

January 14, 2026

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Dear Governor Reynolds, Lt. Governor Cournoyer, and Members of the Iowa General Assembly:

Please find attached the University of Iowa's Report on implementation of House File 516 for calendar year 2025.

This report summarizes actions taken to comply with HF 516 and provides available data related to medical and dental education, graduate medical education, and Iowa-ties reporting. Because certain admissions and training cycles were already underway at enactment, some results reflect pre-implementation cohorts; future reports will better reflect outcomes under HF 516.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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cc: Michael Peters
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University of Iowa

Report to the Iowa General Assembly
Implementation of House File 516 (91st General Assembly)
Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2025 (Initial Implementation)
Date: January 2026

Executive Summary

The University of Iowa began implementing the requirements of House File 516 immediately upon the bill being signed into law on June 11, 2025. Although many admissions, recruitment, and training cycles were already underway at the time of enactment, the University acted promptly to align institutional policies, application processes, data collection systems, and reporting structures with the new statutory requirements.

This report outlines the University's good-faith and timely implementation efforts across the Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa Health Care Graduate Medical Education programs, the College of Dentistry, and provides available data from the first reporting period. Where outcomes reflect cohorts recruited or admitted prior to enactment, those data are presented for transparency and context, not as a measure of post-implementation impact. Future reports will reflect admissions and training cycles conducted entirely under the framework established by House File 516.

Introduction and Legislative Context

House File 516 establishes new reporting requirements related to admissions, training, and post-graduation outcomes for selected health professions programs at the University of Iowa. Upon enactment, the University initiated coordinated implementation efforts to ensure compliance while maintaining continuity during active recruitment and admissions cycles.

Implementation Actions and Institutional Processes – Carver College of Medicine

Following enactment of House File 516, the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine initiated the following actions to ensure compliance:

- Immediate policy alignment: Admissions leadership reviewed statutory definitions and reporting requirements upon enactment.
- Application updates: Beginning with the May 2025 application cycle for the entering class of 2026, the College incorporated the legislatively required attestation language into the secondary application.
- Expanded Iowa definition implementation: The College implemented the new statutory definition of "Iowan," including individuals affiliated with the State of Iowa.
- Data tracking enhancements: Admissions and enrollment systems were updated to separately track Iowa residents, Iowa affiliates, and nonresidents.
- Seat allocation clarity: Admissions processes now explicitly reflect that Iowa and non-Iowa pools are not in competition with one another.

These steps ensure that future reports will reflect admissions decisions made fully under the framework established by House File 516.

Admissions Data – Entering Class of Fall 2025 (Pre-Legislation Admissions Cycle)

For calendar year 2025, the University reports outcomes for the entering class of August 2025. The admissions cycle for this class began in May 2024, prior to enactment; therefore, no admissions decisions were influenced by House File 516.

Table 1. Summary of Entering Class of 2025

Category	Iowa (IA)	Nonresident (NR)
Applications	296	3,974
Received Secondary	250	3,382
Completed Secondary	245	2,687
Interviewed	241	442
Offered Admission	118	133
Withdrew	15	89
Matriculated (incl. IA affiliated)	111	31

78 percent of the entering Fall 2025 class consisted of Iowa/Iowa-affiliated students.

Admissions Data – Entering Class of Fall 2026 (Initial Post-Legislation Application Cycle)

The application cycle for the entering class of Fall 2026 began in May 2025, allowing full incorporation of statutory changes.

Table 2. 2026 Admissions Cycle Summary (to date)

Category	Iowa Pool	Non-Iowa Pool
AMCAS Applications	406	3,337
Secondary Applications	337	2,839
Interviewed	317	313

Key implementation outcomes include:

- A minimum of 114 Iowans or Iowa-affiliated students and 28 nonresidents will be enrolled in the entering class.
- Seats are explicitly allocated by pool and are not competitive across Iowa and non-Iowa applicants.

