

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF1	House File 1 mandates that school districts permit students residing in their district and enrolled in nonpublic schools to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests that are not offered by their nonpublic school. 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 This Week	see successor HF 189
HF101	House File 101 introduces a new regulation regarding the issuance of bonds for public projects in Iowa. For any project where a proposition to issue bonds is approved in an election after July 1, 2025, the total amount of bonds issued cannot exceed 80% of the project's total cost. The remaining 20% must be funded through other sources.	Against	subcommittee: meggers, wichtendahl and wills, j. h.j. 123.	subcommittee: meggers, wichtendahl and wills, j. h.j. 123.	No Action This Week	
HF102	Requires each school district and accredited nonpublic school to have at least one trained employee to assist with the administration of seizure medications and vagus nerve stimulation by July 1, 2025. By December 31, 2026, all school personnel must receive training on recognizing seizures and providing first aid. The bill outlines the development of individual health plans and seizure action plans for students with known seizure disorders, ensuring that schools maintain necessary documentation and collaborate with parents and healthcare professionals. Provides liability protections for school personnel acting in good faith to assist students with seizure needs.	Against	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 835.		see successor HF 835, see SF 111
HF114	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 This Week	see successor HF 522
HF122	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 This Week	see successor HF 515, same subject as SSB 1022

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF133	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 This Week	see successor HF 517
HF136	Amends the Iowa school performance profiles by stipulating that if a student returns to school after dropping out and subsequently drops out again, this second dropout will not negatively affect the school's performance grade.	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 393.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 393.	No Action This Week	see successor HF 393
HF149	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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 865.		see successor HF 865
HF163	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 This Week	successor to HSB 47, see SSB 1099
HF165	Requires students in grades 9 through 12 to pass a civics assessment based on the U.S. citizenship and immigration services naturalization civics test. Students must correctly answer at least 60% of the questions to pass, with unlimited retakes allowed for those who do not meet this threshold. The bill 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 This Week	successor to HSB 30

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF166	Requires public schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools in Iowa to display the national motto of the United States and the state motto of Iowa prominently within school facilities. Also mandates that 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.	amendment h-1036 filed. h.j. 557.		successor to HSB 32
HF167	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.	amendment h-1039 filed. h.j. 569.		successor to HSB 46, sim to SF 273
HF186	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 This Week	see successor JF 389, sim to SF 221
HF189	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-1038 filed. h.j. 557.		successor to HF 1
HF190	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 This Week	successor to HSB 33

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF212	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 This Week	successor to HSB 5
HF220	Requires school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to permit students enrolled in grade eight to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests provided for students in grades nine through twelve. 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 This Week	see successor HF 513
HF236	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 This Week	see successor HF 520
HF259	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.	read first time, attached to sf 388. s.j. 414.		attached to SF 388
HF27	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 This Week	
HF271	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 This Week	successor to HF 97, sim to SF 283

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF272	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 This Week	successor to HF 96, see SF 286
HF274	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 This Week	see successor HF 521, see SF 235
HF284	The bill modifies the definition of "eligible public library" for purposes of the enrich Iowa program to provide that such library must also not be a dues-paying member of a nonprofit organization that operates nationwide, promotes federal and state legislation related to libraries, and engages in advocacy efforts at the federal and state level, or a dues-paying member of a nonprofit organization that operates primarily within this state, promotes federal and state legislation related to libraries within this state, and engages in advocacy efforts at the federal, state, or local level. The Enrich Iowa Program provides grant funding support for public libraries operated by cities.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 880.		see successor HF 880, see SF 238
HF299	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.	read first time, attached to sf 6. s.j. 457.		successor to HF 34, see SF 6
HF315	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	fiscal note.	fiscal note.	No Action This Week	successor to HF 60, see SF 64
HF316	Requires the DE to develop a list of industry-recognized credentials that high school 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.	read first time, referred to education. s.j. 458.		successor to HSB 44

