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HOUSE FILE 2296

H-8037

- 1 Amend House File 2296 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, after line 11 by inserting:
- 3 <(3) A county may issue an identification card to a resident
- 4 of the county if the identification card says "This card is not
- 5 intended to serve as an official identifying document".>
- 6 2. Page 1, line 17, after <b.> by inserting <(1)>
- 7 3. Page 1, after line 19 by inserting:
- 8 <(2) A city may issue an identification card to a resident
- 9 of the city if the identification card says "This card is not
- 10 intended to serve as an official identifying document".>

By GJERDE of Linn

H-8037 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2434

H-8030

1 Amend House File 2434 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 19, after <services.> by inserting <*Health*
3 *benefit plan*> does not include a self-funded health benefit
4 plan that is governed by the federal Employee Retirement Income
5 Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. §1001 et seq.>

By HARRIS of Appanoose

H-8030 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2501

H-8029

1 Amend House File 2501 as follows:

2 1. Page 12, after line 16 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION ____

4 ABSENTEE BALLOTS — POSTAL SERVICE BARCODES

5 Sec. ____ . Section 53.17A, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 2. The state commissioner shall adopt rules regarding
8 the statewide implementation of a ~~postal service barcode~~
9 ~~and tracking information database~~ and the implementation of
10 a postal service barcode for absentee ballots requested or
11 returned pursuant to section 9E.6, 53.22, 53.39, 53.44, or
12 53.45, including procedures to be followed when usage of a
13 postal service barcode or the tracking information database
14 is negatively impacted. Each commissioner shall use a postal
15 service barcode and tracking information database consistent
16 with rules of the state commissioner. ~~Every commissioner shall~~
17 ~~send notice to the state commissioner and implement the use~~
18 ~~of a postal service barcode and tracking information database~~
19 ~~prior to October 1, 2020.~~

20 Sec. ____ . Section 53.17A, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
21 2026, is amended to read as follows:

22 a. An absentee ballot requested or returned pursuant to
23 section 9E.6, 53.22, 53.39, 53.44, or 53.45 ~~and~~ received after
24 the polls close on election day but prior to the official
25 canvass shall be counted if the commissioner determines that
26 the ballot entered the federal mail system by the deadline
27 specified in section 53.17 or 53.22. The date of entry of such
28 an absentee ballot into the federal mail system shall only be
29 verified as provided in paragraph "b".

30 DIVISION ____

31 VOTER IDENTIFICATION — ATTESTATION OF ANOTHER

32 Sec. ____ . Section 49.78, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2026, are
33 amended by striking the subsections.

34 Sec. ____ . Section 49.78, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 6. A voter who is not otherwise disqualified from voting
2 and who has established identity under subsection 2, or 3, ~~or~~
3 4 shall be furnished a ballot and be allowed to vote under
4 section 49.77.

5 Sec. _____. Section 49.81, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 2. A prospective voter who is unable to establish
8 identity under section 49.78, subsection 2, paragraph "a", or
9 section 49.78, subsection 3 ~~or~~ 4, shall be notified by the
10 appropriate precinct election official that the voter may cast
11 a provisional ballot. The voter shall mark the ballot and
12 immediately seal it in an envelope of the type prescribed by
13 subsection 5. The voter shall deliver the sealed envelope to a
14 precinct election official who shall deposit it in an envelope
15 marked "provisional ballots". The ballot shall be considered
16 as having been cast in the special precinct established by
17 section 53.20 for purposes of the postelection canvass.

18 DIVISION _____

19 COUNTY OFFICERS — DUTIES

20 Sec. _____. Section 35B.10, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 2. The county commission of veteran affairs shall prepare
23 ~~and file in the office of the county auditor~~ on or before the
24 thirtieth day of each January, April, July, and October a
25 report showing the case numbers of all recipients receiving
26 assistance under this chapter, together with the amount paid to
27 each during the preceding quarter. Each report ~~so filed~~ shall
28 be maintained as a permanent record to be used only for such
29 reports made under this chapter.

