meeting.	tabled until future meeting.	no action
HF390	Relaxes requirements for physical examination for child care personnel.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	no action

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HF391	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.	oppose	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	no action
HF392	Allows school board to request a year-round calendar waiver for grades 9-12 from DE.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	immediate message. h.j. 401.	
HF393	Specifies that a dropout who returns to school will not count against the school district's performance profile measure for drop outs if they drop out of school again.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	no action
HF395	Amends existing law regarding school bus driver training by allowing DE to accept proof of completion of federal entry-level driver training (ELDT) as a substitute for the state-approved course. The bill maintains the requirement for school bus drivers to complete an approved course every 24 months. Mandates that the DE, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, establish rules for training providers to ensure compliance with the new provisions.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	no action
HF400	Mandates lawful custodians of public records promptly acknowledge requests and provide contact information for their authorized designees. Requires custodians to give an estimated date for responses and inform requesters of any expected delays. The bill emphasizes that custodians should strive to fulfill requests at no cost for records that take less than thirty minutes to produce, while also allowing for reasonable expenses to be charged of requesters.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	no action
HF407	Requires SAVE per pupil receipts to follow students open enrolled into a neighboring school district.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 327.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 327.	no action
HF416	Increases penalties for members of governmental bodies who violate open meetings law, with increased damages for knowing violations. Requires newly elected or appointed officials to complete a training course on their responsibilities under these laws within 90 days of taking office. Failure to complete this training may result in additional penalties. Requires IPIB to ensure the availability of this training, which must include at least one no-cost option	undecided	introduced, referred to state government. h.j. 329.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF441	Assigns responsibilities previously held by the Public Employment Relations Board to the Employment Appeal Board. The bill clarifies the board's jurisdiction over contested cases and outlines the procedures for judicial review, including the filing process and representation during such reviews. Additionally, it specifies that the board and the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing are not liable for unemployment benefits that are not due or payable.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 02/17.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 338.	

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HF445	Allows applications for ESAs from Dec 1 to Dec 20 to qualify for second semester ESA funding. Requires reapplication annually.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 344.	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 8:00am rm 19.	
HF446	Removes the exception for open enrollment into a virtual school, requiring parents to apply for open enrollment into the virtual school by the March 1 deadline, unless there is a good cause exception.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 344.	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 12:00pm house lounge 2.	
HF448	Permits school districts to offer courses on the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, or both, provided they adhere to guidelines ensuring religious neutrality and respect for diverse perspectives. The legislation requires the state BOE to set rules for practitioner preparation and PD for teachers of these courses. Additionally, it allows students to use various translations of the scriptures and permits the display of relevant historical artifacts in educational settings.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 345.	subcommittee meeting: 02/24/2025 11:30am rm 103.	
HF471	Modifies the definition of 'licensed health care provider' to include individuals who hold a doctorate in psychology with specialty training in neuropsychology or concussion management. This change aims to broaden the scope of qualified professionals who can assess and manage concussions in school settings	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 358.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 02/19.	
HF501	Changes timelines for dissolution effective dates retroactively for Orient-Macksburg.	support	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 375.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 375.	no action
HF504	The robotics program will cover costs such as stipends for team members, supplies, and competition-related expenses. Additionally, the University of Northern Iowa is tasked with creating a public-private partnership to enhance the Iowa regional FIRST robotics competition. The bill allocates \$400,000 for the grant program and \$100,000 for the university's partnership efforts for the fiscal year 2025-2026.	support	introduced, referred to higher education. h.j. 375.	introduced, referred to higher education. h.j. 375.	no action
HF513	requires school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to permit students enrolled in grade eight to participate in high school athletic contests. This participation is contingent upon the students meeting the academic standards set by their respective schools.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	no action
HF514	It mandates the DE to offer technical assistance to school districts for establishing career and technical student organizations focused on robotics, in compliance with federal law. The bill permits high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests related to robotics.	support	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	no action
HF515	Increases Shared Operational supplementary weighting for SRO position to the equivalent of 4 students.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	no action