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF33	Creates an agriculture education grant program within the DE aimed at expanding 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 This Week	see successor HF 369
HF331	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	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 465.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 783.		see successor HF 783, see SF 265
HF334	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 recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 884.		see successor HF 884
HF34	Requires about immunization exemptions and the requirements for obtaining them be included in public communications following immunization recommendations. Schools, child care centers, and institutions of higher education must provide this information in their communications to parents, guardians, and students. 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.	No Action This Week	see successor HF 299, see SF 6
HF36	House File 36 modifies the standards for judicial review of agency actions under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act. It requires courts to interpret state statutes and agency rules de novo, without deferring to agency interpretations. The bill also mandates that courts exercise any remaining doubt in favor of interpretations that limit agency authority.	Undecided	committee vote: yeas, 15. nays, 6. h.j. 174.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 853.		see successor HF 853
HF369	Creates an agriculture education grant program within the DE aimed at expanding 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.	No Action This Week	successor to HF 33

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF382	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.	No Action This Week	successor to HSB 8
HF389	Expands the definition of 'a person responsible for the care of a child' to include school employees, mandating that any allegations of child abuse against them be reported to 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.	No Action This Week	successor to HF 186
HF390	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.	No Action This Week	successor to HSB 7
HF391	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.	No Action This Week	attached to SF 175
HF392	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	read first time, referred to education. s.j. 338.	read first time, referred to education. s.j. 338.	No Action This Week	successor to HF 120
HF393	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.	No Action This Week	successor to HF 136

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF395	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.	No Action This Week	successor to HSB 107
HF400	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 This Week	successor to HSB 76
HF416	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 IPIB to ensure such training is available and must include at least one no-cost option.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 706.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 706.	No Action This Week	see successor HF 706
HF417	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 This Week	
HF441	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 This Week	successor to HSB 18

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF448	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 recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 845.		see successor HF 845, see SF 138
HF461	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.	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 528.		
HF471	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 This Week	successor to HSB 86
HF513	Requires school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to permit students enrolled in grade eight to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests provided for students in grades nine through twelve. 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 This Week	successor to HF 220
HF515	Increases the supplementary weighting associated with a shared school resource officer from two pupils to four pupils for school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.	For	fiscal note.	fiscal note.	No Action This Week	successor to HF 122

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF517	Creates a vacant school building demolition grant fund to support demolition of 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 This Week	successor to HF 133
HF520	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 This Week	successor to HF 236, see HF 734
HF521	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 This Week	
HF522	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 This Week	successor to HF 114
HF543	Requires school districts to provide period products at school. Includes an appropriation annually through the year ending June 30, 2028 to reimburse school districts for the cost of compliance.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 03/03/2025 11:30am rm 19.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 883.		see successor HF 883, see HF 333

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF579	<p>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.</p>	For	fiscal note.	amendment h-1042 filed. h.j. 591.		successor to HSB 157
HF60	<p>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.</p>	For	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 315.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 315.	No Action This Week	see successor HF 315, see SF 64
HF603	<p>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</p>	For	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 438.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 438.	No Action This Week	

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF623	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. 454.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 454.	No Action This Week	successor to HSB 145
HF68	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	subcommittee meeting: 03/05/2025 12:00pm rm 304.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 900.		see successor HF 900
HF69	Allows school boards to authorize the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer during social events or other non-school-related functions, provided that the premises hold a five-day retail alcohol license. The bill maintains restrictions on consumption during school-related functions and establishes penalties for violations. The legislation is effective immediately upon enactment.	Undecided	committee vote: yeas, 22. nays, 1. h.j. 311.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 769.		see successor HF 769
HF694	Requires public entities to raise or display only the flags specified in the bill on and in a public buildings, grounds or vehicles. Provides certain exceptions for schools including instructional purposes during the period of instruction. Sets civil penalties of \$10,000 for each day of violation if not cured within 3 days of notice from the Attorney General. Requires proceeds from civil penalties be deposited in the veterans' trust fund. Allows the state to withhold funds from a public school, university, or local government that repeatedly violates provisions or fails to comply after notice.	Undecided	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 480.	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 480.	No Action This Week	
HF706	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 IPiB to ensure such training is available and must include at least one no-cost option.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 482.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 482.	No Action This Week	successor to HF 416