30 Sec. _____. Section 298.11, Code 2026, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 **298.11 Apportionment of school funds.**

33 1. The county ~~auditor~~ treasurer shall, on the first
34 Monday in April and the first Monday in October of each year,
35 apportion the school tax, together with rents on unsold school

1 lands to which the county is entitled as shown in notice from
2 the director of the department of administrative services, and
3 all other moneys in the hands of the county treasurer belonging
4 in common to the schools of the county and not included in a
5 previous apportionment, among the corporations in the county
6 in the manner provided by law.

7 ~~2. The county auditor shall immediately notify the county~~
8 ~~treasurer of such apportionment and of the amount due thereby~~
9 ~~to each corporation.~~

10 ~~3.~~ 2. The county treasurer shall thereupon give notice
11 to the president of each corporation, and shall pay out
12 such apportionment moneys in the same manner that the county
13 treasurer is authorized to pay other school moneys to the
14 treasurers of the several school districts.

15 Sec. _____. Section 331.502, subsections 10, 11, 16, and 35,
16 Code 2026, are amended by striking the subsections.

17 Sec. _____. Section 331.502, subsection 12, Code 2026, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 12. Issue warrants ~~and maintain a permanent record for~~
20 payment of claims of persons receiving veteran assistance as
21 provided in section 35B.10.

22 Sec. _____. Section 331.508, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2026,
23 are amended by striking the subsections.

24 Sec. _____. Section 331.552, subsection 16, Code 2026, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 16. Pay Apportion and pay to the treasurers of the school
27 corporations located in the county the taxes and other moneys
28 due as provided in section 298.11 and send amounts collected
29 for each fund of a school corporation for direct deposit into
30 the depository and account designated as provided in section
31 298.13.

32 Sec. _____. Section 331.552, Code 2026, is amended by adding
33 the following new subsection:

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 37. Receive and record in a book kept
35 for that purpose, moneys recovered from a person willfully

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1 committing waste or trespass on real estate as provided in
2 section 658.10.

3 Sec. _____. Section 658.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **658.10 Disposition of money.**

6 All money recovered in an action brought under section 658.9
7 shall be paid by the officer collecting it to the ~~auditor~~
8 treasurer of the county in which the lands are situated, which
9 shall be held by the ~~auditor~~ treasurer, and an entry thereof
10 made in a book kept for that purpose, until the lands are
11 redeemed, or a treasurer's deed therefor executed to the holder
12 of said certificate. If redemption is made, the money shall
13 be paid to the owner of the land, and if not, to the person to
14 whom the deed is executed.

15 Sec. _____. REPEAL. Section 225.35, Code 2026, is repealed.>

16 2. Title page, line 1, after <to> by inserting <atters
17 associated with county officers and>

18 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By HARRIS of Appanoose

H-8029 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2509

H-8042

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8024, to House File 2509, as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, after line 3 by inserting:
- 3 <___. Page 1, after line 10 by inserting:
- 4 <Sec. ___. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
- 5 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>
- 6 ___. Title page, line 2, after <airports> by inserting <,
- 7 and including effective date provisions>>
- 8 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By HORA of Washington

H-8042 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2511

H-8034

1 Amend House File 2511 as follows:

2 1. Page 4, lines 14 and 15, by striking <Recommendations,
3 with a preference given to voluntary methods> and inserting
4 <Recommendations for voluntary methods>

By WILLS of Dickinson

H-8034 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2518

H-8036

1 Amend House File 2518 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 16 through 28 and inserting:

3 <NEW SUBSECTION. 15. a. Conduct an annual review of
4 provider reimbursement rates for medical and health services
5 provided under this chapter that are reimbursed by a statewide
6 fee schedule and that are not periodically updated or rebased
7 pursuant to federal or state law or rule. The department shall
8 compare each provider reimbursement rate in the following
9 manner:

10 (1) For all medical and health services other than dental
11 services, to reimbursement rates under the federal Medicare
12 program.

13 (2) For dental services, to reimbursement rates for
14 Medicaid programs in states contiguous to Iowa.

15 b. On or before January 15 of each calendar year, the
16 department shall submit to the general assembly a report
17 summarizing the department's review under paragraph "a".>

18 2. By striking page 1, line 35, through page 2, line 21, and
19 inserting:

20 <2. On or before July 1 of each fiscal year, providers
21 shall submit actual cost of service and supply data to the
22 department. Upon request by the department, a provider shall
23 submit to reasonable review of the actual cost of service and
24 supply data submitted.

