

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/1/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week
HF 1	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. This participation is contingent upon an agreement between the school district and the nonpublic school regarding the student's eligibility. Additionally, students from contiguous school districts are also allowed to participate under similar conditions. 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.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 189.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 189.	no action
HF 10	House File 10 amends the existing law regarding the attachment of territory from a school district that is subject to an approved dissolution proposal. The bill specifies that the attachment will be effective on July 1 of the calendar year following the year in which the attachment was approved. Additionally, it allows for a reduction in the foundation property tax levy for territories of dissolved school districts with a certified enrollment of fewer than six hundred, contingent upon approval from the director of the department of education. The bill applies to dissolution propositions approved by voters on or after its effective date.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 174.	withdrawn. h.j. 418.	
HF 101	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.	Against	subcommittee: meggers, wichtendahl and wills, j. h.j. 123.	subcommittee: meggers, wichtendahl and wills, j. h.j. 123.	no action
HF 102	Requires each school district and accredited nonpublic school to have at least one trained employee to assist with the administration of seizure medications and vagus nerve stimulation by July 1, 2025. By December 31, 2026, all school personnel must receive training on recognizing seizures and providing first aid. The bill outlines the development of individual health plans and seizure action plans for students with known seizure disorders, ensuring that schools maintain necessary documentation and collaborate with parents and healthcare professionals. Provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith to assist students with seizure needs.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF 11	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.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 40.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 40.	no action
HF 113	House File 113 authorizes small school districts with a budget enrollment of 200 students or less to use unencumbered and unobligated moneys from the physical plant and equipment levy fund and the public education and recreation levy fund for any general fund purpose, except for salaries and benefits, for up to five years. The use of these funds must be approved by at least 60% of voters in an election. Additionally, districts can adopt a new revenue purpose statement to include the use of unobligated revenues from the SAVE fund for the same duration and conditions.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF 114	House File 114 amends the Code of Iowa to authorize the expenditure of funds for nutritional items within therapeutic classrooms. Requires schools provide access to micronutrients, vitamin supplementation, and minimally processed whole foods while restricting harmful food additives. Requires schools to address the negative impacts of excessive screen time and promotes exposure to natural light.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 522.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 522.	no action
HF 119	House File 119 introduces changes to the rules governing content specialist and career and technical 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. Additionally, it permits applicants for career and technical secondary authorization to apply before securing employment. The bill ensures that individuals can maintain their initial authorizations for an extended period while under proper mentorship. These provisions apply to all applicants regardless of when they apply.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	no action
HF 120	House File 120 allows school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to apply to the Iowa Department of Education 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. The bill requires that a public hearing be held on any proposal before submitting an application. Initial applications must be submitted by November 1 of the preceding school year.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 392.	withdrawn. h.j. 418.	no action

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HF 121	nonpublic schools, charter schools, and AEAs. These resources will enable school employees to offer testing services to students, helping their parents or guardians submit applications for home and community-based services 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. Authorizes AEAs to provide these testing services, for both public and nonpublic schools have access to necessary support.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 126.	No action
HF 122	Increases the supplementary weighting associated with a school resource officer from two pupils to four pupils, effective July 1, 2025.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 515.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 515.	No action
HF 133	Demolition grant program for smaller school districts. Requires the grants to prioritize smaller school districts in all but Iowa's most populated counties. Does not require sale of the property, but if sold, requires repayment of the demolition grant.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 517.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 517.	No action
HF 136	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.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 393.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 393.	No action
HF 145	Expands the definition of 'school employee' to encompass individuals employed by or providing services to charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools. Stipulates that full-time, part-time, substitute employees, volunteers with supervisory authority, and contracted service providers are now classified as school employees.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 138.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 138.	No action
HF 149	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. Instead of the traits or characteristics, the definition applies to any activity creating 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
HF 150	Standards-based grading is defined as a method that evaluates student performance based on mastery of specific learning objectives rather than traditional grading methods.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
HF 163	Allows school districts and nonpublic schools to create multidisciplinary threat assessment teams. Tasks these teams 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.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	No action
HF 165	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 prohibits fees for taking the assessment. Also applies to individuals seeking a high school equivalency diploma. The state board of education must adopt rules to implement these provisions.	Against	amendment h-1007 filed. h.j. 314.	amendment h-1007 filed. h.j. 314.	No action
HF 166	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 all such schools begin each day of classroom instruction with two minutes of silent time. This silent time is to be observed immediately before the recitation of the pledge of allegiance, which remains a daily requirement for students in grades one through twelve.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	No action
HF 167	Changes the existing definition of 'grooming behavior' to focus on the process of building trust and emotional connections with students for exploitative purposes.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 01/30.	No action
HF 168	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. Requires nonpublic schools that accept ESA funds to 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
HF 174	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.	For	withdrawn. h.j. 401.	withdrawn. h.j. 401.	No action

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HF 186	Changes the definition of 'child abuse' by including employees and agents of public and nonpublic schools as responsible parties. It mandates that any allegations of child abuse involving these individuals be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services (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
HF 187	Amends ESA eligibility provisions to reinstate a threshold of income legibility. Would allow incoming kindergarten students, students who hadn't enrolled in a private school in the prior year, students who received an ESA in the prior year and students from families with incomes below 400% of the federal poverty level. The bill reinstates the income eligibility requirement for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025, somewhat limiting access to the program. The bill is effective immediately upon enactment.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 155.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 155.	no action
HF 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. This participation is contingent upon an agreement between the school district and the nonpublic school regarding the student's eligibility. Allows students to participate in programs in contiguous districts in not offered by either the nonpublic school or their resident district. Requires fees paid cannot exceed those charged to public school students. T	Against	amendment h-1013 filed. h.j. 334.	amendment h-1013 filed. h.j. 334.	no action
HF 190	Allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to conduct state assessments in an online format that mirrors the students' regular academic environment. Key conditions include scheduled assessment times, synchronous sessions managed by school personnel, and monitoring by assessment proctors via video feed. Requires a student-to-proctor ratio not in excess of 10 to 1 and requires verification of assessment submission by school employees.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 155.	no action
HF 204	Requires DE to offer technical assistance to school districts for establishing career and technical student organizations focused on robotics. Allows high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests related to robotics. This bill aligns with federal educational standards and aims to foster interest and participation in robotics among students.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 514.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 514.	no action
HF 212	Mandates the use of natural fats and oils in school meal preparation and explicitly prohibits the use of margarine and certain artificial dyes and additives in meals served to students. The new regulations take effect for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.	Against	fiscal note.	fiscal note.	no action
HF 214	Changes the calculation of preschool budget enrollment to be based on 100% of actual enrollment rather than the 0.5 weighting. The bill modifies the funding calculation for the initial school year of program approval (would provide on time funding). The legislation will take effect for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 253.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 253.	no action
HF 215	Mandates the development and distribution of age-appropriate educational materials and model guidelines for child sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention. Requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to provide consistent instruction based on these guidelines. Requires instruction to include recognizing and reporting inappropriate behavior, understanding safe and unsafe touches, and accessing support resources. 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
HF 220	schools to permit students enrolled in grade eight to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests provided for students in grades nine through twelve. Requires these students to meet the academic standards set by their respective schools.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 513.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 513.	no action
HF 221	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.	Against	subcommittee: shipley, gjerde and hayes. h.j. 290.	subcommittee meeting: 02/27/2025 8:30am house lounge 2.	
HF 223	Requires school districts, charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools to publish mental health resources provided by 'Your Life Iowa' on their websites or link to the resources. Requires schools to partner with 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

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HF 236	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. Applies to all school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 520.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 520.	no action
HF 245	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.	Against	introduced, referred to state government. h.j. 258.	introduced, referred to state government. h.j. 258.	no action
HF 251	Requires the state BOE to maintain and publish a list of nonpublic schools accredited by independent agencies. Requires the list to include descriptions of the educational standards these schools meet for accreditation, as well as any amendments or waivers granted. Requires the list be updated annually, ensuring that the information remains current and accessible to the public.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 259.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 259.	no action
HF 252	Requires teacher preparation programs to integrate preparation in computer science, artificial intelligence, and computational thinking into their 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 recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF 253	Requires Iowa students to complete 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 also allows for computer science instruction to be integrated into existing science and mathematics units.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF 259	Updates public notice requirements for governmental meetings by mandating that notices include specific details such as the time, date, and place of the meeting, as well as the tentative agenda. Requires notices to be posted in a prominent and accessible 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. Requires notice for canceled meetings.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 260.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 260.	no action
HF 262	Creates authority for school districts to request modified supplemental amount from SBRC for 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 SBRC. The additional revenues generated will be classified as miscellaneous income and must be used for minimum teacher salary purposes.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF 263	Requires school district provide that all physically able students in K-5 engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity each school day. This requirement is in addition to the physical education curriculum and cannot be fulfilled by PE 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. States that the physical activity requirement does not apply to students who are suspended or expelled.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 261.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 261.	no action
HF 27	Allows 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.	Against	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 42.	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 42.	no action
HF 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. Provides 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. The college student aid commission, in consultation with the division of vocational rehabilitation services, will develop evaluation criteria and administer the program. A dedicated fund will be established to manage the appropriated moneys for this purpose.	For	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	no action