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF721	<p>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.</p>	Undecided	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 03/04.	introduced, referred to ways and means. h.j. 490.		
HF756	<p>Makes changes to the Iowa Technology Reinvestment Fund, including criteria to be considered for DOM to recommend projects to the Governor. Also makes all communication concerning cybersecurity between the chief information security officer and other entities confidential and allows the communications to be released only for specific purposes.</p>	Undecided	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 514.		successor to HSB 72
HF768	<p>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 IPiB to ensure such training is available and must include at least one no-cost option.</p>	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 516.		successor to HSB 77
HF769	<p>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.</p>	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 516.		successor to HF 69
HF771	<p>Requires the DE to develop and administer a Purple Star Initiative.</p>	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 516.		attached to SF 275

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF782	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. (The bill was amended in Committee to remove provisions requiring health classes in middle school to teach about social media impact on students and the associated PD provided by DE.)	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 518.		successor to HSB 106
HF783	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. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 518.		successor to HF 331, see SF 446
HF784	Governor's mathematics 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. (the Civics test requirement was amended out of the bill in Committee.)	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 518.		successor to HSB 137, sim to SF 450
HF785	Changes to the governance of charter schools in Iowa by allowing up to one board member as a nonresident of Iowa. 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, allows students to access the program through their school district of residence.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 519.		successor to HSB 105
HF787	Governor's TSS and other education policies: Requires DOM to calculate funds 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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 519.		successor to HSB 147

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF789	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 519.		successor to HSB 108
HF791	Requires the DE director to develop and distribute to all school districts an age-appropriate model program for firearm instruction for K-12 students by July 1, 2026. Bases the K-6 model program on the Eddie Eagle Gun Safe program, and the model program for 7-12 students on the hunter education course developed by the NRA. Beginning July 1, 2026, the bill requires school districts to offer or make available an approved firearm safety instruction course to all students enrolled in the school district in grades 7-12 and all students enrolled in grades 7-12 attending a nonpublic school in the school district. The bill provides that an instructor for an approved firearm safety instruction course is not required to be a teacher licensed by the BOEE. The bill authorizes school districts to offer firearm safety instruction courses at sites that are not located on school district property. The bill provides that an approved course offered during the summer months, on Saturdays, after regular school hours during the regular terms or partly in one term or summer vacation period and partly in the succeeding term or summer vacation period shall satisfy the bill's requirements. Specifies that the bill is not an unfunded mandate since schools get state aid.	Pending	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/05.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 520.		successor to HSB 200
HF835	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 559.		successor to HF 102
HF844	This bill repeals Code section 12C.6A, which prohibits public funds from being deposited in a financial institution that does not demonstrate a commitment to serving the needs of the local community in which the institution is chartered to do business, requires the treasurer of state to create a list of financial institutions that are eligible to accept public funds, creates requirements for such financial institutions relating to public comments and annual submissions to the treasurer of state, and establishes a process for challenging an institution's eligibility to receive public funds.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 561.		successor to HSB 252, see SF 458
HF845	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 561.		successor to HF 448, see SF 510

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF851	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 562.		successor to HSB 173, see SF 525
HF853	House File 36 modifies the standards for judicial review of agency actions under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act. It requires courts to interpret state statutes and agency rules de novo, without deferring to agency interpretations. The bill also mandates that courts exercise any remaining doubt in favor of interpretations that limit agency authority.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 562.		successor to HF 36
HF856	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 562.		successor to HSB 155
HF858	Requires that coaches complete concussion training every two years.	For	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 563.		successor to HSB 220
HF859	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 563.		successor to HSB 217