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HF517	Creates a vacant school building demolition grant fund to support demolition of vacant buildings that were previously schoolhouses. Requires grants to prioritize applications based on population size. Stipulates that if the property is sold, proceeds from the sale must be returned to the fund. Contingent on appropriation.	undecided	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 02/20.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 02/20.	no action
HF52	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
HF520	Requires high school students to complete one full unit of United States Government for graduation. Takes effect for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2026. Does not increase the total number of social studies units required for graduation.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 02/20.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 379.	
HF535	Requires the legislative council to engage a qualified person to conduct a comprehensive review of Iowa's public education system. The review will assess historical trends, funding sources, and the effectiveness of current educational structures. It aims to identify cost-saving measures, evaluate the needs of rural and urban schools, and propose equitable funding solutions. The qualified person will provide periodic updates and a final report with actionable recommendations by January 1, 2026.	watching	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/20.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/20.	no action
HF543	Requires school districts to ensure that feminine hygiene products are available at no cost to students in at least half of the restrooms in schools serving grades 6-12. Mandates regular replenishment of these products and establishes a funding mechanism through state appropriations to cover compliance costs from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028. Requires DE to oversee the reimbursement process for school districts, ensuring that they can meet the requirements without financial burden.	watching	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/20.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/20.	no action
HF60	Allows 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 315.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 315.	no action
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. 63.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 63.	no action
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
HF69	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	committee vote: yeas, 22. nays, 1. h.j. 311.	committee vote: yeas, 22. nays, 1. h.j. 311.	no action

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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.	oppose	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 86.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 86.	no action
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
HF80	House File 80 prohibits disciplinary actions related to the use of legal names and the failure to use personal pronouns. 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	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
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.	oppose	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 142.	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 142.	no action
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
HF96	competitive scholar program, administered by the college student aid commission. The program reimburses teachers for tuition costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement. Eligible teachers must work in Iowa schools or AEAs 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 272.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 272.	no action

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HF97	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 271.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 271.	no action
HSB10	Beginning July 1, 2025 requires each school district 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.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HSB105	House Study Bill 105 allows some non-resident board members of charter schools as long as a majority of board members are from the region in Iowa served by the charter school. 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 resident school districts without limitation.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
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.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HSB107	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. Stipulates that failure to provide proof of completion will result in revocation of the driver's authorization to operate a school bus.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 395.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 395.	no action
HSB108	Adds the teacher salary supplement state cost per pupil to the existing funding structure for Charter Schools, which already includes the regular program state cost per pupil, PD, EICS and TLC. The bill is set to take effect immediately upon enactment and will apply to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action

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HSB137	<p>the development of family-centered resources to support mathematics learning at home and requires schools to assess students' mathematics proficiency at least three times a year. The bill requires school districts to develop individual plans for students at-risk of non-proficient math achievement. Students so identified must be screened every three weeks. The bill directs the DE to identify and publish a list of approved math screeners, to provide professional development and support for teachers in struggling schools and to develop a state math plan. The bill also requires high school students to pass the INS civics test for citizenship by at least 60% correct in order to graduation from and Iowa school district, and include modifications for students with disabilities and EL students.</p>	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/19/2025 12:30pm rm 304.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB138	<p>HSB138 introduces a state percent of growth and a categorical state percent of growth, both set at 2.25% for the budget year starting July 1, 2025. It modifies the calculation of property tax replacement payments and establishes a funding supplement for school districts. The bill also increases the maximum supplementary weighting for shared operational functions from 21 to 25 pupils for budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025. The bill address DCPD and SCPP inequity by growing the SCPP by \$10 for districts at the minimum DCPD, lowering the funding gap from \$140 to \$130 per pupil. The bill appropriates funds for transportation equity payments sufficient to bring all districts to the average expenditure per pupil transported.</p>	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 319.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 319.	
HSB145	<p>Governor's early Child Care Continuum bill. Requires HHS to work with DE to create a grant program for childcare and PK to collaborate to create full day programs. Creates a category of Community-based provider to directly engage in and receive funding for SVPP 4-year old PK. Provides funding for these new programs based on the count of students served in the initial year of the program. See weekly reports for additional details.</p>	undecided	subcommittee: weldon, ehler and moore, t. h.j. 292.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB147	<p>Governor's bill for TSS minimum salary calculations, more flexibility student teaching requirements, rehiring of IPERS retirees at \$50K minimum salary. The bill also provide reimbursement of out of state places funded by reallocating state foundation aid payments prorated to all districts' state aid.</p>	support	subcommittee meeting: 02/18/2025 12:00pm rm 102.	subcommittee recommends passage.	