25 3. a. Upon the required submission of annual cost reports
26 by providers and implementation by the department of a waiver
27 fee schedule, the department, with input from the public,
28 consumers, providers, and other stakeholders, shall develop a
29 proposed cost-based reimbursement system and related changes to
30 department policies and procedures for all services rendered
31 under a waiver during the period of review specified by
32 the department. The cost-based reimbursement system shall
33 be developed using information provided to the department
34 including but not limited to all of the following:

35 (1) Provider cost data.

1 (2) Provider claims data.

2 (3) Consumer needs assessment data.

3 (4) Other relevant regional and national data.

4 *b.* The department shall, with input from providers and
5 other relevant stakeholders, develop a uniform and streamlined
6 provider cost reporting mechanism for home and community-based
7 services.

8 4. At least once every four years, the department shall
9 establish a new base period to be used in calculating proposed
10 rate models and related changes to department policies and
11 procedures. On or before October 1 of each year that a new base
12 period is established, the department shall submit a report
13 to the general assembly that includes proposed rate models,
14 the projected fiscal impact of implementing the proposed rate
15 models, including documentation supporting the actuarial
16 soundness of the proposed rate models, and the proposed changes
17 to department policies and procedures.>

18 3. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting
19 <An Act relating to the department of health and human services
20 and reporting requirements for shelter care, residential
21 treatment, and Medicaid provider reimbursement rates, and
22 establishing provider reimbursement rates for Medicaid home and
23 community-based waiver services.>

24 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By A. MEYER of Webster

HOUSE FILE 2527

H-8031

- 1 Amend House File 2527 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, after line 15 by inserting:
- 3 <(2) A petroleum source.>
- 4 2. Page 1, line 16, by striking <(2)> and inserting <(3)>
- 5 3. Page 1, after line 24 by inserting:
- 6 <4. "*Petroleum source*" means a location where petroleum or a
- 7 petroleum product is manufactured, stored, or dispensed.>
- 8 4. Page 1, line 25, by striking <4.> and inserting <5.>
- 9 5. Page 1, line 29, by striking <5.> and inserting <6.>

By WULF of Black Hawk

H-8031 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2531

H-8033

1 Amend House File 2531 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 331.310 Mineral interests.

5 1. For purposes of this section:

6 a. "*Mineral interests*" means any real property interest
7 in one or more natural resources or minerals underlying the
8 surface of a tract of land, which can be owned separately from
9 the surface estate.

10 b. "*Minerals*" means coal, any naturally occurring gas, oil,
11 or other gaseous, liquid, or solid hydrocarbons; oil shale;
12 gemstones; metals; fissionable or nonfissionable ore; or steam
13 or other geothermal resources.

14 2. A county shall divest itself of any mineral interest
15 owned or controlled by the county and shall convey such mineral
16 interest to the surface owner of the land to which the mineral
17 interest pertains except when the county is the fee simple
18 surface owner of the land. A conveyance under this section
19 shall be made without consideration and shall be without cost
20 to the surface owner of the land.

21 3. A county shall complete all conveyances required under
22 this section no later than five years after the effective date
23 of this Act. Conveyances pursuant to section 458A.20 shall
24 be completed within one hundred fifty days of service of the
25 required notice. Any interest in minerals acquired by the
26 county after the effective date of this Act shall be conveyed
27 as required under this section within ninety days.

28 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 364.26 Mineral interests.

29 1. For purposes of this section:

30 a. "*Mineral interests*" means any real property interest
31 in one or more natural resources or minerals underlying the
32 surface of a tract of land, which can be owned separately from
33 the surface estate.

34 b. "*Minerals*" means coal, any naturally occurring gas, oil,
35 or other gaseous, liquid, or solid hydrocarbons; oil shale;

1 gemstones; metals; fissionable or nonfissionable ore; or steam
2 or other geothermal resources.