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF865	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 564.		successor to HF 149
HF870	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 564.		successor to HSB 218
HF877	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 565.		successor to HSB 247
HF88	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 approving bill, renumbered as hf 888.		see successor HF 888
HF880	The bill modifies the definition of "eligible public library" for purposes of the enrich Iowa program to provide that such library must also not be a dues-paying member of a nonprofit organization that operates nationwide, promotes federal and state legislation related to libraries, and engages in advocacy efforts at the federal and state level, or a dues-paying member of a nonprofit organization that operates primarily within this state, promotes federal and state legislation related to libraries within this state, and engages in advocacy efforts at the federal, state, or local level. The Enrich Iowa Program provides grant funding support for public libraries operated by cities.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 566.		successor to HF 284

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF883	Requires school districts to provide period products at school. Includes an appropriation annually through the year ending June 30, 2028 to reimburse school districts for the cost of compliance.	Undecided	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, referred to appropriations. h.j. 566.		successor to HF 543
HF884	Allows school board to employ chaplains without compensation or allow chaplains to volunteer. Does not requires chaplains to be licensed. The bill was amended in Committee to require background checks and termination procedures similar to other employees. Allows the board to set specific qualifications, credentialing or other requirements. Does not require the chaplains to be mandatory reporters or require training on FERPA.	Pending	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 566.		successor to HF 334
HF888	The bill introduces significant changes to the regulations surrounding private 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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 567.		successor to HF 88
HF890	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 567.		successor to HSB 43
HF896	This bill authorizes a licensee participating in open enrollment to operate a motor vehicle no more than 40 miles, rather than 25 miles, between the licensee's residence and school.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/07.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 568.		successor to HF 613

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HF898	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	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/10.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/10.	No Action This Week	
HF900	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, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/10.	introduced, placed on calendar. h.j. 03/10.	No Action This Week	
HF96	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 This Week	see successor SF 272, see SF 72
HF97	Creates a scholarship program aimed at supporting individuals with intellectual, developmental, or learning disabilities who are at least 18 years old and enrolled in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs approved by the U.S. 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 This Week	see successor HF 271, sim to SF 14
HSB105	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	committee vote: yeas, 14. nays, 9. h.j. 465.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 785.		see successor HF 785

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB106	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	committee vote: yeas, 21. nays, 2. h.j. 466.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 782.		see successor HF 782, see SSB 1065, HF 273
HSB107	Mandates that all school bus drivers must complete a DE approved course within the first six months of employment and every 24 months thereafter. 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 This Week	see successor HF 395
HSB108	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	committee vote: yeas, 14. nays, 9. h.j. 466.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 789.		see successor HF 789
HSB137	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	committee vote: yeas, 21. nays, 2. h.j. 466.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 784.		see successor HF 784, see SSB 1092
HSB138	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 This Week	see successor HF 319, see SF 167

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB145	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 623.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 623.	No Action This Week	see successor HF 623
HSB147	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	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 466.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 787.		see successor HF 787, see SSB 1100
HSB155	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	committee vote: yeas, 16. nays, 7. h.j. 467.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 856.		see successor HF 856
HSB156	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.	committee vote: yeas, 14. nays, 9. h.j. 529.		
HSB157	Gradually increases dropout prevention authority to a maximum of 5% for all districts. 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 report approving bill, renumbered as hf 579.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 579.	No Action This Week	see successor HF 579

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB173	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 recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 851.		see successor HF 851, see SSB 1158
HSB18	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 This Week	see successor HF 441
HSB2	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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 898.		see successor HF 898
HSB200	Requires DE to create and distribute age-appropriate firearm safety instruction programs by July 1, 2026. The program for younger students will be based on the Eddie Eagle Gun Safe 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	committee vote: yeas, 18. nays, 4. excused, 1. h.j. 445.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 791.		see successor HF 791
HSB217	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 recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 859.		see successor HF 859

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB218	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 recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 870.		see successor HF 870
HSB220	Requires that coaches complete concussion training every two years.	For	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 858.		see successor HF 858
HSB227	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 This Week	
HSB228	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 meeting: 03/04/2025 8:00am rm 304.	subcommittee recommends passage.		
HSB247	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	subcommittee meeting: 03/04/2025 12:00pm rm 304.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 877.		see successor HF 877