Implementation Actions and Institutional Processes – University of Iowa Health Care Graduate Medical Education

Upon approval of House File 516, University of Iowa Health Care’s Graduate Medical Education

(GME) office initiated immediate implementation efforts, including:

- Engagement with residency and fellowship program leadership across all clinical departments;
- Targeted outreach to programs subject to Iowa-resident interview requirements;
- Development and deployment of a supplemental Iowa-ties survey to capture required data not available in centralized application systems;
- Program-level verification for applicants who did not complete the survey; and
- Integration of data from applications, program records, and the supplemental survey.

Reporting Period and Data Limitations

Residency and fellowship recruitment timelines vary by program, with the primary residency match occurring in March 2026. Many post-training employment decisions occur later in the spring or summer.

Preliminary Residency and Fellowship Data (As of January 15, 2026)

- Total number of applicants who completed the Iowa-ties survey (residency and fellowship): 13,644
- Applicants indicating Iowa residency or Iowa ties: 640

Fellowship Programs:

- Total fellowship applications: 4,329
- Fellowship applicants indicating responses that qualify them as Iowan: 118

GME continues to collect and validate data and has implemented new processes to track Iowa ties and post-training outcomes for current trainees. Due to timing of this report, we do not have the intended state of practice following completion of the GME training program.

Implementation Actions and Institutional Processes – College of Dentistry

Following enactment of House File 516, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry initiated immediate compliance actions, including:

- Review and alignment of admissions and reporting processes with statutory requirements;
- Coordination with University data systems to ensure accurate identification of resident status;
- Enhancements to enrollment and graduation data tracking; and
- Strengthening of post-graduation state-of-practice tracking.

Admissions, Enrollment, and Post-Graduation Outcomes

Admissions and enrollment data reported for calendar year 2025 include cohorts admitted prior to enactment (12/2024) and are provided for transparency. Post-graduation practice data reflect the most current information available and may continue to be updated as graduates finalize employment and licensure.

Table 1. Summary of Entering Class 2025 (Started in August of 2025 for the Class of 2029).

Category	681 IAC 1.4		TOTAL
	IA Resident	Nonresident	
Applications	134	1,140	1,274
Offered Admission	63		
Declined Offer of Admission	2		
Matriculated	61	18	79

Table 2. 2025 - 2026 Admissions Cycle Summary (to date)

Data for the Class to start in August 2026 (Graduating Class of 2030).

Category	681 IAC 1.4		BOR Policy Manual Chapter 3.2 Sec. D	TOTAL
	IA Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident-Resident	
Applications	140	1,402	49	1,591

Data on the DDS Class of 2025 (Degree Completion in May 2025)

1st year Post Graduation Outcomes of self-declared states where the alumni are located by residency status at the time of matriculation.

Intended State to Practice after Graduation	Iowa Residents at Admissions	Nonresident at Admissions	Advanced Education Program/Residency	Military Assignment
advanced education/residency program	1	0	1	0
Arizona	1	0	0	0
California	2	1	0	0
Colorado	1	1	0	0
Florida	1	1	0	0
Georgia	1	0	1	0
Illinois	3	4	0	1
Iowa	33	8	8	2
Kansas	0	2	0	2
Kentucky	0	1	0	0
Massachusetts	1	0	0	0
Missouri	0	1	0	0
Nebraska	0	1	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	3	0	0	0
Ohio	0	1	1	0

Oklahoma	0	1	0	0
Rhode Island	0	1	1	0
South Carolina	0	1	0	0
South Dakota	2	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	2	1	0
Texas	1	2	1	0
Utah	0	1	1	0
Virginia	1	2	1	0
Washington	0	1	0	0
Wisconsin	2	2	0	1
Undeclared Post-Graduation State	1	0	1	0
Total	55	34	17	6

Timing of Final Reporting

Because admissions matriculation, residency match outcomes, and post-graduation employment decisions are finalized later in the academic year, the university would request September 1 as a date for submission. This timing aligns reporting across medicine, dentistry, and graduate medical education and improves data accuracy.