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HF 272	Requires BOEE to create an Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Competitive Scholar Program, aimed at supporting 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 required to administer the program and report on its outcomes.	For	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 272.	no action
HF 274	Repeals Iowa Code section 728.7, which currently allows 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. This change could impact the availability of educational resources and the ability of institutions to provide diverse materials to students and the public.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 521.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 521.	no action
HF 299	Mandates information about immunization exemptions and 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. Specifies that the costs associated with these mandates will be covered by state school foundation aid.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 276.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 276.	no action
HF 315	Allows districts that have been affected by a natural disaster, for which a major disaster has been declared, to receive an additional budget adjustment. This adjustment is equal to the amount of the school district's budget adjustment for the base year.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 278.	fiscal note.	
HF 316	students can attain, which will be recognized on their high school transcripts. Requires school districts to report students who achieve these credentials to the DE and to provide recognition through seals or certificates. Requires career planning and pathways instruction in middle schools to better prepare students for future career opportunities.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 278.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 278.	no action
HF 319	Sets the state percent of growth and categorical state percent of growth at 2.25% for the budget year beginning July 1, 2025. Continues property tax replacement payments. Appropriate \$22,591,274 for a school district funding supplement, distributed based on each district's budget enrollment relative to the statewide total. Raises the cap for operational sharing to 25, requires an additional \$10 per pupil be added for districts at the minimum state cost per pupil, and requires additional transportation equity funding.	For	withdrawn. h.j. 330.	withdrawn. h.j. 330.	no action
HF 33	student access to agriculture-related instruction. Allows school districts to apply for grants to cover personal services costs associated with hiring teachers for additional instruction in agriculture education programs. Grants can cover up to 100% of costs for programs less than ten years old and 50% for older programs. The funding must supplement existing public funding and cannot replace it. Requires the DE to track teacher instruction time funded by these grants and establish rules for grant administration.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 369.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 369.	no action
HF 331	Starting July 1, 2025, prohibits school districts and accredited nonpublic schools from using state funds for dues or membership fees to athletic organizations unless those organizations create a conference realignment committee. This committee is required to evaluate and approve requests for changing conference affiliations based on various factors, including school enrollment and travel distances. The bill also prohibits schools from competing in the same activity for two years if they withdraw from a conference without approval.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 465.	
HF 332	Mandates that superintendents, principals, and other administrative roles engage in classroom instruction at specified intervals. Outlines distinct teaching obligations based on the number of schools within a district and the specific administrative position held. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to disciplinary actions, including license suspension. Requires administrators to be appropriately licensed for providing instruction.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF 334	Allows school board to employ chaplains or allow chaplains to volunteer. Does not require chaplains to be licensed, to have a background check, or to receive specific training about mandatory reporting, FERPA or ethics requirements.	Against	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 12:30pm rm 19.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF 335	Requires that moneys deposited into the student activity fund not revert to the general fund of the school corporation until the end of the fiscal year in which they were deposited.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 12:00pm rm 103.	subcommittee recommends passage.	

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HF 336	Requires school districts to implement age-appropriate instruction for middle school and high school students on Holocaust topics effective for the school year beginning July 1, 2025. 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 on the implementation of this education across school districts.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/24/2025 12:00pm house lounge.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF 34	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. Requires this information must be made available on relevant websites and in registration documentation. Specifies that this is not an unfunded mandate since school receive state foundation aid.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 299.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 299.	
HF 36	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.	
HF 369	student access to agriculture-related instruction. Allows school districts to apply for grants to cover personal services costs associated with hiring teachers for additional instruction in agriculture education programs. Grants can cover up to 100% of costs for programs less than ten years old and 50% for older programs. The funding must supplement existing public funding and cannot replace it. Requires the DE to track teacher instruction time funded by these grants and establish rules for grant administration.	For	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 315.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 315.	
HF 371	Requires that an organization which sponsors or administers extracurricular interscholastic contests must not prohibit its member schools from competing against nonmember schools.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF 382	Requires DHHS administrative rules permit child care center employees who are at least 16 years old to offer flex care to children up to five years of age without needing supervision from older staff. Defines Flex care as care provided during designated nap hours and brief periods when a supervising employee aged 18 or older is absent.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 317.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 317.	
HF 389	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 the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and, if applicable, to law enforcement. The bill also requires the HHS to adopt rules for school districts and nonpublic schools to follow in these cases, ensuring a standardized approach to reporting and assessment. Mandates that employees under investigation be placed on administrative leave and barred from school property during the investigation process.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	
HF 39	Requires individual property tax statements to include a comparison of current and proposed tax amounts starting from fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026. Mandates that local governments must mail notifications regarding bond issuances to eligible electors, detailing the amount, purpose, and estimated tax impact of the bonds.	Undecided	tabled until future meeting.	tabled until future meeting.	
HF 390	Allows individuals employed in child care to receive their initial physical examination within six months before or three months after starting employment, rather than strictly before employment. Mandates that follow-up physical examinations occur every three years after the initial exam.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 318.	
HF 391	Requires the inclusion of a high-definition ultrasound video and a computer-generated animation depicting the stages of human development inside the womb in the human growth and development curriculum. Applies to public school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	
HF 392	Expands the eligibility for year-round school calendars from prekindergarten through grade eight to include students in grades nine through twelve. The bill requires school boards to hold a public hearing on any proposal related to the year-round calendar before submitting an application to the DE. Initial applications must be submitted by November 1 of the preceding school year.	For	immediate message. h.j. 401.	read first time, referred to education. s.j. 338.	No action
HF 393	Changes the definition of dropout related to Iowa School Performance Profiles, so that if a student returns to school after dropping out and subsequently drops out again, this second dropout will not negatively impact the school's performance grade.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 319.	

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HF 395	Requires DE to accept proof of completion of federal entry-level driver training (ELDT) as a substitute for the state-approved course for bus drivers. The bill maintains the requirement for school bus drivers to complete an approved course every 24 months. Mandates DE, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, to establish rules for training providers to ensure compliance with the new provisions.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	
HF 400	Mandates that lawful custodians promptly acknowledge requests for public records and provide contact information for their authorized designees. Requires records 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 communicated to requesters.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 320.	No action
HF 407	Requires school districts of residences to pay receiving districts per pupil SAVE Funds for open enrolled students, applicable for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2026. The funds received by the receiving district must be used solely for purposes authorized under the SAVE statute, chapter 423F.	Against	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 327.	subcommittee: ingels, kurth and weldon. h.j. 427.	
HF 416	Raises the financial penalties for members of governmental bodies who violate open meetings laws, with increased damages for knowing violations. The bill also 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 IPB to ensure such training is available and must include at least one no-cost option.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 706.	
HF 417	Increases the amount of the Tuition and Textbook tax credit from 25% to 50% of the first \$2,000 spent on allowable expenses. The bill applies retroactively to January 1, 2025, for tax years beginning on or after that date.	Undecided	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 329.	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 329.	No action
HF 441	Assigns responsibilities previously held by the Public Employment Relations Board to the Employment Appeal Board. Clarifies the board's jurisdiction over contested cases and outlines the procedures for judicial review, including the filing process and representation during such reviews. 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. 338.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 338.	No action
HF 445	Allowing parents to submit applications for education savings account payments from December 1 to December 20, for use in the second semester. Requires that such applications submitted during this new period qualify for 50% of the regular program state cost per pupil. The legislation also clarifies that each payment is only approved for one school year or semester, requiring annual applications for subsequent payments.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 8:00am rm 19.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF 446	Removes the exemption that allowed parents or guardians open enroll their children in online learning programs without a deadline for application. Would require all open enrollment applications and notifications must adhere to the established deadlines, which are March 1 for grades 1-12 and September 1 for kindergarten and special education prekindergarten students. (Good cause exceptions would still apply for any open enrollments after the deadline.)	For	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 12:00pm house lounge 2.	tabled until future meeting.	
HF 448	Allows school districts to offer courses on the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, the Old Testament, or both, provided they adhere to guidelines ensuring religious neutrality and respect for diverse perspectives. Requires the state BOE to set rules for practitioner preparation and PD for teachers of these courses. Allows students to use various translations of the scriptures and permits the display of relevant historical artifacts in educational settings.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/24/2025 11:30am rm 103 (cancelled).	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF 451	Prohibits local governments from having contract with huge technology companies which censor online content. Requires local governments to review all contracts on enactment. Specifies penalties for noncompliance.	Undecided	subcommittee: stone, james and wheeler. h.j. 407.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HF 460	Defines play based learning for preschool and preschool, at 90 minutes a day for full day programs and 45 minutes a day for half day programs.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/19.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/19.	no action
HF 461	Requires chronic absenteeism notices be sent to parents via regular mail instead of through certified mail	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/19.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/19.	no action
HF 471	Defines "licensed health care provider" to include individuals who hold a doctorate in psychology with specialty training in neuropsychology or concussion management.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 02/19.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 02/19.	no action

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HF 501	Modifies the timeline for dissolution elections, allowing the county commissioner of elections to determine the date for these events, rather than adhering to fixed dates in odd and even years. Requires that dissolution proposals be developed and approved by the DE within a year of the commission's organizational meeting.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 375.	subcommittee: moore, t., johnson, c. and madison. h.j. 427.	
HF 502	Under current BOEE rules, an applicant for an activities authorization must have a baccalaureate degree or higher related to athletics, physical education, or a related field. The bill provides that an applicant for the authorization must have a baccalaureate degree or higher in any academic field.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 375.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 375.	no action
HF 51	Defines "obscene performance" as a visual performance by a person, whether compensated or uncompensated, that exposes real or artificial body parts or emulates a sex act, which the average person, viewing the performance as a whole and applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable to be viewed by minors, would find appeals to the prurient interest and is patently offensive, and the performance taken as a whole lacks serious artistic, literary, political, or scientific value. Establishes enforcement through the AG's office. Allows anyone to make a complaint. Provides that anyone who knowingly exposes a minor to an "obscene performance" is guilty of a public offense and if knowingly exposes a minor is guilty of a serious misdemeanor and has other offenses and penalties. Provides a civil course of action for parents.	Undecided	introduced, referred to judiciary. h.j. 46.	introduced, referred to judiciary. h.j. 46.	no action
HF 513	schools to permit students enrolled in grade eight to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests provided for students in grades nine through twelve. Requires these students to meet 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
HF 514	Requires DE to offer technical assistance to school districts for establishing career and technical student organizations focused on robotics. Allows high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests related to robotics. This bill aligns with federal educational standards and aims to foster interest and participation in robotics among students.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	no action
HF 515	officer from two pupils to four pupils for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 377.	fiscal note.	
HF 517	buildings previously used as school facilities but now vacant. The program is aimed at political subdivisions with populations under 2,500, particularly those in the lowest populated counties. The authority will administer the fund and prioritize grant applications based on population size. Sets the conditions under which grant funds can be used and stipulates that any proceeds from the sale of demolished properties must be returned to the fund. Effective on July 1, 2025, contingent upon the appropriation of funds.	For	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 378.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 378.	no action
HF 52	Requires sports officials officiating athletic contests in Iowa are not liable for civil actions related to their officiating duties, except in cases of intentional, malicious, or grossly negligent actions. The bill also defines 'sports official' and outlines various criminal penalties for assaults against them, including classifications of felonies and misdemeanors based on the severity of the assault. The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment and applies to legal actions commenced after its effective date.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HF 520	Increases the minimum graduation requirement for United States government instruction from one-half unit to one full unit. Specifies the course to include comprehensive instruction on voting procedures, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and civics education, emphasizing the roles and responsibilities of citizens. Effective for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 379.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 379.	no action
HF 521	This bill repeals Code section 728.7, which currently provides that nothing in Code chapter 728 (obscenity) prohibits the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any accredited school, public library, or in any educational program in which a minor is participating. Code section 728.7 also does not prohibit the attendance of minors at an exhibition or display of art works or the use of any materials in any public library. Code section 728.1 defines "obscene material", which includes material the average person, taking the material as a whole and applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable material for minors, would find appeals to the prurient interest and is patently offensive; and the material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, scientific, political, or artistic value.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 379.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 379.	no action