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HSB155	House Study Bill 155 Restricts state entities from expending any funds for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices or officers. The bill defines "state entity" to include political subdivisions (includes school districts.) Specifically excludes an academic department within a public school that exists primarily for the purpose of offering courses and that does not establish a policy or procedure to which other departments of the public school are subject, an office solely engaged in recruitment, a registered student organization, or an office that is required by the federal government contract or agreement. The bill states that the prohibition against expending state funds on DEI does not apply to academic course instruction, research or creative works by students, employers or other research personnel, activities of registered student organizations, arrangement for guest speakers and performers with short-term engagements, mental or physical health services provided by licensed professionals, policies, procedures, training, practices, procedures or activities related to DEI required by a contract or agreement with the federal government. The bill allows individuals to bring civil actions against state entities for violations and grants the attorney general the authority to enforce compliance.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/18/2025 12:00pm rm 304.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB156	Requires school districts to publish access to instructional materials on district websites, expands the definition of instructional materials, and requires updating the list within tight time limits. Requires board policies to specify how parents can exclude their child from access to certain materials. Outlines a course of civil penalties for noncompliance.	oppose	subcommittee meeting: 02/19/2025 2:30pm house lounge.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB157	Ratchets up the minimum allowable dropout prevention authority for school districts below the full 5%, beginning July 1, 2026, if allowed by voters in the school district. Prohibits the increase from exceeding 1/4 of 1% per fiscal year.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 22. nays, 0. excused, 1. h.j. 02/18.	
HSB173	Mandates including nutrition-related instruction across all grade levels. Requires instruction to emphasize the importance of animal-based protein, dairy, vegetables, and fruit in a balanced diet. The bill also seeks to enhance career and technical education related to agriculture, food production, and sustainable practices for high school students. Allows for the adoption of state-specific nutritional guidelines that reflect local dietary needs and cultural preferences, pending a waiver from federal requirements.	undecided	subcommittee: wulf, bossman and scheetz. h.j. 332.	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 12:00pm rm 19.	
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	committee vote: yeas, 16. nays, 0. excused, 1. h.j. 333.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 441.	

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HSB2	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 absenteeism.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HSB217	policies for implementing reductions in force. The legislation defines key terms such as 'administrative staff member' and 'practitioner,' and outlines the criteria for assessing practitioner performance, which must include student academic performance and growth measures. Importantly, the bill prohibits the use of seniority or tenure as primary factors in employment terminations due to economic reasons. Schools must publish their reduction in force policies within ten days of adoption and include timelines for notifying affected practitioners and grievance procedures.	watching	by committee on education	subcommittee: weldon, boden and matson. h.j. 02/20.	
HSB218	Allows school districts to adopt policies for awarding academic credit for such courses, provided they meet specific criteria. The bill prohibits schools from considering the religious content or denominational affiliation of the courses when determining their educational value. Additionally, it establishes guidelines for absences related to these courses, ensuring they do not count against a student's attendance record. Parents or guardians must notify schools of their child's participation, and schools are required to excuse students for up to five hours per week to attend these courses.	undecided	by committee on education	subcommittee: shipley, johnson, c. and kurth. h.j. 02/20.	
HSB219	Requires school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in Iowa to develop an advanced mathematics pathway to help students succeed in algebra-related courses by the 8th grade. The bill specifies that students will be automatically enrolled in this pathway based on their performance in prior grades or at the request of their parents or guardians. It also outlines the instructional supports that must be included, such as additional instructional time and tutoring. Mandates that schools provide information to students and parents about the importance of mathematics education and the available courses.	undecided	by committee on education	subcommittee: henderson, ehler and gehlbach. h.j. 02/20.	
HSB220	The bill mandates that coaches complete concussion and brain injury training every two years, ensuring they are equipped with knowledge on evaluation, prevention, symptoms, risks, and long-term effects of concussions and brain injuries. The collaboration between the department of health and human services, the Iowa high school athletic association, and the Iowa girls high school athletic union remains a key component in developing training materials.	undecided	by committee on education	subcommittee: stone, gjerde and kniff mcculla. h.j. 02/20.	
HSB228	House Study Bill 228 introduces significant changes to the individual property tax statements mailed to property owners in Iowa.	watching	by committee on ways and means	subcommittee: bloomingdale, mcburney and meggers. h.j. 408.	
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 requirements.	oppose	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 165.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 165.	no action