3 2. A city shall divest itself of any mineral interests
4 owned or controlled by the city and shall convey such mineral
5 interests to the surface owner of the land to which the mineral
6 interest pertains except when the city is the surface owner
7 of the land. A conveyance under this section shall be made
8 without consideration and shall be without cost to the surface
9 owner of the land.

10 3. A city shall complete all conveyances required under this
11 section no later than five years after the effective date of
12 this Act. Any mineral interest acquired by the city after the
13 effective date of this Act shall be conveyed as required under
14 this section within ninety days.

15 Sec. 3. Section 446.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The county shall not offer mineral
18 interests, as defined in section 331.310, for sale. If the
19 taxes on any mineral interests not owned by the owner of the
20 land are delinquent, the county shall proceed in accordance
21 with section 458A.20.

22 Sec. 4. Section 458A.18, Code 2026, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **458A.18 Mineral rights taxed separately.**

25 All rights and interests in or to oil, gas, or other minerals
26 underlying land, whether created by or arising under deed,
27 lease, reservation of rights, or otherwise, which rights or
28 interests are owned by any person other than the surface owner
29 of the land, shall be assessed and taxed separately to the
30 owner of such rights or interests in the same manner as other
31 real estate. The taxes on such rights or interests that are
32 not owned by the surface owner of the land shall not be a lien
33 on the land.

34 Sec. 5. Section 458A.19, Code 2026, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **458A.19 Rate.**

2 In order to pay the costs of assessment and collection and
3 provide a reasonable minimum standard of taxation, the taxes on
4 any mineral rights or interests not owned by the surface owner
5 of the land shall be not less than five cents per acre.

6 Sec. 6. Section 458A.20, Code 2026, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **458A.20 Tax sale — redemption by owner.**

9 1. When If the taxes on any mineral rights or interests
10 not owned by the surface owner of the land are sold at tax
11 sale, and when delinquent, the county treasurer shall send a
12 statement of delinquent taxes and a notice that the mineral
13 rights or interests will be conveyed to the owner of the
14 associated surface tract unless the owner of those mineral
15 rights or interests does not redeem under the provisions of
16 chapter 447 pays the total amount of the delinquent taxes,
17 interest, and costs to the county treasurer within ninety days
18 after the tax sale, the owner of the land shall thereafter have
19 the same right of redemption as the owner of the mineral rights
20 or interests has, and redemption by the notice is served.
21 The county treasurer shall serve the notice by sending it by
22 regular first class mail to the person's last known address and
23 to the address of the person's registered agent listed with the
24 secretary of state, applicable.

25 2. When the owner of those mineral rights or interests does
26 not pay the total amount due by the deadline, the county shall
27 convey the mineral rights or interests pursuant to section
28 331.310 to the surface owner of the land. Such conveyance
29 shall terminate any right of redemption of the owner of the
30 mineral rights or interests.

31 3. a. The county may collect the total amount due by
32 converting the amount due to a personal judgment against the
33 owner of the delinquent mineral interest pursuant to sections
34 445.3 and 446.20, notwithstanding the absence of a tax sale or
35 tax sale certificate.

1 b. If the treasurer determines that it is impractical to
2 pursue collection of the total amount due and the personal
3 judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written
4 recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amount
5 due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the
6 amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due
7 from the county system.

8 Sec. 7. Section 557C.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **557C.1 Lapse of mineral interests in coal — prevention.**

11 A mineral interest ~~in coal shall be extinguished is~~
12 abandoned if it has not been active in accordance with section
13 557C.2A for a period of twenty years after its creation,
14 transfer, or preservation, unless a statement of claim is
15 filed in accordance with section 557C.3, and the ownership
16 shall revert to the person who was then the owner of the
17 interest from which the mineral interest in coal was created,
18 transferred, or preserved. Title to an abandoned mineral
19 interest vests in the owner of the surface estate in the land
20 in, or under, which the mineral interest is located on the date
21 of abandonment. Upon the filing of a statement of claim within
22 the specified period, the mineral interest shall be deemed to
23 have been preserved for an additional period of twenty years,
24 or a shorter period as may be specified in the instrument
25 creating the interest.