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HF 522	Authorizes the expenditure of funds for nutritional items within therapeutic classrooms and requires specific nutritional provisions. Requires school districts to provide micronutrients, vitamin supplementation, and minimally processed whole foods while restricting harmful food additives. It also requires school districts to address the negative impacts of excessive screen time and promotes exposure to natural light.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 379.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 379.	no action
HF 535	House File 535 requires the legislative council to engage a qualified person to conduct a comprehensive review of Iowa's public education system. Defines qualified person as an independent, nonpartisan individual, research organization, or educational think tank, that is not affiliated with or represented by any political party, special interest group, or Iowa school district. 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.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 381.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 381.	no action
HF 536	Requires DE to work with DNR to create a model firearms safety program. Requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to offer firearms safety instruction as part of health curriculum, focused on firearm safety, Iowa hunting laws, wildlife conservation, and emergency preparedness for students in grades six to eight. The program must include practical components conducted under supervision and requires parental consent for student participation. Additionally, instructors must have completed approved hunter education and firearm safety training. The bill aims to enhance safety education and responsible firearm handling among youth, with provisions for annual reporting and program review. Implementation is set for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.	Against	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 381.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 381.	no action
HF 552	Changes related to Chronic Absenteeism; clarifies that it is a public offense for anyone to violate the terms of an absenteeism prevention plan, to not participate in a school engagement meeting, or for a parent to not cause their child to attend school or be home schooled. Defines "Absent" to mean a student is not present at school unless the student is not present at school due to an exception in the law. Requires delivery of notices of chronic absenteeism to parents or emancipated minors and the county attorney via mail or certified mail. Requires notice of the school engagement meeting be sent to parents or emancipated minors by certified mail.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/24.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 412.	
HF 553	Allows of the school district's management fund to pay for the costs of a school resource officer.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/24.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 413.	
HF 564	Allows governmental entities to reject the lowest responsive bidder or construction manager-at-risk based on their experience, number of employees, and financial capability. Mandates that any rejection must be accompanied by a specific explanation. Establishes that a guaranteed maximum price contract can only be entered into if the project's estimated cost exceeds \$150 million. The legislation also emphasizes that bids containing contingent amounts must be rejected.	For	introduced, referred to state government. h.j. 02/24.	subcommittee: kaufmann, bossman and cooling. h.j. 428.	
HF 579	Raises the maximum allowable ratio of modified supplemental amounts for Dropout Prevention Authority to total regular program district costs from 2.5% to 5% for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, contingent upon voter approval. Outlines the process for placing funding limit propositions on the ballot and stipulates that any approved increase cannot exceed one-quarter of one percent per fiscal year.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 417.	fiscal note.	
HF 585	that severance payments will not be granted if the administrator is found guilty in a criminal proceeding related to their official duties. This applies specifically to cases where the period for appeal has passed, excluding simple misdemeanors or parking violations. The changes will apply to contracts entered into or continued after the effective date.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 423.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 423.	no action
HF 586	zone schools to include in their emergency response plans a policy that directs how students, school employees and individuals who are not school employees but who are required as part of the individual's employment to regularly be present in a school building are to respond when a fire alarm is activated on school grounds outside of a scheduled fire drill, to protect such individuals in the event the alarm was activated due to the presence of an active shooter on school grounds. The bill is effective on enactment.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 423.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 423.	no action

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HF 587	Mandates schools offer a junior firefighter program for students in grades 9-12 as either an extracurricular activity or as part of the career and technical education program. Specifies content the program must include. Specifies that the requirement is not an unfunded mandate since school districts receive state foundation aid.	Against	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 423.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 423.	no action
HF 60	Changes the eligibility criteria for budget adjustments for school districts in Iowa that have been affected by natural disasters. It allows affected 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.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 315.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 315.	no action
HF 603	program, attendance center standards, and emergency planning. "Schools" referenced below include school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter school and innovation zone schools. The State BOE is required to adopt rules for several provisions. Contingent on an appropriation, DE is required to establish an attendance-center doors grant program to provide grants to applicant schools to purchase compliant attendance center doors with locks. Requires schools to participate in, the school safety bureau's electronic threat reporting platform, to publish a platform link on the school's web site, and to provide training to students and employees on use of the platform. Requires schools to develop and implement an access control plan that allows the school to monitor and restrict entry, prevent unauthorized access, and mitigate potential threats to students, staff, and school property. Requires schools to develop and implement a visitor entry plan that allows the school to effectively identify, vet, and monitor all visitors to attendance centers. Requires schools to do all of the following: install new or modify existing door systems, to prevent an active shooter or other perpetrator from blocking or otherwise restricting any attendance center door; label both sides of each attendance center door using a sequential numbering system and update the school's high-quality emergency operations plan accordingly; require the classroom doors constructed, upgraded or replaced on or after the bill's effective date include specified; require any attendance center that is constructed on or after the bill's effective date to include a secure vestibule system; require that, if the structure of an attendance center is renovated on or after the bill's effective date, the school must evaluate whether the renovation should include the incorporation of a secure vestibule system; require that all exterior doors and access-level windows in any attendance center constructed or replaced on or after the bill's effective date be shatter resistant or intrusion resistant; require that all interior doors and windows in any attendance center that is constructed on or after the bill's effective date be shatter resistant or intrusion resistant; require that, if any interior doors or windows in any attendance center need to be replaced or upgraded on or after the bill's effective date, the replacement doors or windows must be shatter resistant or intrusion resistant; and install a video surveillance system in each attendance center that satisfies certain specified requirements. Allows schools to adopt policies and acquire equipment to ensure that all employees of the school are able to communicate with the school's administrative office in emergency situations while the employee is in an instructional area located on school property or in an outdoor recreation area on school property. Requires schools to evaluate the potential use of shatter-resistant film or intrusion-resistant film in all attendance centers, including in all windows, windowed doors, and sidelights that are large enough for a	For	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 438.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 438.	
HF 621	Permits school districts or nonpublic schools to authorize individuals to carry firearms in school vehicles transporting students under specific conditions. Allows individuals with valid permits to carry concealed pistols or revolvers in their vehicles while on school property, provided the vehicle is locked when unattended. The bill also grants retired peace officers the authority to carry firearms on school grounds if they meet certain qualifications. This act takes effect immediately upon enactment.	Determining Registration	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 02/27.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 453.	

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HF 623	Creates a process for new providers of four-year-old PK, termed a community-based provider, to directly participate in the statewide preschool program without school district oversight or partnership. Requires licensed teachers to provide the PK program. Enables these providers to receive state preschool foundation aid directly. Provides funding for these community-based provider programs in the initial year of a program based on the number of students served (school district PK budgets are based on the prior year PK count and there is no funding for expansion). The bill transfers responsibilities from the child development coordinating council to the DE, requiring DE oversight and accountability for at-risk early childhood programs. Requires the DE to evaluate PK programs including curriculum and instruction, and to establish an accountability system. Establishes a pilot program for child care continuum partnership grants operated by the DHHS.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 02/27.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 454.	
HF 67	Changes requirements for the beginning of the school year. 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.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 63.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 63.	no action
HF 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 in open enrollment decisions. Currently, school districts must approve open enrollment applications unless they can demonstrate insufficient classroom space or cannot provide special education services required in an IEP. This would set specific considerations in board policy regarding EL services.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 85.	subcommittee meeting: 03/05/2025 12:00pm rm 304.	
HF 69	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
HF 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 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.	Against	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 86.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 86.	No action
HF 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
HF 80	Prohibits disciplinary actions related to the use of legal names and the failure to use personal pronouns. Allows individuals including staff and students to address others using their legal names as listed in school records. 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
HF 88	Makes changes to requirements for individual private instruction (home school) and world languages. It allows parents to place children under competent private instruction with fewer requirements, including the removal of immunization proof for first-time placements, removal of a cap on how many unrelated students may be educated in an IPI environment and allows tuition. The act also clarifies the definition of independent private instruction and requires 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.	Against	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 142.	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 142.	No action