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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 State Fair.	support	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 143.	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 143.	no action
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.	oppose	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 166.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 166.	no action
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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 190.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 190.	no action
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.	oppose	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 391.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 391.	no action
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	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	no action
HSB44	The Career Education Enhancement Act mandates DE to create a list of industry-recognized credentials for high school students, which will be aligned with CTE 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. Requires the curriculum for grades 5-8 to include career planning and pathways.	undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 316.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 316.	no action
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 and their families.	support	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	no action

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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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 167.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 167.	no action
HSB47	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 threats.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 163.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 163.	no action
HSB5	Prohibits the use of red dye 40, yellow dye 7, and margarine in meals served to students. This legislation applies to public schools, charter schools and private schools that provide meal programs, ensuring compliance with the new standards.	undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 212.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 212.	no action
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 pre-employment 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 390.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 390.	no action
HSB75	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.	undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 259.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 259.	no action
HSB76	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 400.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 400.	no action
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.	watching	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 312.	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 312.	no action
HSB8	The bill directs HHS to revise administrative rules to 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 382.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 382.	no action

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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.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HSB86	The bill updates the definition of 'licensed health care provider' to include individuals with a doctorate in psychology specializing in neuropsychology or concussion management.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 471.	
HSB97	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.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
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.	undecided	subcommittee: evans, staed, and taylor. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: evans, staed, and taylor. s.j. 152.	no action
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.	oppose	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and taylor. s.j. 153.	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and taylor. s.j. 153.	no action
SF111	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. Requires 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. Provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith in accordance with these plans.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 368. s.j. 316.	
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.	support	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 153.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 153.	no action

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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.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
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.	support	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and winckler. s.j. 153.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and winckler. s.j. 153.	no action
SF138	Senate File 138 directs the state board of education 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.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF14	Creates a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program Scholarship program for individuals with disabilities at least 18 years old designed to offset tuition and fees for those enrolled in programs approved by the U.S. DOE. Scholarships will be awarded up to \$5,000, with priority given to Iowa residents. The College Student Aid Commission, in collaboration with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, will develop evaluation criteria for scholarship applications and administer the program. A dedicated fund will be established to manage the appropriated moneys for this purpose.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 283. s.j. 257.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 283. s.j. 257.	no action
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.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF141	Senate File 141 requires public schools to accept cash as a form of payment for entry into any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions. Requires organizations sponsoring these events to also accept legal tender as a condition of their registration with the DE.	oppose	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 274. s.j. 256.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 274. s.j. 256.	no action
SF16	Senate File 16 amends 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, 2025.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 171. s.j. 171.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 171. s.j. 171.	no action

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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.	oppose	message from house.	fiscal note.	
SF168	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	fiscal note.	fiscal note.	no action
SF171	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 and applies retroactively to January 1, 2025.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 171.	immediate message. h.j. 401.	
SF172	Mandates the development and distribution of age-appropriate educational materials and model guidelines for child sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention. It requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to provide consistent instruction based on these guidelines. The bill required the content to encourage students to recognize and report inappropriate behavior, understand safe and unsafe touches, and access support resources. It establishes continuing education requirements for educators related to this subject.	undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/20/2025 1:00pm room 315.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SF175	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.	oppose	committee report, approving bill.	read first time, passed on file. h.j. 02/19.	
SF177	Establishes civil penalties against school board members for failure to comply with public records requests.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF178	Creates a mechanism for residents of school districts to report policies they believe violate state law. Upon notification, county attorneys may initiate civil actions against board members who voted for the policy and the superintendent. If the county attorney prevails, the court is required to grant injunctive relief and award monetary compensation based on the number of defendants or incurred costs.	oppose	subcommittee meeting: 02/18/2025 8:30am room 217 conference room.	immediate message.	