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB250	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	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee vote: yeas, 17. nays, 0. excused, 4. h.j. 553.		
HSB252	This bill repeals Code section 12C.6A, which prohibits public funds from being deposited in a financial institution that does not demonstrate a commitment to serving the needs of the local community in which the institution is chartered to do business, requires the treasurer of state to create a list of financial institutions that are eligible to accept public funds, creates requirements for such financial institutions relating to public comments and annual submissions to the treasurer of state, and establishes a process for challenging an institution's eligibility to receive public funds.	Undecided	subcommittee recommends passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 844.		see successor HF 844, see SSB 1061
HSB3	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 This Week	see successor HF 117
HSB30	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 This Week	see successor HF 165, see SSB 1030
HSB303	Creates a Foundation Property Tax Reduction Fund and requires beginning July 1, 2026, deposits of interest earnings on revenue from the state GF, the taxpayer relief fund, the economic emergency fund and the cash reserve fund. Allows for appropriations to the fund. Requires moneys appropriated from the fund be sent to school districts to offset what would otherwise be property taxes. Allows the state to use the fund balance for cash flow as long as funds are returned to the fund by the end of the fiscal year.	Undecided	by committee on ways and means	subcommittee: kaufmann, behn and jacob. h.j. 524.		

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB304	Limits property tax levy growth, has exceptions for voter approved levies, requires county auditor to reduce property taxes accordingly.	Undecided	by committee on ways and means	subcommittee: kaufmann, hermanson and jacoby. h.j. 524.		
HSB31	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 This Week	see HF 11
HSB311	Authorizes the use of revenues from the district management levy to pay costs related to school safety and security.	For	by committee on ways and means	subcommittee: vondran, gjerde and meggers. h.j. 545.		
HSB313	Property Tax Overhaul Plan: Eliminates the rollback, increases homestead exemption to \$25K, increases other exemptions, limits city and county levy growth to 2% net of new construction, lowers the school uniform levy according to assumed taxable valuation growth, buys down the school formula additional levy (estimated at \$425 million), limits the ability of school districts to levy for additional management fund if ending balances exceed certain thresholds and returns property tax education appropriations to either SAVE or the General fund, from where the appropriations occurred.	Undecided	by committee on ways and means	subcommittee: kaufmann, bloomingdale, mcburney, wilson and wulf. h.j. 545.		see SSB 1208
HSB32	Requires public schools, including charter and innovation zone schools, to display the national motto of the United States and the state motto of Iowa prominently within school facilities. 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 This Week	see successor HF 166
HSB33	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 This Week	see successor HF 190, see SSB 1025

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB34	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 This Week	see successor HF 391, see SSB 1028, sim to HF 76
HSB43	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 approving bill, renumbered as hf 890.		see successor HF 890
HSB44	Mandates the development of a list of industry-recognized credentials that high school 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 This Week	see successor HF 316
HSB45	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 approving bill, renumbered as hf 771.		see successor HF 771, see SSB 1067
HSB46	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 This Week	see successor HF 167, see SSB 1066

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB47	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 This Week	see successor HF 163
HSB5	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 This Week	see successor HF 212
HSB7	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 This Week	see successor HF 390
HSB72	Makes changes to the Iowa Technology Reinvestment Fund, including criteria to be considered for DOM to recommend projects to the Governor. Also makes all communication concerning cybersecurity between the chief information security officer and other entities confidential and allows the communications to be released only for specific purposes.	Undecided	committee vote: yeas, 23. nays, 0. h.j. 447.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as hf 756.		see successor HF 756, see SSB 1083
HSB75	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 This Week	see successor HF 259, see SSB 1087
HSB76	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 This Week	see successor HF 400, see SSB 1086