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HF 9	Creates a school security personnel grant program within the DE. Mandates that school districts with an enrollment of at least 8,000 students employ or retain a private school security officer or SRO in every high school attendance center unless a majority of the school board votes no to. 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 bill also outlines the definitions of private school security officers and school resource officers, and requires training for those employed under this program. 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.	For	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 39.	introduced, referred to education. h.j. 39.	No action
HF 90	Mandates that any continuing education credits required by licensing boards regulated under Iowa Code 272C, the BOEE or the Supreme Court must be directly related to the practice of the licensed profession. The bill also requires the Iowa Supreme Court to adopt rules for attorneys that align with these principles.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/06/2025 8:00am house lounge (cancelled).	subcommittee meeting: 02/06/2025 8:00am house lounge (cancelled).	No action
HF 96	Requires the College Student Aid Commission to create and administer an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive scholar program. The program aims to reimburse 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.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 272.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 272.	No action
HF 97	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. Department of Education. 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.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 271.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 271.	No action
HSB 10	degrees to meet the requirements of a school district's health services requirements rather than employing a licensed school nurse. 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
HSB 105	Changes to the governance of charter schools in Iowa by removing the requirement that non-resident board members must be residents of the state. Allows students from charter schools and innovation zone schools to participate in the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program through their respective school districts. For online charter schools, students can access the program through their school district of residence.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 14. nays, 9. h.j. 465.	
HSB 106	Requires school board 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. Requires related changes to school district emergency plans. Mandates that health curricula for grades six through eight include instruction on the effects of social media. Requires DE in consultation with DHHS to provide professional development and support for teachers to deliver this content.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 21. nays, 2. h.j. 466.	
HSB 107	Mandates that all school bus drivers must complete a DE approved course within the first six months of employment and every 24 months thereafter. 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.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 395.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 395.	No action
HSB 108	Requires the teacher salary supplement state cost per pupil be paid from a resident school district to a charter school. Current law requires RPDC, PD, ELCS and TLC per pupil amounts be paid to charter schools, along with any special education or EL weighting.) The bill is set to take effect immediately upon enactment and will apply to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 14. nays, 9. h.j. 466.	No action

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HSB 137	Governor's mathematics and civics initiative. Requires DE to develop of family-centered resources to support mathematics learning at home and requires schools to assess students' mathematics proficiency three times a year. Requires schools to create individual math plans for students nonproficient on at least two of those three screeners. Requires progress monitoring every 2 weeks and defines prescriptive interventions for K-6 students until the student is proficient. Requires the DE to provide professional development to improve math instruction for schools with student proficiency needs. Also establishes a civics test as a graduation requirement for high school students, requiring 60% for a passing score.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 21. nays, 2. h.j. 466.	
HSB 138	Sets the state percent of growth and a categorical state percent of growth at 2.25% for the budget year starting July 1, 2025. Continues property tax replacement payments. Establishes a one-time funding supplement for school districts of \$23 million. 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. Provides an additional \$10 per pupil adjustment for districts with the lowest district costs per pupil and appropriates funds for transportation equity payments.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 319.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 319.	No action
HSB 145	Creates a process for new providers of four-year-old PK, termed a community-based provider, to directly participate in the statewide preschool program without school district oversight or partnership. Enables these providers to receive state preschool foundation aid directly. Provides funding for these community-based provider programs in the initial year of a program based on the number of students served (school district PK budgets are based on the prior year PK count and there is no funding for expansion). The bill transfers responsibilities from the child development coordinating council to the DE, requiring DE oversight and accountability for at-risk early childhood programs. Requires the DE to evaluate PK programs including curriculum and instruction, and to establish an accountability system. Establishes a pilot program for child care continuum partnership grants operated by the DHHS.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 623.	
HSB 147	Governor's TSS and other education policies: Requires DOM to calculate fuds needed for school districts to meet teacher salary minimums based on BEDS staffing data submitted related to their prior year's pay and experience. It removes the tiered system for calculating teacher salary supplements and instead mandates a direct calculation to meet minimum salary requirements and allows for districts to correct errors impacting their FY 2025 TSS distributions. Also revises teacher preparation requirements, allowing for more flexibility in pre-student teaching experiences. It also creates a risk pool to compensate districts for out-of-state placement of students requiring special education, requiring agreements between the out-of-state providers and school districts. Sets a \$50,000 minimum salary for teachers reemployed after retirement.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 466.	
HSB 155	Prohibits state entities including political subdivisions from expending any funds for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices or officers. Defines DEI efforts broadly, including any actions that influence employee or student body composition based on race, sex, or ethnicity. Explicitly excludes certain offices and activities from this prohibition, such as legal compliance offices and academic departments. Allows individuals to bring civil actions against state entities for violations and grants the attorney general the authority to enforce compliance.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committe vote: yeas, 16. nays, 7. h.j. 467.	
HSB 156	Expands the definition of 'instructional materials' to include a broader range of educational resources including worksheets, videos and materials sourced on the internet and mandates that school districts maintain and publicly update lists of these materials. Establishes a process for parents and guardians to request the exclusion of certain materials for their children and outlines the steps necessary for civil action against school districts for non-compliance. Specifies that this is not an unfunded mandate since school districts receive school foundation aid.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
HSB 157	Current law limits the modified supplemental amount to a maximum of 2.5% of the total regular program district cost unless a district had a span of history allowing a higher amount up to 5%. The bill introduces a provision that, starting from fiscal years after July 1, 2026, this ratio may increase to a maximum of 5% if approved by voters in an election. Specifies that an increase cannot exceed one-quarter of one percent per fiscal year.	For	committee vote: yeas, 22. nays, 0. excused, 1. h.j. 02/18.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 579.	

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HSB 173	Mandates the inclusion of nutrition-related instruction specifically around animal based proteins and fats, dairy products, vegetables and fruit across all grade levels, to emphasize the importance these in a balanced diet. Requires school districts include content related to agriculture, food production, and sustainable practices in career and technical education programs for high school students. Requires adoption of state-specific nutritional guidelines that reflect local dietary needs and cultural preferences (including animal based proteins and fats and exemption from sodium limitations), pending a waiver from federal requirements.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 12:00pm rm 19.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB 18	Establishes the Employment Appeal Board within the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing responsibilities following the elimination of the Public Employment Relations Board.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 441.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 441.	no action
HSB 198	Requires the statewide interoperable communications system (SICS) board to process all applications for access to the SICS without delegating the approval to any other committee, subcommittee, or third party. Prohibits that the approval from being delayed and requires a submitted application be forwarded to the board for approval at the board's next meeting. Requires the board to provide voice and data access to any public entity or public service organization qualified to be an SICS user, or any public service organization sponsored by the head of a public entity. No public service organization shall be required to have a contract or agreement with a public entity or other governmental organization in order to qualify for SICS access. Provides that all associated equipment and programming costs, including encryption equipment, is the sole responsibility of the public service organization to purchase, program, and maintain. Requires the state to provide the system access setup, training, support, and electronic codes or keys to public service organizations at no cost. Allows appeals of the board decision to deny or remove current access to an administrative law judge of the DPS. Is effective upon enactment.	Undecided	by committee on public safety	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	
HSB 2	Amends the existing school attendance laws in Iowa to include exemptions for children who are either undergoing military entrance processing or are actively engaged in military service as exceptions from absences that would count toward determination of chronic absenteeism or truancy.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB 200	programs by July 1, 2026. The program for younger students will be based on the Eddie Eagle GunSafe program, while the program for older students will follow the NRA's hunter education course. Starting in the 2026 school year, school districts must offer access to these programs to students in grades 7-12 and districts are encouraged to add programs in K-6. Instructors for these courses do not need to be licensed teachers, and courses can be held off school property, evening, Saturdays, summers, etc. The bill specifies this is not an unfunded mandate since schools receive state school foundation aid.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 12:00pm rm 304.1.	committee vote: yeas, 18. nays, 4. excused, 1. h.j. 445.	no action
HSB 212	Strikes Iowa Code provisions related to affirmative action in state employment and educational institutions. The bill emphasizes equal opportunity without the inclusion of affirmative action measures, which were previously intended to address deficiencies in employment systems. Key responsibilities of state agencies and the board of regents regarding affirmative action are also removed, including the requirement for annual reports and the establishment of affirmative action standards.	Undecided	subcommittee: wheeler, fett and wilburn. h.j. 02/19.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB 217	Requires school board policies regulating reductions in force based on performance rather than seniority. 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. Prohibits the use of seniority or tenure as primary factors in employment terminations due to economic reasons. Requires schools to publish reduction in force policies within ten days of adoption and include timelines for notifying affected practitioners and grievance procedures.	Against	subcommittee: weldon, boden and matson. h.j. 407.	subcommittee recommends passage.	