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SF181	Requires schools and libraries to enter into written agreements with providers of electronic resources to ensure compliance with safety policies and technological protection measures and the definition of age-appropriate materials. Providers are required to certify compliance within 14 days of the agreement, and failure to do so results in immediate termination of the agreement. Requires annual reporting on compliance and specifics that violations can lead to civil actions by the attorney general. Takes effect on January 1, 2026.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF186	Removes the provision that the superintendent serves as the executive officer of the board, requiring instead that the board annually elects its own executive officer. Additionally, the bill empowers residents and employees to report suspected improper spending to the county auditor and request an audit of the school district's financial activities.	oppose	subcommittee: campbell, kraayenbrink, and quirmbach.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SF194	Senate File 194 introduces an educator supplement fund aimed at increasing the annual compensation for licensed school district employees and teaching assistants. The bill mandates that school districts pay an additional \$5,000 to eligible licensed employees who have been employed for at least one year, while teaching assistants will receive an additional 10% of their current salary. Importantly, the bill specifies that administrators are exempt from the \$5,000 supplement. The fund will be administered by the Department of Education, which will distribute necessary funds to school districts to meet these compensation requirements. This initiative is set to begin in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2025.	undecided	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink.	no action
SF204	Removes immunization requirements for first-time private instruction placements and eliminates restrictions on independent private instruction regarding student enrollment and allows charging tuition fees. Allows for dual enrollment in public schools without restrictions on the amount of instruction received. Additionally, the legislation prohibits the incorporation of gender-neutral language in world language instruction when the language has a grammatical gender system. Increases the tuition tax credit for private instruction from 25% to 50%, retroactively applying to the 2025 tax year.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF205	Requires that schools must start no sooner than the Monday immediately preceding the last Monday in August. Additionally, the legislation maintains the requirement for a minimum of 180 days or 1,080 hours of instruction, with specific provisions for online instruction. Public hearings are still required before adopting or changing any school calendars.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 197.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 197.	no action
SF206	Senate File 206 amends Code section 279.46 to allow school districts to adopt programs aimed at recruiting new teachers and retaining current teachers. 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. Requires school boards to hold a public hearing and prohibits the concurrent adoption of early retirement benefits and recruitment/retention incentives.	support	subcommittee: dawson, bisignano, and rowley. s.j. 243.	subcommittee: dawson, bisignano, and rowley. s.j. 243.	no action

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SF211	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.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 198.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 198.	no action
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	placed on calendar.	placed on calendar.	no action
SF221	Expands the definition of 'person responsible for the care of a child' to include public and nonpublic school employees, ensuring they are subject to the same reporting requirements as other caregivers. The bill mandates that schools report any allegations of child abuse to the Department of Health and Human Services and, if applicable, to law enforcement. Requires the administrative leave of employees under investigation and outlines procedures for terminating employment if founded abuse is confirmed.	undecided	subcommittee: salmon, campbell, and zimmer.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	
SF235	Repeals Code section 728.7, which currently provides exemptions for the use of certain materials deemed obscene in educational settings and public libraries. The existing law allows for the use of such materials for educational purposes and permits minors to attend exhibitions of art works. By removing this section, the bill may restrict the availability of materials that could be considered obscene, impacting educational programs and library resources.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 215.	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 10:00am senate lounge.	
SF262	Requires the legislature in the first year of the General Assembly's biennium to set SSA for the current year and the upcoming year. Prohibits the rate set for the upcoming year from being lowered in the subsequent Session. Does not set an SSA rate for either FY 2026 or FY 2027.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 239.	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 281.	
SF265	Requires the athletic unions/associations to create a conference realignment committee. Requires the committee to evaluate and approve requests for changing conference affiliations based on various factors, including school enrollment and travel distance. Prohibits schools from competing in the same activity for two years if they withdraw from a conference without approval. Requires member schools to offer athletic activities for both boys and girls across all seasons.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 240.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SF273	Changes the definition of 'grooming behavior' in Iowa law to clarify that it refers to a pattern of behavior intended to take advantage of students for the benefit of the individual engaging in such behavior.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	no action

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SF274	Requires public school districts to accept cash for tickets to athletic contests and requires the athletic associations to accept cash for tickets.	oppose	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	no action
SF275	Requires DE to create a Purple Start initiative to recognize school districts that provide extraordinary supports to military families.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	no action
SF277	and individuals traveling for funerals or weddings. It mandates the development of a model policy for county attorneys to reference when enforcing truancy laws. Modifies the notification process for chronic absenteeism, allowing for various methods of communication rather than mandating certified mail. It also stipulates that school officials must only initiate engagement meetings if absences are negatively impacting a child's academic progress.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 257.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 257.	no action
SF278	The bill requires DE to provide technical assistance and educational resources to school districts for chartering career and technical student organizations related to robotics. Authorizes high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests and competitions in robotics.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 257.	read first time, passed on file. h.j. 378.	
SF280	Allows school boards to create a policy to give credit for religious instruction offered by private organizations and requires absences for participation in such religious instruction be exempt for purposes of determining if a student is chronically absent. Allows the student to miss up to five hours of school a week to participate.	undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 252.	subcommittee: green, pike, and trone garriott.	
SF283	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	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 257.	subcommittee: green, sires, and winckler. s.j. 302.	
SF286	Creates dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive scholar program, allowing reimbursement for up to two years. Allows funds from National Board Certification awards be used for this purpose.	support	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 258.	subcommittee: green, koelker, and winckler. s.j. 302.	