26 Sec. 8. Section 557C.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 2. ~~"Mineral Severed mineral interest in coal"~~ means an
29 interest created by an instrument ~~which~~ that creates or
30 transfers, either by grant, assignment, reservation, or
31 otherwise, an interest of any kind in coal, ~~as described in~~
32 ~~chapter 207, without limitation on the manner of mining the~~
33 coal any naturally occurring gases, oil, or other gaseous,
34 liquid, or solid hydrocarbons; oil shale; gemstones; metals;
35 fissionable or nonfissionable ore; or steam or other geothermal

1 resources.

2 Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 557C.2A Active mineral interests.

3 A severed mineral interest is active when any one of the
4 following conditions exists:

5 1. Minerals are produced or explored by the record owner
6 of the mineral interest, or the rightful assignees or lessees
7 of the record owner of the severed mineral interest, or
8 pursuant to a pooling order issued by the department of natural
9 resources pursuant to chapter 458A.

10 2. Operations are conducted for extraction, withdrawal,
11 injection, storage, or disposal of water, gas, or other fluid
12 substances to produce or enhance the production of minerals
13 by or with the express permission of the record holder of the
14 mineral interest, or pursuant to a pooling order issued by the
15 department of natural resources pursuant to chapter 458A.

16 3. For sold minerals, there is a production from a well or
17 a common vein or seam with the express permission, including
18 such permission as provided for in an instrument of lease or
19 other form of assignment, of the record owner of the severed
20 mineral interest, or pursuant to a pooling order issued by the
21 department of natural resources pursuant to chapter 458A.

22 4. Any valid conveyance, lease, mortgage, assignment,
23 private distribution, termination of joint tenancy interest
24 affidavit, termination of life estate affidavit, or any
25 judgment or decree that makes specific references to the record
26 owner's severed mineral interest is recorded within the last
27 twenty years in the recorder's office for the county in which
28 the severed mineral interest is located.

29 5. The severed mineral interest is subject to a written
30 agreement or pooling order issued by the department of natural
31 resources pursuant to chapter 458A.

32 6. A statement of claim is filed in accordance with section
33 557C.3.

34 Sec. 10. Section 557C.3, Code 2026, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **557C.3 Statement of claim — filing requirement.**

2 The statement of claim provided in section 557C.1 shall be
3 filed by the owner of the severed mineral interest in coal
4 prior to the end of the twenty-year period set forth in section
5 557C.1 or by July 1, 1994, whichever is later. The statement
6 of claim shall contain the name and address of the owner of
7 the severed mineral interest ~~in coal~~, and a description of the
8 real estate on, or under, which the severed mineral interest ~~in~~
9 ~~coal~~ is located. The statement of claim shall be filed in the
10 office of the recorder in the county in which the real estate
11 is located.

12 Sec. 11. Section 557C.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **557C.4 Statement of claim — recorder's duty.**

15 Upon the filing of the statement of claim provided for
16 in section 557C.3 in the recorder's office for the county
17 where the real estate on, or under, which the severed mineral
18 interest ~~in coal~~ exists, is located, the recorder shall record
19 the statement of claim and index the entries required to be
20 made pursuant to section 557C.3 and any applicable entries
21 specified in sections 558.49 and 558.52.

22 Sec. 12. Section 557C.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **557C.5 Reservation in other conveyance.**

25 A reservation of a mineral interest ~~in coal~~ or an exception
26 of a mineral interest ~~in coal~~, contained in a conveyance of
27 the interest out of which it is carved, by a nonowner of the
28 mineral interest ~~in coal~~ shall not be deemed to satisfy the
29 requirements of this chapter or as a revival of a severed
30 mineral interest ~~in coal~~ otherwise extinguished under this
31 chapter.