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HSB 218	Allows school districts to adopt policies for awarding academic credit for religious courses provided by private organizations, provided they meet specific criteria. Prohibits schools from considering the religious content or denominational affiliation of the courses when determining their educational value. Requires schools to receive attendance information from private organizations to monitor attendance. Establishes guidelines for absences related to these courses, ensuring they do not count against a student's chronic absenteeism status. 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	subcommittee: shipley, johnson, c. and kurth. h.j. 408.	subcommittee meeting: 02/27/2025 12:00pm house lounge.	
HSB 219	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 eighth grade. Specifies that students will be automatically enrolled in this pathway based on proficient performance in prior grades or at the request of their parents or guardians. Mandates specific instructional supports such as additional instructional time and tutoring. Requires schools provide information to students and parents about the importance of mathematics education and the available courses. Requires school districts to report to DE annually and requires DE to report annually on the implementation and outcomes of the advanced mathematics pathway.	Undecided	subcommittee: henderson, ehler and gehlbach. h.j. 408.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB 220	Requires that coaches complete concussion training every two years.	For	subcommittee: stone, gjerde and kniff mcculla. h.j. 408.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB 227	Allows a special election for a levy or levy adjustment to pay for a bond issued by a school corporation to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in an even-numbered year, in addition to the dates authorized under current law.	For	subcommittee: siegrist, lundgren and wilson. h.j. 408.	subcommittee: siegrist, lundgren and wilson. h.j. 408.	no action
HSB 228	Starting from fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, requires property tax statements to statements will include a comparison of the current year's property taxes due and the estimated taxes for the upcoming budget year, along with the percentage change. Additionally, if the state percentage of growth is enacted after March 1, the deadlines for political subdivisions to file necessary reports and for county auditors to mail statements will be extended by 15 days. This aims to enhance transparency and provide taxpayers with clearer information regarding their property tax obligations.	For	subcommittee: bloomingdale, mcburney and meggers. h.j. 408.	subcommittee: bloomingdale, mcburney and meggers. h.j. 408.	no action
HSB 247	Defines "proof of publication" as a document that includes the published document, date of publication, and the name of the newspaper of publication or a statement that the document was posted on the statewide public notice internet site, as applicable. Allows a newspaper to charge a fee, not to exceed the actual costs of preparation, for a proof of publication that includes additional elements, including a notarized affidavit requested by a government body. The bill categorizes a proof of publication as an admissible writing or record under the rules of evidence.	Undecided	by committee on state government	subcommittee meeting: 03/04/2025 12:00pm rm 304.	
HSB 250	Eliminates a variety of what appear to be obsolete duties assigned to county auditors. Those related to schools include: ordering the county treasurer to transfer tuition payments from the account of the debtor school corporation to the creditor school corporation; ordering the county treasurer to transfer transportation service fees from the account of the debtor school corporation to the creditor school corporation; apportioning school taxes, rents, and other money dedicated for public school purposes; carrying out duties relating to school lands and funds; and acknowledging satisfaction of the mortgage by execution of a written instrument referring to the mortgage for payment of a permanent school fund mortgage.	Undecided	by committee on local government	subcommittee recommends passage.	
HSB 3	Creates the National Guard Service Professional Qualification Scholarship Program, administered by the College Student Aid Commission, to provide financial assistance to Iowa National Guard members enrolled in approved educational programs. Eligible individuals must be residents, have completed initial active duty training, maintain satisfactory performance, and be enrolled in a credentialing program at designated institutions. The scholarship covers the total cost of the educational program, and if funds are insufficient, the adjutant general will determine the distribution of available scholarships. The adjutant general is also responsible for certifying eligibility and maintaining a list of approved programs. The legislation allows for the carryover of unspent funds for future use in the program.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 117.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 117.	no action

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HSB 30	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. Schools are prohibited from charging fees. Applies to individuals seeking a high school equivalency diploma. The State BOE is tasked with adopting rules to implement these requirements.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 165.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 165.	no action
HSB 31	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.	For	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 143.	committee report, recommending amendment and passage. h.j. 143.	no action
HSB 32	national motto of the United States and the state motto of Iowa prominently within school facilities. Also 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.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 166.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 166.	no action
HSB 33	Allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to conduct state assessments for students receiving online instruction. 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. Requires that assessment proctors monitor students via video feed throughout the assessment duration. The State BOE is required to adopt rules to implement these provisions.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 190.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 190.	no action
HSB 34	Requires school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools 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.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 391.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 391.	no action
HSB 43	Requires Community Colleges annually submit financial and educational outcome data, which will be included in a comprehensive report to the General Assembly. Additionally. Authorizes funds allocated to national board certification program for teachers be used to provide financial support for those who achieve certification and stipends for advanced dyslexia specialists. 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, now under the control of DE.	Undecided	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	no action
HSB 44	students can attain, which will be recognized on their high school transcripts. Requires school districts to report students who achieve these credentials to the DE and to provide recognition through seals or certificates. Requires career planning and pathways instruction in middle schools to better prepare students for future career opportunities.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 316.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 316.	no action
HSB 45	Requires the DE director to create and manage a Purple Star School Initiative to recognize schools that demonstrate a commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families.	Undecided	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	committee report, recommending passage. h.j. 144.	no action
HSB 46	Changes the existing definition of 'grooming behavior' to focus on the process of building trust and emotional connections with students for exploitative purposes.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 167.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 167.	no action
HSB 47	Allows school districts and nonpublic schools to create multidisciplinary threat assessment teams. Tasks these teams 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.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 163.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 163.	no action
HSB 5	Prohibits school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools from including certain ingredients in their breakfast and lunch programs. Prohibits the use of red dye 40, yellow dye 7, and margarine in meals served to students. Applies to all schools that provide meal programs.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 212.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 212.	no action
HSB 7	Allows individuals employed in child care to receive their initial physical examination within six months before or three months after starting employment, rather than strictly before employment. Mandates that follow-up physical examinations occur every three years after the initial exam.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 390.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 390.	no action

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HSB 75	Updates public notice requirements for governmental meetings by mandating that notices include specific details such as the time, date, and place of the meeting, as well as the tentative agenda. Requires notices to be posted in a prominent and accessible 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. Requires notice for canceled meetings.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 259.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 259.	No action
HSB 76	Mandates that lawful custodians promptly acknowledge requests for public records and provide contact information for their authorized designees. Requires records 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 communicated to requesters.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 400.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 400.	No action
HSB 77	Raises the financial penalties for members of governmental bodies who violate open meetings laws, with increased damages for knowing violations. The bill also 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 IPB to ensure such training is available and must include at least one no-cost option.	Against	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 312.	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 312.	No action
HSB 8	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
HSB 84	Extends the K-6 prohibition of programs, curricula, tests, surveys, and instruction related to gender identity and sexual orientation to students in grades 7-12.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
HSB 86	Updates the definition of 'licensed health care provider' pertaining to concussion protocols for schools to include individuals with a doctorate in psychology specializing in neuropsychology or concussion management.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 471.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 471.	No action
HSB 97	Requires schools to replace curricular references to the 'Gulf of Mexico' with 'Gulf of America' and 'Denali' with 'Mount McKinley' in all classroom instruction and student handouts. Applies to all school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
SF 100	Requires school districts, charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools to publish mental health resources provided by 'Your Life Iowa' on their websites or link to the resources. Requires schools to partner 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
SF 102	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. Requires training for student social and emotional wellness to take place in January or February. Both training programs must adhere to nationally recognized best practices, and the State BOE will establish qualifications for trainers.	Against	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and taylor. s.j. 153.	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and taylor. s.j. 153.	No action
SF 111	Requires each school district and accredited nonpublic school to have at least one trained employee to assist with the administration of seizure medications and vagus nerve stimulation by July 1, 2025. By December 31, 2026, all school personnel must receive training on recognizing seizures and providing first aid. The bill outlines the development of individual health plans and seizure action plans for students with known seizure disorders, requiring that schools maintain necessary documentation and to collaborate with parents and healthcare professionals. Provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith to assist students with seizure needs.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 368. s.j. 316.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 368. s.j. 316.	No action
SF 113	Reverses recent changes to human growth and development, health screenings and parental right. It mandates that school districts provide age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development instruction, including information on sexually transmitted diseases and vaccines. Establishes requirements for library programs in schools to ensure they contain only age-appropriate materials. Repeals several existing provisions related to parental consent for student surveys and health assessments. T	For	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 153.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 153.	No action

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SF 115	Senate File 115 requires school districts to obtain written informed consent from a student's parent or guardian before enrolling the student in human growth and development courses or facilitating attendance at educational conferences on the subject. The bill also mandates that school boards provide annual information to parents about the curriculum and the process for inspecting instructional materials. This legislation aims to ensure that parents are informed and have control over their children's education regarding human growth and development topics.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
SF 116	Defines "obscene performance" as a visual performance by a person, whether compensated or uncompensated, that exposes real or artificial body parts or emulates a sex act, which the average person, viewing the performance as a whole and applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable to be viewed by minors, would find appeals to the prurient interest and is patently offensive, and the performance taken as a whole lacks serious artistic, literary, political, or scientific value. Establishes enforcement through the AG's office. Allows anyone to make a complaint. Provides that anyone who knowingly exposes a minor to an "obscene performance" is guilty of a public offense and if knowingly exposes a minor is guilty of a serious misdemeanor and has other offenses and penalties. Provides a civil course of action for parents.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
SF 123	actual enrollment of eligible students to 100%. 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.	For	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and winckler. s.j. 153.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and winckler. s.j. 153.	No action
SF 138	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. The courses aim to enhance students' understanding of biblical content and its influence on contemporary society and culture. 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
SF 140	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.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
SF 141	Requires public schools to accept cash as a form of payment for entry into any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions. Also requires sponsoring organizations to accept cash as a condition of their registration with the DE.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 274. s.j. 256.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 274. s.j. 256.	No action
SF 16	Changes effective dates of school district reorganization or dissolution elections, retroactively applicable to January 1, 2025.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 171. s.j. 171.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 171. s.j. 171.	No action
SF 167	Sets the state percent of growth and categorical state percent of growth at 2% for the budget year starting July 1, 2025. Continues property tax replacement payments for school districts.	Against	fiscal note.	fiscal note.	no action
SF 168	Requires, beginning July 1, 2025, shared operational functions involving master social workers, independent social workers, mental health professionals, and school resource officers will generate weighting not included in the cap of 21-student weighting. (College and career coordinators are already exempt from the cap, so this would bring the total number of exempt positions to four.	For	fiscal note.	fiscal note.	no action
SF 171	Changes effective dates of school district reorganization or dissolution elections, retroactively applicable to January 1, 2025.	For	immediate message. h.j. 401.	message from house. s.j. 335.	no action
SF 172	Requires DE to develop and distribute age-appropriate educational materials and provide model guidelines for child sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention. Requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to provide consistent instruction based on these guidelines. Establishes continuing education requirements for educators related to this subject.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action