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SF335	prohibits school districts and public institutions from establishing diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or engaging in related training and programming. The bill allows parents and guardians to bring civil actions against school districts for violations, with potential penalties including substantial fines and attorney fees. It also mandates that teachers and administrators face disciplinary actions for non-compliance. The legislation aims to restrict discussions and teachings related to gender identity and sexual orientation in K-6 education.	against	introduced, referred to education.	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 10:30am senate lounge.	
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.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF368	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. Requires by December 31, 2026, all school personnel must receive training on recognizing seizures and providing first aid. The bill requires individual health plans and seizure action plans for students with known seizure disorders. Provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith to assist students with seizure needs. Requires a workgroup to study all mandated trainings and make recommendations.	oppose	introduced, placed on calendar. s.j. 310.	introduced, placed on calendar.	no action
SF370	Requires 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. Requires DE to provide professional development support for teachers to effectively deliver this instruction. Requires DE and DPS to provide guidance regarding necessary changes to emergency preparedness plans. Requires DE to have model policies which districts may use by May 1.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. s.j. 310.	introduced, placed on calendar.	no action
SF386	Extends 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.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	no action
SF388	Requires notices include specific details such as the time, date, and place of the meeting, as well as the tentative agenda. Requires notices be posted in a prominent location and on the governmental body's internet site. Requires that if a tentative agenda is amended, the changes must be clearly marked and communicated. The legislation also stipulates that notice must be given for canceled meetings.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	
SF389	Mandates that lawful custodians promptly acknowledge requests and provide contact information for their authorized designees. Requires custodians to give an estimated date for responses and inform requesters of any expected delays.	undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	no action

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SF410	Requires school district boards to allocate a reasonable amount of time for public comments during both regular and special meetings. It allows any interested member of the public to speak during these periods, while also permitting the board to impose uniform time limits if necessary. Importantly, the bill prohibits the requirement for individuals to be placed on the meeting agenda prior to speaking, thereby enhancing accessibility and participation in school governance.	undecided	Introduced	Introduced	no action
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.	no action
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	subcommittee: rozenboom, evans, and winckler. s.j. 151.	subcommittee: rozenboom, evans, and winckler. s.j. 151.	no action
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
SF60	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. Applies to budget years starting on or after July 1, 2026.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF61	Senate File 61 focuses on enhancing robotics extracurricular activities in Iowa schools. It requires DE to provide technical assistance and educational resources to school districts for chartering career and technical student organizations related to robotics. Authorizes high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests and competitions in robotics.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 278. s.j. 257.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 278. s.j. 257.	no action
SF64	Allows school 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 it.	support	subcommittee recommends passage.	placed on calendar.	

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SF72	Senate File 72 creates the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive scholar program, administered by the college student aid commission. The program reimburses 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 286. s.j. 258.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 286. s.j. 258.	no action
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 skilled trades programs.	undecided	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	no action
SF8	The bill prohibits 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	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF80	The bill mandates that the lead special education teacher of 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	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	no action
SF82	Requires that SAVE bonds, issued after July 1, 2019, must be sold only after a public hearing, with notice published in a local newspaper. If the bond amount is \$5 million or more, or if a petition is received, the question of issuance must be submitted to voters. A majority of 60% approval from voters is required for the bond to be issued.	oppose	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action

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SF86	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 position.	oppose	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and staed. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and staed. s.j. 152.	no action
SF88	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 chronic absenteeism.	undecided	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	no action
SF91	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	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and trone garriott. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and trone garriott. s.j. 152.	no action
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.	oppose	subcommittee meeting: 01/23/2025 12:00pm senate lounge (cancelled).	subcommittee meeting: 01/23/2025 12:00pm senate lounge (cancelled).	no action
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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 168.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 168.	no action
SSB1023	The bill clarifies the participation of students who open enroll for online education in co-curricular 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	no action