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
HSB77	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 IPiB 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 report approving bill, renumbered as hf 768.		see successor HF 768, see SSB 1085
HSB8	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 This Week	see successor HF 382
HSB86	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 This Week	see successor HF 471
SF111	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 This Week	see successor SF 368, see HF 102.
SF138	Senate File 138 directs the state board of education to establish standards for elective social studies courses that emphasize religious scriptures. School districts may offer courses on the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, or both, provided they follow guidelines ensuring religious neutrality and respect for diverse perspectives. 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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 510. s.j. 406.		see successor SF 510, see HF 448
SF14	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 283. s.j. 257.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 283. s.j. 257.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 283

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF140	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.	placed on calendar.		
SF141	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 This Week	see successor SF 274
SF16	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 This Week	see successor SF 171, sim to HF 10
SF167	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 This Week	sub for HF 319
SF168	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 This Week	successor to SSB 1022
SF171	Changes effective dates of school district reorganization or dissolution elections, retroactively applicable to January 1, 2025.	For	message from house. s.j. 335.	message from house. s.j. 335.	No Action This Week	to Governor 2/20/2025

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF172	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.	amendment s-3017 filed. s.j. 426.		
SF175	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 This Week	attached to HF 391
SF176	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 This Week	successor to SSB 1023
SF205	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 This Week	successor to SSB 1036
SF206	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 This Week	successor to SSB 1027

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF211	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 This Week	successor to SSB 1025
SF22	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 This Week	see HSB 64, HF 827
SF221	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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 517. s.j. 423.		see successor SF 517, sim to HF 186
SF237	Requires the DE, in collaboration with the DHHS, to establish a working group focused 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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 516. s.j. 422.		see successor SF 516
SF265	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 446. s.j. 369.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 446. s.j. 369.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 446

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF273	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 This Week	successor to SSB 1066, sim to HF 167
SF274	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 This Week	successor to SF 141
SF275	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	message from senate. h.j. 437.	read first time, passed on file. h.j. 522.		attached to HF 771
SF277	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.	immediate message. s.j. 448.		successor to SSB 1077
SF278	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.	message from house. s.j. 413.		to Governor 3/3/2025
SF283	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 This Week	successor to SF 14, sim to HF 271

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF286	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 AEs 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 This Week	successor to SF 72, see HF 272
SF29	Changes 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 This Week	
SF366	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	subcommittee meeting: 02/26/2025 4:00pm room 315.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 518. s.j. 423.		see successor SF 518
SF368	Requires each school district and accredited nonpublic school to have at least one trained employee to assist with the administration of seizure medications and vagus nerve stimulation by July 1, 2025. 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 This Week	successor to SF 111
SF369	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 This Week	successor to SSB 1030

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF370	<p>Requires school districts to adopt policies that limit the use of personal electronic 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar.	introduced, placed on calendar.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1065
SF386	<p>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).</p>	Undecided	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 332.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 332.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1085
SF388	<p>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.</p>	Undecided	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	attached to hf 259. s.j. 414.		attached to HF 259
SF389	<p>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.</p>	Undecided	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 333.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1086
SF418	<p>This bill relates to property taxation by modifying the methodology for determining actual value of residential property, assessment limitations of certain classes of property, and certain levy rate limitations.</p>	Undecided	signed by governor. s.j. 397.	explanation of vote. s.j. 397.		Signed by Governor 2.28.25

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF431	Limits the ability of local governments to keep retainage amounts until the final project is completed. Although it aims to assure subcontractors are paid, the requirements to pay retainage amounts sooner to general contractors does not guarantee that subcontractors are paid. Sets up a process for a claim to be made for payment, requires the general contractor to provide a surety bond at double the amount of the claim, and if the money is owed, requires the local government to pay the lesser of the surety bond or actual claim. Sets timelines and court process for determining responsibility. If the court finds for the contractor or subcontractor, eliminates judicial discretion and requires the local government to pay attorney fees.	Against	subcommittee: bousselot, knox, and webster. s.j. 367.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 574.		successor SF 574
SF442	Governor's TSS and other education policies: Requires DOM to calculate funds 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 full-time teachers reemployed after retirement.	For	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 368.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 368.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1100
SF444	Extends WGS and reorganization incentives from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2030. 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	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	fiscal note.		successor to SSB 1076
SF445	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	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1135
SF446	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	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 369.	No Action This Week	successor to SF 265, see HF 783

