
RSAI Legislative Update: Governor Signs Praxis and Operational Sharing Bills

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RSAI Legislative Update

Dear RSAI School Leaders:

See below for a quick legislative update:

[HF 2081 Praxis](#): the bill eliminates the requirement for a student to pass an assessment such as Praxis in order to enter an education program of study or in order to get an Iowa teaching license. The bill also directs the regent universities to contact alumni who have obtained an education degree but did not pass the Praxis test, preventing them from obtaining a teaching license, to inform them of this change, as they would now be eligible for a teachers' license. RSAI supported this bill, which was passed unanimously by the House and Senate. The Governor signed it on June 13 and it is effective as of June 13.

[HF 2080 Operational Sharing](#): the bill accomplishes three actions:

1. **Increases the weighting for a shared school superintendent** to 9 students (the current weighting is 8 students).
2. **Adds a school resource officer position**, which generates a weighting of 3 students (see below how another Code section lowers the weighting of all positions by one student, so the weighting will generate the equivalent of 2 students for an SRO shared at least 20% of the FTE with another district or another entity of government. Please note: the reduction of weightings for all positions but the superintendent position is still in place and unchanged by this legislation.)
3. **Allows a school employee to generate weighting for sharing different positions** (could be the SBO in one district and the HR director in another, for example).

This bill is effective immediately as it was signed by the Governor on June 13. RSAI supported this bill, which was approved in the Senate unanimously and in the House 87:1.

Other Operational Sharing actions pending:

[HF 2589](#) Standings Appropriations Bill, which has not yet been signed by the Governor, adds another position, **a college and career transition counselor or coordinator**, for a weighting of 3 students (lowered to 2 students).

Here's the language from Iowa Code 257.11 subsection 5(b) which reads:

~~the content and skills that are necessary for future careers.~~

b. (1) Notwithstanding paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), each operational function assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils under paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), shall instead be assigned a supplementary weighting of four pupils for the school budget years beginning July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), each operational function assigned a supplementary weighting of three pupils under paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), shall instead be assigned a supplementary weighting of two pupils for the school budget years beginning July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

[HF 2589](#) Open Enrollment also includes the legislation to eliminate the open enrollment deadline, which is not yet signed by the Governor. The Governor has 24 days to complete her action on any legislation sent to her in the final days of the session.

We will keep you posted as the Governor signs additional bills over the next two weeks.

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