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SSB1025	The bill stipulates that state assessments may be allowed virtual for students in virtual programs, 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. Mandates a maximum ratio of ten students per proctor and requires verification of assessment submission by an administrator.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 211.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 211.	no action
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 recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SSB1027	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 adoption.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 206.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 206.	no action
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.	oppose	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	no action
SSB1030	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 requirements.	oppose	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 369.	
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. Additionally, the legislation maintains the requirement for a minimum of 180 days or 1,080 hours of instruction during the school year. School boards are tasked with determining the specific start date and must hold a public hearing on any proposed school calendar.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 205.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 205.	no action

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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	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	no action
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.	oppose	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 167.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 167.	no action
SSB1061	The bill removes the requirement for financial institutions to demonstrate a commitment to serving the local community, which was previously mandated by Code section 12C.6A, in order to be depositories for public funds. 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.	watching	subcommittee meeting: 02/11/2025 3:00pm senate lounge (cancelled).	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	
SSB1065	Requires 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. Requires DE to provide professional development support for teachers to effectively deliver this instruction. Requires DE and DPS to provide guidance regarding necessary changes to emergency preparedness plans.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	
SSB1066	Replaces the existing definition of grooming, 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. The bill mandates that any disciplinary actions against licensed employees for such behavior must be reported to the Board of Educational Examiners.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 273.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 273.	no action
SSB1067	Requires the DE director to create a Blue Star program that recognizes schools demonstrating a commitment to military students and their families. This recognition aims to encourage schools to adopt practices that better serve the unique needs of military families.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 275.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 275.	no action

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SSB1075	Establishes new deadlines for community college data submission and requires the inclusion of educational and employment outcomes in the annual condition report. Clarifies DE oversight for 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.	undecided	subcommittee: taylor, garrett, and trone garriott.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1076	Senate Study Bill 1076 extends WGS and Reorganization incentives through 2030.	support	subcommittee meeting: 02/17/2025 3:00pm room 315.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1077	Addresses chronic absenteeism code. Adds 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. Modifies the notification process for chronic absenteeism, allowing for various methods of communication rather than mandating certified mail. It also stipulates that school officials must only initiate engagement meetings if absences are negatively impacting a child's academic progress.	support	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 277.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 277.	no action
SSB1085	Extends 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, prepare for reporting and to report violations. The bill emphasizes that all complaints filed will remain public records.	undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 386.	
SSB1086	Mandates lawful custodians of public records promptly acknowledge requests and provide contact information for their authorized designees. Requires custodians to give an estimated date for responses and inform requesters of any expected delays. The bill emphasizes that custodians should strive to fulfill requests at no cost for records that take less than thirty minutes to produce, while also allowing for reasonable expenses to be charged of requesters.	undecided	subcommittee: koelker, townsend, and webster.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 389.	
SSB1087	Mandates specific posting requirements for public notices.	undecided	subcommittee: koelker, townsend, and webster.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 388.	
SSB1099	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.	undecided	subcommittee: dawson, petersen, and shipley.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	

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SSB1100	<p>This Governor's bill revises the calculation of teacher salary supplements to ensure compliance with these new salary standards, based on what schools need to meet the minimums. Provides a 2% growth factor calculated based on the state TSS per pupil and defines a process for correcting errors in BEDS submissions that negatively impacted school TSS allocations in the 2024-25 school year. Allows schools to hire retirees receiving IPERS at a \$50,000 minimum salary. Allows for more flexible student teaching field experiences for teacher candidates with substitute experience. Provides for state reimbursement of out-of-state placement of students requiring special education of the top of state foundation aid, reducing all school districts amounts per pupil to generate the reimbursement funding.</p>	support	subcommittee: evans, pike, and quirmbach.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1135	<p>Governor's early Child Care Continuum bill. Requires HHS to work with DE to create a grant program for childcare and PK to collaborate to create full day programs. Creates a category of Community-based provider to directly engage in and receive funding for SVPP 4-year old PK. Provides funding for these new programs based on the count of students served in the initial year of the program. See weekly reports for additional details.</p>	undecided	by committee on education	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB1168	<p>The proposed bill amends existing law to allow governmental entities to enter into guaranteed maximum price contracts only when the estimated project cost exceeds \$150 million. It mandates that proposals from construction managers-at-risk must include detailed costs without contingencies, and the selection process will prioritize the lowest cost rather than the best value. Requires that any bids containing contingent amounts will be rejected.</p>	determining registration	by committee on commerce	subcommittee meeting: 02/24/2025 3:00pm senate lounge.	