32 Sec. 13. Section 557C.6, Code 2026, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 **557C.6 Exemption.**

35 The filing of the statement of claim required under section

H-8033 (Continued)

1 557C.3 to preserve the severed mineral interest ~~in coal~~ shall
2 not be required of an owner if the severed mineral interest was
3 separately taxed for real estate tax purposes at any time after
4 July 1, 1971, the tax was paid, the mineral interest has not
5 been subject to a tax sale, and the severed mineral interest
6 has not been conveyed to the owner of the surface estate
7 pursuant to sections 331.310 or 458A.20.>

By HARRIS of Appanoose

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HOUSE FILE 2584

H-8035

- 1 Amend House File 2584 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 6, before <sells> by inserting <unlawfully>
- 3 2. Page 1, line 6, before <sell> by inserting <unlawfully>
- 4 3. Page 1, line 13, before <possess> by inserting
- 5 <unlawfully>
- 6 4. Page 1, line 27, by striking <violates> and inserting <is
- 7 convicted of a violation of>
- 8 5. Page 1, line 32, after <conviction> by inserting <unless
- 9 the operator terminates the employment of any employee or
- 10 volunteer who commits a violation of subsection 1, paragraph
- 11 "b">
- 12 6. Page 2, by striking line 5 and inserting:
- 13 <6. a. Each operator of a facility-based service that
- 14 primarily>
- 15 7. Page 2, after line 12 by inserting:
- 16 <b. If the facility-based service provides shelter or
- 17 housing for victims of domestic violence that may be endangered
- 18 if the purpose or location of the facility became known, at
- 19 least one sign shall be permanently affixed in a visible manner
- 20 inside the building within five feet of the main entrance of
- 21 the facility that identifies the building and its accompanying
- 22 grounds as a drug-free homeless service zone. Such signs shall
- 23 be written in both English and Spanish and in contrasting
- 24 colors with block letters at least one inch in height.>
- 25 8. Page 2, line 17, after <or> by inserting <operator-owned>

By GUSTOFF of Polk

H-8035 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2596

H-8032

- 1 Amend House File 2596 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 8, after line 7 by inserting:
- 3 <DIVISION ____
- 4 EFFECTIVE DATE
- 5 Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
- 6 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>
- 7 2. Title page, lines 1 and 2, by striking <and making
- 8 penalties applicable.> and inserting <making penalties
- 9 applicable, and including effective date provisions.>
- 10 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By BEHN of Boone

H-8032 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2642

H-8039

- 1 Amend House File 2642 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 2, after line 12 by inserting:
- 3 <Sec. ____ . Section 455B.267, subsection 4, Code 2026, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 4. A permit to divert, store, or withdraw water shall not
- 6 be issued or continued if it will unreasonably impair the
- 7 long-term availability of water from a surface or groundwater
- 8 source in terms of quantity ~~or quality, or otherwise adversely~~
- 9 ~~affect the public health or welfare.~~>
- 10 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By MOMMSEN of Clinton

H-8039 FILED FEBRUARY 24, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2642

H-8040

1 Amend House File 2642 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 9 through 14 and inserting:

3 <1. The department shall adopt by rule pursuant to chapter
4 17A standards for the disposal of wastewater from an on-site
5 native distillery operation. These standards shall provide for
6 but are not limited to disposal by all of the following:

7 a. By land application if all of the following apply:

8 (1) The volume of wastewater produced by the on-site native
9 distillery operation is less than one thousand five hundred
10 gallons per day.

11 (2) The application rate does not exceed thirty thousand
12 gallons per acre per year.

13 (3) The application rate does not exceed one thousand five
14 hundred gallons per acre per day.

15 (4) The standards for land application are consistent with
16 the rules for land application of septage adopted to implement
17 section 455B.172.

18 b. At a publicly owned treatment works or other wastewater
19 treatment system with the permission of the owner of the
20 treatment works.

21 c. Through a subsurface absorption system in conformance
22 with applicable regulations of the United States environmental
23 protection agency.

24 d. Through a disposal system that meets all of the following
25 requirements:

26 (1) The disposal system is located on the same site as the
27 on-site native distillery operation.

28 (2) The disposal system is constructed in conformance with a
29 permit issued by the department.