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SF 175	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.	Against	read first time, passed on file. h.j. 02/19.	read first time, passed on file. h.j. 02/19.	no action
SF 176	Requires that pupils who open enroll for online education may only participate in cocurricular or extracurricular activities in their district of residence if the district offering the online program does not offer those activities.	For	committee report, approving bill.	committee report, approving bill.	no action
SF 177	Requires school board members to adhere to public records law, and allows citizens to fill complaints for noncompliance through civil mechanisms, including seeking monetary damages and attorney fees.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF 178	Provides a mechanism for residents of school districts to file complaints against school boards and superintendents in civil court if they believe the school leaders have policies that violate state law. Upon notification, county attorneys can 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.	Against	immediate message.	immediate message.	no action
SF 181	Requires schools and libraries to enter into written agreements with providers of electronic resources to ensure compliance with age-appropriate materials, safety policies and technological protection measures. These measures must prohibit access to obscene materials and comply with federal laws. Providers are required to certify compliance within 14 days of the agreement, and failure to do so results in immediate termination of the agreement. Annual reporting on compliance issues is required, and violations can lead to civil actions by the attorney general. The bill takes effect on January 1, 2026.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF 186	Removes the Iowa Code provision that the superintendent serves as the executive officer of the board, requiring instead that the board annually elects its own executive officer. Empowers residents and employees to report suspected improper school district spending to the county auditor and request an audit of the school district's financial activities.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF 194	Creates an educator supplement fund administered by the DE to increase annual compensation for licensed school district employees and teaching assistants. 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. Specifies that administrators are exempt from the \$5,000 supplement. Requires DE to 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
SF 204	instruction, including the removal of immunization requirements for first-time private instruction placements and the elimination of restrictions on independent private instruction regarding student enrollment and tuition fees. It also mandates that independent private instruction must provide core subjects and 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. The tuition tax credit for private instruction is increased from 25% to 50%, retroactively applying to the 2025 tax year.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF 205	Removes the August 23 school start date and specifies that schools must start no sooner than the Monday immediately preceding the last Monday in August.	For	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 197.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 197.	no action
SF 206	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 at a public hearing are required before any program adoption.	For	subcommittee: dawson, bisignano, and rowley. s.j. 243.	subcommittee: dawson, bisignano, and rowley. s.j. 243.	no action

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SF 211	Allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to conduct state assessments in an online format that mirrors the students' regular academic environment. Key conditions include scheduled assessment times, synchronous sessions managed by school personnel, and monitoring by assessment proctors via video feed. Requires a student-to-proctor ratio not in excess of 10 to 1 and requires verification of assessment submission by school employees.	For	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 198.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 198.	no action
SF 22	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. Outlines penalties for violations, including increased fines and potential license suspensions for repeat offenders. Preempts local ordinances regarding electronic device use while driving, ensuring uniform enforcement across the state.	Undecided	placed on calendar.	placed on calendar.	no action
SF 221	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 the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and, if applicable, to law enforcement. The bill also requires the HHS to adopt rules for school districts and nonpublic schools to follow in these cases, ensuring a standardized approach to reporting and assessment. Mandates that employees under investigation be placed on administrative leave and barred from school property during the investigation process.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	no action
SF 235	This bill repeals Code section 728.7, which currently provides that nothing in Code chapter 728 (obscenity) prohibits the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any accredited school, public library, or in any educational program in which a minor is participating. Code section 728.7 also does not prohibit the attendance of minors at an exhibition or display of art works or the use of any materials in any public library. Code section 728.1 defines "obscene material", which includes material the average person, taking the material as a whole and applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable material for minors, would find appeals to the prurient interest and is patently offensive; and the material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, scientific, political, or artistic value.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 10:00am senate lounge.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF 237	on researching the effects of technology provided in schools on students' cognitive abilities and academic outcomes. The working group must examine existing research and submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2025. This report is required to include findings and recommendations on best practices for utilizing school-provided technology while addressing potential negative impacts on students' social and behavioral development, attention span, mental concentration, and learning capabilities.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	no action
SF 262	Requires the Iowa General Assembly to set the state percent of growth and categorical state percent of growth for two consecutive budget years during the first regular session. The bill specifies that once the state percent of growth for the succeeding budget year is enacted, it can only be increased, not decreased.	Undecided	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 281.	subcommittee: evans, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 281.	no action
SF 265	Starting July 1, 2025, prohibits school districts and accredited nonpublic schools from using state funds for dues or membership fees to athletic organizations unless those organizations create a conference realignment committee. This committee is required to evaluate and approve requests for changing conference affiliations based on various factors, including school enrollment and travel distances. The bill also prohibits schools from competing in the same activity for two years if they withdraw from a conference without approval.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 446. s.j. 369.	
SF 273	Changes the current definition of 'grooming behavior' as it pertains to licensed school employees. The bill replaces the existing definition, which focuses on actions to entice or entrap students for sexual acts, with a new definition that highlights the process of building trust and emotional connections with the intent to exploit students.	For	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	no action
SF 274	Requires public schools to accept cash as a form of payment for entry into any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions. Also requires sponsoring organizations to accept cash as a condition of their registration with the DE.	Against	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	no action
SF 275	Requires the DE director to create and manage a Purple Star School Initiative to recognize schools that demonstrate a commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families.	For	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 256.	message from senate. h.j. 437.	

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SF 277	Corrections for Chronic Absenteeism: Mandates the development of a model policy for county attorneys to reference when enforcing truancy laws. New exceptions for absences are introduced, including military processing, military service, and funerals and weddings and must consider reasonable travel time. The bill also modifies notification requirements for chronic absenteeism, allowing for various methods of communication (strikes mandate to send by certified letter.)	For	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 257.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 257.	no action
SF 278	Requires DE to offer technical assistance to school districts for establishing career and technical student organizations focused on robotics. Allows high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests related to robotics. This bill aligns with federal educational standards and aims to foster interest and participation in robotics among students.	For	read first time, passed on file. h.j. 378.	read first time, passed on file. h.j. 378.	no action
SF 280	Allows school districts to adopt policies for awarding academic credit for religious courses provided by private organizations, provided they meet specific criteria. Prohibits schools from considering the religious content or denominational affiliation of the courses when determining their educational value. Requires schools to receive attendance information from private organizations to monitor attendance. Establishes guidelines for absences related to these courses, ensuring they do not count against a student's chronic absenteeism status. 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	subcommittee: green, pike, and trone garriott.	subcommittee meeting: 02/27/2025 8:00am room 217 conference room.	
SF 283	Creates a scholarship program to support individuals with disabilities who are at least 18 years old and enrolled in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs approved by the U.S. DOE. Provides 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. The college student aid commission, in consultation with the division of vocational rehabilitation services, will develop evaluation criteria and administer the program. A dedicated fund will be established to manage the appropriated moneys for this purpose.	For	subcommittee: green, sires, and winckler. s.j. 302.	subcommittee: green, sires, and winckler. s.j. 302.	no action
SF 286	Establishes the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive scholar program to provide tuition reimbursement for teachers pursuing an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement. Eligible teachers must be employed by various schools or AEAs in Iowa and can receive reimbursement for up to two years. The bill also creates a dedicated fund for this program, requiring that unspent funds from national board certification awards be redirected to support the new initiative.	For	subcommittee: green, koelker, and winckler. s.j. 302.	subcommittee: green, koelker, and winckler. s.j. 302.	no action
SF 29	Cargas the homestead tax exemption for owners attaining the age of 65 years and meeting certain income requirements from a \$6,500 exemption to a credit of at least \$6,500 on the actual taxes payable on an eligible homestead. Also increases the property tax exemption amount for honorably discharged veterans to an amount that is equal to the lesser of the actual value of the property and an exemption amount that is equivalent to a \$4,000 credit on the actual taxes payable on a property owned by an eligible veteran. Both changes are effective immediately and retroactively apply to assessment years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025.	Undecided	subcommittee: rowley, dawson, and quirmbach.	subcommittee: rowley, dawson, and quirmbach.	no action
SF 321	Prohibits school districts, charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools from using state-originating funds to pay dues to organizations that fail to classify schools according to their enrollment beginning Jan. 1, 2027. Nonpublic schools that accept education savings accounts will have their enrollment adjusted by a factor of 1.5, but cannot be classified more than one level higher than their original classification. The bill aims to ensure fair competition among schools in extracurricular activities by standardizing classification methods. It also allows for a transitional period where organizations can begin using the new classification methodology starting July 1, 2025.	Undecided	subcommittee: shipley, pike, and zimmer. s.j. 314.	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 1:00pm room 217 conference room.	
SF 332	Changes limitations on the transportation of students who utilize open enrollment options. Removes the two-mile restriction for school vehicles in districts with fewer than 2,000 students, allowing them to transport students from their residence to the receiving district's school without mileage limitations. For districts with 2,000 or more students, the bill also eliminates the two-mile requirement, enabling transportation regardless of distance, provided certain conditions are met.	Against	subcommittee: evans, kraayenbrink, and zimmer. s.j. 314.	subcommittee: evans, kraayenbrink, and zimmer. s.j. 314.	no action

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SF 335	Changes provisions related to trainings and curricula provided by school districts and prohibited sexual orientation and gender identity instruction, and implementing prohibitions related to the diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts of institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of regents, community colleges, and public schools. Current law requires the superintendent of each school district to ensure that any curriculum or mandatory staff or student training provided by an employee of the school district or by a contractor hired by the school district does not teach, advocate, encourage, promote, or act upon specific stereotyping and scapegoating toward others on the basis of demographic group membership or identity. Current law also prohibits school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools from providing any program, curriculum, test, survey, questionnaire, promotion, or instruction relating to gender identity or sexual orientation to students in K-6. The bill sets up a detailed process for parents or citizens to file civil complaints, through the DE, the AG or the courts, with various penalties and consequences based on whether it was a knowing violation. In some instances, requires the BOEE to revoke the teachers or administrator's license. Requires districts to pay a fine of \$50,000 to the state general fund if found in violation.	Against	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 10:30am senate lounge.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SF 34	Mandates districts to require physically able students in K-5 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, if a student is absent from school, or if the students has been suspended.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
SF 344	Requires school boards to allow community organizations reasonable access to school facilities for the purpose of distributing instructional materials. Specifies such access must not interfere with classroom instructional time and should be accommodated during after-school events when possible. Mandates that the school boards establish terms and conditions to protect students, employees, and school property. The definition of 'community organization' is aligned with federal law regarding patriotic and national organizations.	Undecided	subcommittee: evans, kraayenbrink, and winckler. s.j. 315.	subcommittee: evans, kraayenbrink, and winckler. s.j. 315.	No action
SF 364	Changes the statute of limitations for civil actions related to sexual abuse and exploitation of minors. It establishes a ten-year period for victims to file claims from the time of discovery of the injury or from the attainment of majority, whichever is later. Revives previously barred claims, allowing actions to be commenced within three years after the bill's effective date. Requires the coots to prioritize certain cases in trial order, particularly those revived under the new provisions.	Undecided	subcommittee: westrich, taylor, and weiner. s.j. 328.	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 2:30pm room 217 conference room.	
SF 366	Requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to immediately place employees on administrative leave if they have a pending case before the BOEE regarding child abuse with probable cause, or if they were found negligent in a criminal or civil action while employed. The employee must remain on leave until the investigation or case is resolved.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education.	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 4:00pm room 315.	
SF 368	Requires each school district and accredited nonpublic school to have at least one trained employee to assist with the administration of seizure medications and vagus nerve stimulation by July 1, 2025. By December 31, 2026, all school personnel must receive training on recognizing seizures and providing first aid. The bill outlines the development of individual health plans and seizure action plans for students with known seizure disorders, ensuring that schools maintain necessary documentation and collaborate with parents and healthcare professionals. Provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith to assist students with seizure needs. Also requires the DE to convene a health-care related training for school personnel workgroup. Specifies the members and duties of the work group. Requires the group to consider all of the mandatory trainings, determine which can be done online, create a 5-year rotating cycle and determine an ongoing process for updating future training needs. Requires the DE to report on the workgroup findings by Dec. 1, 2025.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	No action