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF448	Specifies that school bus drivers will not be mandated to complete a DE approved 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	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 372.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 372.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1161
SF450	Governor's mathematics 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. (the Civics test requirement was amended out of the bill in the Senate Education Committee.)	Undecided	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 370.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 370.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1092, sim to HF 784
SF458	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	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 385.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 385.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1061, see HF 844
SF472	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	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 386.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 386.	No Action This Week	successor to SSB 1172
SF493	Prohibits political subdivisions from paying from funds generated due to imposition of a tax 1) employing or compensating a lobbyist or 2) pay or compensate an instrumentality that employs or compensates a lobbyist. Definitions instrumentality as an entity that does any of the following: 1) serves a government purpose or provides a government function, 2) operates on behalf of one or more political subdivisions, 3) one or more political subdivisions have the powers and interests of an owner with respect to the entity, 4) control and supervision of the entity is vested in members of one or more political subdivisions. Specifies that instrumentalities include but are not limited to the Iowa League of Cities, state association of counties and IASB on the list of such entities. Provides for penalties of violation of this statute.	Pending	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 406.		successor to SSB 1042

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF500	Establishes a school security grant program, to match funds spent by local districts for SROs or private security personnel, up to \$50,000.	For	introduced, referred to appropriations.	subcommittee: garrett, donahue, and zumbach. s.j. 434.		
SF510	Establishes requirements for school districts who choose to offer a bible studies course for a social studies credit.	Undecided	introduced, placed on calendar. s.j. 403.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 406.		successor to SF 138, see HF 845
SF516	Requires DE to establish a technology studies workgroup.	For	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 422.		successor to SF 237
SF517	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. 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. Applies to public and nonpublic schools.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 423.		successor to SF 221
SF518	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, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 423.		successor to SF 366

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF520	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	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 424.		successor to SSB 1075
SF525	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	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 422.		successor to SSB 1158, see HF 851
SF574	Limits the ability of local governments to keep retainage amounts until the final project is completed. Although it aims to assure subcontractors are paid, the requirements to pay retainage amounts sooner to general contractors does not guarantee that subcontractors are paid. Sets up a process for a claim to be made for payment, requires the general contractor to provide a surety bond at double the amount of the claim, and if the money is owed, requires the local government to pay the lesser of the surety bond or actual claim. Sets timelines and court process for determining responsibility. If the court finds for the contractor or subcontractor, eliminates judicial discretion and requires the local government to pay attorney fees.	Against	introduced, placed on calendar.	committee report, approving bill. s.j. 469.		
SF6	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.	placed on calendar.		see HF 34, HF 299
SF61	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 This Week	see successor SF 278

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SF64	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	fiscal note.	fiscal note.	No Action This Week	see HF 60, HF 315
SF72	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.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 286, see HF 96, HF 272
SF8	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	committee report, recommending passage. s.j. 383.	committee report, recommending passage. s.j. 383.	No Action This Week	see HF 80
SSB1022	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 This Week	see successor SF 168, same subject as HF 122
SSB1023	Requires that pupils who open enroll for online education may only participate in curricular 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 This Week	see successor SF 176

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SSB1025	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 This Week	see successor SF 211, see HSB 33
SSB1027	Allows school districts to implement programs aimed at recruiting new teachers and retaining current ones by using funds from the district management levy. The bill stipulates that any recruitment or retention incentive cannot exceed 10% of an initial teacher's salary and can only be paid for a maximum of five school budget years. Additionally, school boards must choose between adopting early retirement benefits or teacher incentives, but not both concurrently. Public discussion and comment 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 This Week	see successor SF 206
SSB1028	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 This Week	see successor SF 175, see HF 76, sim to HSB 34
SSB1030	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 This Week	see successor SF 369, see HSB 30
SSB1036	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 This Week	see successor SF 205, same subject as HF 11, HF 67