30 (3) For a disposal system that discharges wastewater
31 into a water of the United States, the system is operated in
32 conformance with a national pollutant discharge elimination
33 system permit issued by the department under section 455B.197.>

34 2. Page 2, after line 12 by inserting:

35 <Sec. _____. Section 455B.267, subsection 4, Code 2026, is

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1 amended to read as follows:

2 4. A permit to divert, store, or withdraw water shall not
3 be issued or continued if it will unreasonably impair the
4 long-term availability of water from a surface or groundwater
5 source in terms of quantity ~~or quality, or otherwise adversely~~
6 ~~affect the public health or welfare.~~>

7 3. Title page, line 1, by striking <certain liquids> and
8 inserting <water>

9 4. Title page, line 3, by striking <liquid waste> and
10 inserting <wastewater>

11 5. By renumbering as necessary.

By WOOD of Taylor

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HOUSE FILE 2642

H-8041

1 Amend House File 2642 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 9 through 14 and inserting:

3 <1. The department shall adopt by rule pursuant to chapter
4 17A standards for the disposal of wastewater from an on-site
5 native distillery operation. These standards shall provide for
6 but are not limited to disposal by all of the following:

7 a. By land application if all of the following apply:

8 (1) The volume of wastewater produced by the on-site native
9 distillery operation is less than one thousand five hundred
10 gallons per day.

11 (2) The application rate does not exceed thirty thousand
12 gallons per acre per year.

13 (3) The application rate does not exceed one thousand five
14 hundred gallons per acre per day.

15 (4) The standards for land application are consistent with
16 the rules for land application of septage adopted to implement
17 section 455B.172.

18 b. At a publicly owned treatment works or other wastewater
19 treatment system with the permission of the owner of the
20 treatment works.

21 c. Through a subsurface absorption system in conformance
22 with applicable regulations of the United States environmental
23 protection agency.

24 d. Through a disposal system that meets all of the following
25 requirements:

26 (1) The disposal system is located on the same site as the
27 on-site native distillery operation.

28 (2) The disposal system is constructed in conformance with a
29 permit issued by the department.

30 (3) For a disposal system that discharges wastewater
31 into a water of the United States, the system is operated in
32 conformance with a national pollutant discharge elimination
33 system permit issued by the department under section 455B.197.>

34 2. Title page, line 3, by striking <liquid waste> and
35 inserting <wastewater>

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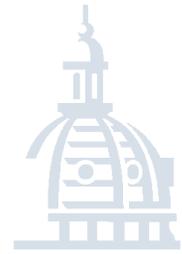
HOUSE FILE 2659

H-8038

- 1 Amend House File 2659 as follows:
2 1. Page 2, after line 12 by inserting:
3 <o. One member representing architects licensed under
4 chapter 544A, appointed by the governor.>

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[HF 2242](#) – Regents Universities, Five-Year Tuition Freeze (LSB5959HV)
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 Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2242](#) prohibits the Board of Regents from increasing the annual amount of tuition rates charged for resident undergraduate students at institutions under its control. The prohibition is repealed July 1, 2031. The Bill takes effect upon enactment.

Background

Iowa’s three Regents institutions — the University of Iowa (SUI), Iowa State University (ISU), and the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) — currently establish tuition rates under the authority of the Board of Regents. Tuition increases are typically reviewed and approved in June of the preceding academic year. Over the last 10 years, SUI has raised tuition fees by an average of 3.7% per year, ISU by 3.4% per year, and UNI by 2.6% per year.

Assumptions

- The tuition freeze is assumed to apply beginning in FY 2027 and FY 2026 rates remain in effect through FY 2031.
- Under current law, resident undergraduate tuition is assumed to increase by 3.7% at SUI, 3.4% at ISU, and 2.6% at UNI for all future years. **Figure 1** details FY 2026 tuition and fees and projections through FY 2031.

Figure 1 — Regents Tuition and Mandatory Fee Projections

	SUI Tuition	ISU Tuition	UNI Tuition	SUI Fees	ISU Fees	UNI Fees	SUI Total	ISU Total	UNI Total
Actual FY 2026	\$ 9,565	\$ 9,530	\$ 8,792	\$ 2,057	\$ 1,561	\$ 1,409	\$ 11,622	\$ 11,091	\$ 10,201
10-Year Avg. Inc.	3.7%	3.4%	2.6%	3.8%	3.7%	1.9%	3.7%	3.4%	2.5%
Est. FY 2027	\$ 9,917	\$ 9,853	\$ 9,017	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,436	\$ 12,053	\$ 11,472	\$ 10,453
Est. FY 2028	10,282	10,215	9,349	2,215	1,678	1,488	12,496	11,894	10,837
Est. FY 2029	10,660	10,591	9,693	2,296	1,740	1,543	12,956	12,331	11,236
Est. FY 2030	11,052	10,980	10,049	2,381	1,804	1,600	13,432	12,785	11,649
Est. FY 2031	11,458	11,384	10,419	2,468	1,871	1,659	13,927	13,255	12,078