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SF 369	Requires the DE to develop and distribute to school districts and accredited nonpublic schools a multiple choice test used by INS for citizenship. DE is required to update the test every 5 years. School districts are required to provide the test to student in grades 9-12. Students are required to score at least 60% on the test as a condition of graduation. Student may retake the test as many times as necessary. Allows districts to make accommodations for students with an IEP or 504 plan and students served in English-learner programs. Requires districts to report scores annually to DE. Requires the State BOE to adopt rules. Requires individuals earning a GED to also score at least 60% on the test.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	No action
SF 370	devices during instructional hours starting July 1, 2025. The bill mandates the development of model policies by the DE that school boards may use to comply. Requires instruction on the effects of social media to be included in the health curriculum for students in grades six through eight. Requires DE and DHHS to provide professional development to teachers regarding this instruction. Requires school districts to update emergency plans.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	No action
SF 386	Extends the deadline for filing complaints with the Iowa Public Information Board from 60 days to 90 days, allowing individuals more time to report alleged violations of open meetings and public records laws (Chapters 21 and 22).	Undecided	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 332.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 332.	No action
SF 388	Updates public notice requirements for governmental meetings by mandating that notices include specific details such as the time, date, and place of the meeting, as well as the tentative agenda. Requires notices to be posted in a prominent and accessible 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. Requires notice for canceled meetings.	Undecided	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	No action
SF 389	Mandates that lawful custodians promptly acknowledge requests for public records and provide contact information for their authorized designees. Requires records 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 communicated to requesters.	Undecided	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	No action
SF 410	Requires school 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. Prohibits the requirement for individuals to be placed on the meeting agenda prior to speaking.	Undecided	introduced, referred to education. s.j. 324.	subcommittee meeting: 03/03/2025 4:00pm room 217 conference room.	
SF 442	for school districts to meet teacher salary minimums based on BEDS staffing data submitted related to their prior year's pay and experience. It removes the tiered system for calculating teacher salary supplements and instead mandates a direct calculation to meet minimum salary requirements and allows for districts to correct errors impacting their FY 2025 TSS distributions. Also revises teacher preparation requirements, allowing for more flexibility in pre-student teaching experiences. It also creates a risk pool to compensate districts for out-of-state placement of students requiring special education, requiring agreements between the out-of-state providers and school districts. Sets a \$50,000 minimum salary for full-time teachers reemployed after retirement.	For	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 368.	
SF 444	Provides for a reduced uniform levy as an incentive for reorganizations on or before July 1, 2030. School districts that execute a WGS agreement and adopt a resolution to study the effect of undergoing a reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or before July 1, 2030, receive a weighting of one-tenth of the percentage of a student's school day during which the student attends classes in another district, is taught by a teacher jointly employed, or attends classes taught by a teacher employed by another district. This supplementary weighting is available for not more than three years. However, a school district that reorganizes before July 1, 2030, is eligible, for up to three years following reorganization, to continue to receive supplementary weighting in an amount that is equal to the funding that the district received in the year preceding the effective date of its reorganization.	For	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	

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SF 445	Creates a process for new providers of four-year-old PK, termed a community-based provider, to directly participate in the statewide preschool program without school district oversight or partnership. Requires licensed teachers to provide the PK program. Enables these providers to receive state preschool foundation aid directly. Provides funding for these community-based provider programs in the initial year of a program based on the number of students served (school district PK budgets are based on the prior year PK count and there is no funding for expansion). The bill transfers responsibilities from the child development coordinating council to the DE, requiring DE oversight and accountability for at-risk early childhood programs. Requires the DE to evaluate PK programs including curriculum and instruction, and to establish an accountability system. Establishes a pilot program for child care continuum partnership grants operated by the DHHS.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	
SF 446	Starting July 1, 2025, prohibits school districts and accredited nonpublic schools from using state funds for dues or membership fees to athletic organizations unless those organizations create a conference realignment committee. This committee is required to evaluate and approve requests for changing conference affiliations based on various factors, including school enrollment and travel distances. The bill also prohibits schools from competing in the same activity for two years if they withdraw from a conference without approval.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	
SF 448	course unless specifically required by the school district employing them. If a district does require the course, drivers must complete it within the first six months of employment and every 24 months thereafter. Additionally, if a driver's authorization is revoked due to failure to complete the required course, they may regain authorization if employed by a district that does not require such training, provided they meet other eligibility criteria.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 372.	
SF 450	resources to support mathematics learning at home and requires schools to assess students' mathematics proficiency three times a year. Requires schools to create individual math plans for students nonproficient on at least two of those three screeners. Requires progress monitoring every 2 weeks and defines prescriptive interventions for K-6 students until the student is proficient. Requires the DE to provide professional development to improve math instruction for schools with student proficiency needs. (the Civics test requirement was amended out of the bill in the Senate Education Committee.)	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 370.	
SF 458	Removes the requirement that financial institutions in which public funds are deposited demonstrate a commitment to serving local community needs, currently mandated under Code section 12C.6A. 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.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 385.	
SF 472	Changes the process of conducting retention and recertification elections for public employee bargaining units. Mandates that the employment appeal board issue a written notice of intent to conduct an election, requiring public employers to submit a list of employees within ten days. It also establishes timelines for elections based on the expiration dates of collective bargaining agreements. Provides a mechanism for residents to petition the court if employers fail to submit the required employee lists.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 386.	
SF 50	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. 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.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
SF 58	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. Requires the State BOE to adopt rules to implement these provisions. The act takes effect immediately upon enactment.	Undecided	subcommittee: rozenboom, evans, and winckler. s.j. 151.	subcommittee: rozenboom, evans, and winckler. s.j. 151.	No action

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SF 6	Requires schools, child care centers, and institutions of higher education to provide immunization information, including exemptions, in their communications to parents, guardians, and students. Requires this information to be posted 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
SF 60	Establishes a minimum foundation aid to school districts 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
SF 61	Requires DE to offer technical assistance to school districts for establishing career and technical student organizations focused on robotics. Allows high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests related to robotics. This bill aligns with federal educational standards and aims to foster interest and participation in robotics among students.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 278. s.j. 257.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 278. s.j. 257.	No action
SF 64	Changes the eligibility criteria for budget adjustments for school districts in Iowa that have been affected by natural disasters. It allows affected 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.	For	referred to ways and means. s.j. 319.	fiscal note.	
SF 72	Creates the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive scholar program, administered by the college student aid commission to reimburse teachers for tuition costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement. Eligible teachers must work in Iowa schools or AEAs 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.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 286. s.j. 258.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 286. s.j. 258.	
SF 78	Adds specific references to skilled trades such as welding, carpentry, and plumbing in educational curricula across school districts and related to department of workforce development internship programs, the Iowa summer youth corps program, college student aid commission (CSAC) programs, the senior year plus program, the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM collaborative initiative) within the innovation division of the DE, and curricula provided in school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools. It specifically adds these requirements within internships to grow the teacher future workforce. 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
SF 8	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.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report, recommending passage. s.j. 383.	No action
SF 80	Requires the lead special education teacher of a student's IEP be 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.	
SF 82	revenue from the SAVE fund, for bonds issued after July 1, 2019, if the bond amount is \$5 million or more, or if a petition is received, the question of issuance must be submitted to voters. Requires a 60% super-majority approval from voters for the bond to be issued.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action
SF 86	Requires school district boards to develop and implement a process for appointing student liaisons. Requires the student liaison to participate in regular board meetings in a nonvoting capacity and will have access to nonconfidential materials. Prohibits the student from participating in special meetings or discussions related to disciplinary matters. Mandates the DE develop a model application and selection process for the position.	Against	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and staed. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: rozenboom, kraayenbrink, and staed. s.j. 152.	No action