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SSB1042	Prohibits political subdivisions from paying from funds generated due to imposition of a tax 1) employing or compensating a lobbyist or 2) pay or compensate an instrumentality that employs or compensates a lobbyist. Definitions instrumentality as an entity that does any of the following: 1) serves a government purpose or provides a government function, 2) operates on behalf of one or more political subdivisions, 3) one or more political subdivisions have the powers and interests of an owner with respect to the entity, 4) control and supervision of the entity is vested in members of one or more political subdivisions. Specifies that instrumentalities include but are not limited to the Iowa league of cities, state association of counties and IASB on the list of such entities. Provides for penalties of violation of this statute.	Pending	subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 493.		see successor SF 493
SSB1053	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 This Week	see successor SF 167
SSB1061	This bill repeals Code section 12C.6A, which prohibits public funds from being deposited in a financial institution that does not demonstrate a commitment to serving the needs of the local community in which the institution is chartered to do business, requires the treasurer of state to create a list of financial institutions that are eligible to accept public funds, creates requirements for such financial institutions relating to public comments and annual submissions to the treasurer of state, and establishes a process for challenging an institution's eligibility to receive public funds.	Undecided	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 458.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 458.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 458, see HSB 252
SSB1065	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 This Week	see successor SF 370, see HSB 103, HF 273
SSB1066	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 This Week	see successor SF 273, see HSB 46

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SSB1067	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 This Week	see successor SF 275, see HSB 45
SSB1075	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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 520.		see successor SF 520
SSB1076	Extends WGS and reorganization from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2030. The bill provides 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 444.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 444.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 444
SSB1077	Adds new exceptions to chronic absenteeism and truancy law for military applicants, 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 This Week	see successor SF 277
SSB1085	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 This Week	see successor SF 386, see HSB 77

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SSB1086	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 This Week	see successor SF 389, see HSB 77
SSB1087	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 sf 388.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 388.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 388, see HSB 75
SSB1092	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 450.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 450.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 450, see HSB 137
SSB1099	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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 583.		see successor SF 583 see HF 163
SSB1100	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 442.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 442.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 442, see HSB 147

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SSB1135	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 445.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 445.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 445
SSB1151	Applies restrictions on contractor surety bonds currently applying to out of state contractors to all contractors and raises the maximum surety bond to \$50,000.	Undecided	subcommittee meeting: 03/03/2025 10:00am room 217 conference room.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 576.		see successor SF 576
SSB1158	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.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 525.		see successor SF 525
SSB1161	Specifies that school bus drivers will not be mandated to complete a DE approved 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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 448.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 448.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 448
SSB1172	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	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 472.	committee report approving bill, renumbered as sf 472.	No Action This Week	see successor SF 472

Bill Tracker Detailing Actions on Committees, Subcommittees New Bills for the Week - 3/11/2025

Bill Number	Summary of the Bill	Declaration RSAI	Starting action	Ending action	No Action This Week	Successor Bills
SSB1208	Property Tax Overhaul Plan: Eliminates the rollback, increases homestead exemption to \$25K, increases other exemptions, limits city and county levy growth to 2% net of new construction, lowers the school uniform levy according to assumed taxable valuation growth, buys down the school formula additional levy (estimated at \$425 million), limits the ability of school districts to levy for additional management fund if ending balances exceed certain thresholds and returns property tax education appropriations to either SAVE or the General fund, from where the appropriations occurred.	Undecided	by committee on ways and means	subcommittee: dawson, bisignano, driscoll, petersen, and rowley.		see HSB 313
SSB1211	Extends the authority of the SBRC to grant MSA for categorical funds to districts with greater than 35% net open enrollment into the district.	For	by committee on ways and means	subcommittee: dawson, bisignano, and rowley.		