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SF 88	Requires public school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to grant at least one excused absence per school year to students in grades 9 through 12 for participation in civic or political events. Students must notify school administrators in advance and demonstrate their understanding of the event through an essay or presentation. The bill defines civic or political events to include voting, serving as a poll worker, attending political forums, and more. Excuses these absences from determining chronic absenteeism triggers for intervention and notification.	Undecided	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	subcommittee: rozenboom, donahue, and kraayenbrink. s.j. 152.	No action
SF 89	Requires the statewide interoperable communications system (SICS) board to process all applications for access to the SICS without delegating the approval to any other committee, subcommittee, or third party. Prohibits that the approval from being delayed and requires a submitted application be forwarded to the board for approval at the board's next meeting. Requires the board to provide voice and data access to any public entity or public service organization qualified to be an SICS user, or any public service organization sponsored by the head of a public entity. No public service organization shall be required to have a contract or agreement with a public entity or other governmental organization in order to qualify for SICS access. Provides that all associated equipment and programming costs, including encryption equipment, is the sole responsibility of the public service organization to purchase, program, and maintain. Requires the state to provide the system access setup, training, support, and electronic codes or keys to public service organizations at no cost. Allows appeals of the board decision to deny or remove current access to an administrative law judge of the DPS. Is effective upon enactment.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	No action
SF 91	Specifies that actual 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
SSB 1013	Requires that candidates for city and school district elections be nominated through primary elections, moving away from nonpartisan elections. Outlines the procedures for filing nomination papers, the number of signatures required for candidacy, and the timeline for conducting these elections. Specifies that the costs of conducting these primary elections will be borne by the respective city councils and school boards. Effective for elections held on or after January 1, 2027.	Against	subcommittee meeting: 01/23/2025 12:00pm senate lounge (cancelled).	subcommittee meeting: 01/23/2025 12:00pm senate lounge (cancelled).	No action
SSB 1022	Requires, beginning July 1, 2025, shared operational functions involving master social workers, independent social workers, mental health professionals, and school resource officers will generate weighting not included in the cap of 21-student weighting. (College and career coordinators are already exempt from the cap, so this would bring the total number of exempt positions to four.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 168.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 168.	No action
SSB 1023	Requires that pupils who open enroll for online education may only participate in occurricular or extracurricular activities in their district of residence if the district offering the online program does not offer those activities.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	No action
SSB 1025	Allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to conduct state assessments in an online format that mirrors the students' regular academic environment. Key conditions include scheduled assessment times, synchronous sessions managed by school personnel, and monitoring by assessment proctors via video feed. Requires a student-to-proctor ratio not in excess of 10 to 1 and requires verification of assessment submission by school employees.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 211.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 211.	No action
SSB 1026	Requires that teacher members of teacher quality committees be appointed by the school district's or AEA's administration, rather than by a certified employee organization. Would still require equal representation of administrators and teachers on the committee and allows an existing committee with significant stakeholder involvement assume the responsibilities of the teacher quality committee.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action

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SSB 1027	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 at a public hearing are required before any program adoption.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 206.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 206.	No action
SSB 1028	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.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	No action
SSB 1030	Requires all students in grades 9 through 12 in Iowa to pass a civics assessment as a condition for high school graduation starting from the 2026 school year. The assessment will consist of multiple-choice questions from the U.S. citizenship and immigration services civics test, with a passing score set at 60%. Students who do not pass will have the opportunity to retake the assessment multiple times without any associated fees. Also requires individuals seeking a high school equivalency diploma to pass this civics examination. The state board of education must adopt rules to implement these requirements.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 369.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 369.	No action
SSB 1036	Revises school start date requirements. Specifies 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.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 205.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 205.	No action
SSB 1053	Sets the state percent of growth and categorical state percent of growth at 2 percent for the budget year starting July 1, 2025. Continues property tax replacement payments.	Against	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 167.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 167.	No action
SSB 1056	Impacts IPERS investment processes. Requires a fiduciary to vote all shares of a pension benefit plan established, maintained, or offered by a public entity solely in the best economic interest of the plan participants and beneficiaries. The bill creates the rebuttable presumption that, if a fiduciary's vote aligns with the recommendation of the board of directors of the issuer of the shares or if the fiduciary or a third party conducts and documents an economic analysis showing that the vote is in the best economic interest of the plan participants and beneficiaries, the vote is in the best interest of the plan participants and beneficiaries. The bill prohibits a fiduciary from voting shares of a plan based on any environmental, social, policy, governance, or ideological goal that is not in the best economic interest of plan participants and beneficiaries.	Against	subcommittee meeting: 02/25/2025 12:30pm room 217 conference room.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	
SSB 1065	Require school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to adopt policies limiting student use of personal electronic devices during instructional hours, effective July 1, 2025. Mandates the inclusion of instruction related to the effects of social media in the health curriculum for students in grades six through eight. Outlines specific requirements for these policies, including communication methods for parents and protocols for device storage. Additionally, it emphasizes the need for professional development support for teachers to effectively deliver this instruction. Requires school board update emergency plans accordingly.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	committee report approving bill, renumbered as [].	No action
SSB 1066	Changes the definition of "grooming behavior" as it pertains to licensed school employees. Replaces the existing definition, which focuses on actions to entice or entrap students for sexual acts, with a new definition that highlights the process of building trust and emotional connections with the intent to exploit students.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 273.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 273.	No action
SSB 1067	Requires the DE director to create and manage a Purple Star School Initiative to recognize schools that demonstrate a commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 275.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 275.	No action
SSB 1075	Requires Community Colleges annually submit financial and educational outcome data, which will be included in a comprehensive report to the General Assembly. Additionally. Authorizes funds allocated to national board certification program for teachers be used to provide financial support for those who achieve certification and stipends for advanced dyslexia specialists. 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, now under the control of DE.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	subcommittee recommends passage.	No action

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SSB 1076	for a reduced uniform levy as an incentive for school districts that reorganize on or before July 1, 2030. School districts that execute a WGS agreement and adopt a resolution to study the effect of undergoing a reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or before July 1, 2030, receive a weighting of one-tenth of the percentage of a student's school day during which the student attends classes in another district, is taught by a teacher jointly employed, or attends classes taught by a teacher employed by another district. This supplementary weighting is available for not more than three years. However, a school district that reorganizes before July 1, 2030, is eligible, for up to three years following reorganization, to continue to receive supplementary weighting in an amount that is equal to the funding that the district received in the year preceding the effective date of its reorganization. The bill does not affect the combined maximum total six-year limitation on a school district's eligibility for supplementary weighting.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 444.	
SSB 1077	military service members, and for funerals or weddings. Requires board policies consider reasonable travel time. Mandates the development of a model policy for county attorneys to reference when enforcing truancy laws. Changes the notification process for chronic absenteeism, allowing for various methods of communication rather than solely certified mail. It also stipulates that school officials must only initiate engagement meetings if absences are negatively impacting a child's academic progress.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 277.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 277.	No action
SSB 1085	Extends the deadline for filing complaints with the Iowa Public Information Board from 60 days to 90 days, allowing individuals more time to report alleged violations of open meetings and public records laws (Chapters 21 and 22).	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 386.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 386.	No action
SSB 1086	Mandates that lawful custodians promptly acknowledge requests for public records and provide contact information for their authorized designees. Requires records 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 communicated to requesters.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 389.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 389.	No action
SSB 1092	Governor's mathematics and civics initiative. Requires DE to develop of family-centered resources to support mathematics learning at home and requires schools to assess students' mathematics proficiency three times a year. Requires schools to create individual math plans for students nonproficient on at least two of those three screeners. Requires progress monitoring every 2 weeks and defines prescriptive interventions for K-6 students until the student is proficient. Requires the DE to provide professional development to improve math instruction for schools with student proficiency needs. Also establishes a civics test as a graduation requirement for high school students, requiring 60% for a passing score.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 450.	
SSB 1099	Allows school districts and nonpublic schools to create multidisciplinary threat assessment teams. Tasks these teams 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 recommends amendment and passage.	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	No action
SSB 1100	The bill aims to enhance teacher compensation by establishing minimum salary requirements for teachers based on their experience, with specific provisions for those returning from retirement. It also revises the calculation of teacher salary supplements to ensure compliance with these new salary standards. Additionally, the legislation updates teacher preparation requirements, allowing for more flexible pre-student teaching field experiences. Furthermore, it addresses the out-of-state placement of students requiring special education, outlining the financial responsibilities of school districts. Overall, the bill seeks to improve educational standards and support for both teachers and students in Iowa.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 442.	

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SSB 1135	Creates a process for new providers of four-year-old PK, termed a community-based provider, to directly participate in the statewide preschool program without school district oversight or partnership. Enables these providers to receive state preschool foundation aid directly. Provides funding for these community-based provider programs in the initial year of a program based on the number of students served (school district PK budgets are based on the prior year PK count and there is no funding for expansion). The bill transfers responsibilities from the child development coordinating council to the DE, requiring DE oversight and accountability for at-risk early childhood programs. Requires the DE to evaluate PK programs including curriculum and instruction, and to establish an accountability system. Establishes a pilot program for child care continuum partnership grants operated by the DHHS.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 445.	
SSB 1158	Mandates the inclusion of nutrition-related instruction specifically around animal based proteins and fats, dairy products, vegetables and fruit across all grade levels, to emphasize the importance these in a balanced diet. Requires school districts include content related to agriculture, food production, and sustainable practices in career and technical education programs for high school students. Requires adoption of state-specific nutritional guidelines that reflect local dietary needs and cultural preferences (including animal based proteins and fats and exemption from sodium limitations), pending a waiver from federal requirements.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 12:30pm room 217 conference room.	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 12:30pm room 217 conference room.	No action
SSB 1161	course unless specifically required by the school district employing them. If a district does require the course, drivers must complete it within the first six months of employment and every 24 months thereafter. Additionally, if a driver's authorization is revoked due to failure to complete the required course, they may regain authorization if employed by a district that does not require such training, provided they meet other eligibility criteria.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 448.	
SSB 1164	permitting coursework in applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing to count as computer science. The bill aims to enhance the relevance of computer science education by integrating it with practical applications in technology and engineering fields. It mandates the state BOE establish rules to implement these changes, ensuring that the new curriculum aligns with established educational standards.	For	subcommittee meeting: 02/24/2025 12:30pm room 217 conference room.	subcommittee recommends passage.	
SSB 1172	Changes the process of conducting retention and recertification elections for public employee bargaining units. Mandates that the employment appeal board issue a written notice of intent to conduct an election, requiring public employers to submit a list of employees within ten days. It also establishes timelines for elections based on the expiration dates of collective bargaining agreements. Provides a mechanism for residents to petition the court if employers fail to submit the required employee lists.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 02/24/2025 2:30pm room 217 conference room.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 472.	