- Resident undergraduate enrollment is assumed to remain flat over the projection period.
- All resident undergraduate students are assumed to pay the full published tuition rate. No adjustments are made for tuition discounts, waivers, or differential tuition programs.

Fiscal Impact

Figure 2 details the loss of tuition revenue by university, by fiscal year.

Figure 2 — Tuition Revenue Reduction by Fiscal Year (in Millions)

	SUI	ISU	UNI	Total
FY 2027	\$ 4.6	\$ 4.8	\$ 1.6	\$ 11.1
FY 2028	9.5	10.3	3.9	23.7
FY 2029	14.5	16.0	6.3	36.8
FY 2030	19.7	21.8	8.9	50.3
FY 2031	25.0	27.9	11.5	64.4

Sources

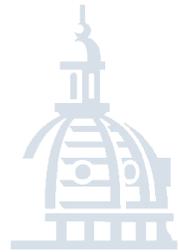
Board of Regents
LSA calculations

/s/ Jennifer Acton

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.



[HF 2363](#) – Open Enrollment, English-Language Learners (LSB5484HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New
Requester – Representative Henry Stone

Description

[House File 2363](#) allows for school districts that receive supplementary weighting for students who are English Learners (EL) to use those funds to pay for the cost of transportation of the student, including transportation to nonpublic schools. The Bill also provides requirements for a receiving district that has received a request to allow an EL student to open enroll into the proposed receiving district.

Background

An EL is a student who is in the process of acquiring English proficiency and has a first language other than English or in addition to English. The EL status remains with the student until the student shows English proficiency. School districts receive supplementary weighting to provide services to EL students, which is based on the level of English language proficiency. Currently, intensive students are eligible for a 0.26 weighted funding and intermediate students are eligible for a 0.21 weighted funding.

Open enrollment allows a parent or guardian residing in an Iowa district to enroll their child(ren) into another Iowa school under the terms and conditions of Iowa Code section [282.18](#).

Any school district with excess EL costs may request a modified supplemental amount (MSA) from the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) to cover EL costs.

The [Transportation School Equity](#) appropriation provides additional funding to school districts for public school transportation costs that exceed the statewide adjusted average cost per student. The individual school district calculations are done each year and are based on the appropriated amount provided for each fiscal year.

Assumptions

- The Bill will not substantially change current open enrollment practices for EL students.
- Requests to the SBRC for MSAs will remain unchanged.
- A limited number of districts transport EL students to another public or nonpublic school.
- The total number of EL students may increase by an unknown amount. But any increase in statewide transportation costs is expected to remain small enough to have no impact on the statewide average transportation cost. As a result, the statewide average transportation cost per pupil will remain at \$430.85.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2363 will have no fiscal impact to the State. Any change to the allocation school districts receive from the Transportation School Equity appropriation is expected to be minimal.

Sources

Department of Education
Iowa Association of School Boards

/s/ Jennifer Acton

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.



[HF 2518](#) – Public Assistance Rate Reviews, Annual Reporting to General Assembly (LSB5344HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2518](#) creates provider rate reporting requirements for shelter care, Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs), and the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid), and does the following:

- Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to biennially review shelter care and QRTP provider rates upon implementation of a uniform cost report. Requires the HHS, on or before October 1 of the immediately succeeding calendar year in which the review is conducted, to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing the results of the review and recommendations for rate adjustments.
- Requires the HHS to annually review provider reimbursement rates for all Medicaid services by comparing each provider reimbursement rate to the rates set by Medicaid programs in states contiguous to Iowa, Medicaid programs in states with populations comparable to Iowa's as based on the most recent decennial census released by the United States Census Bureau, and the federal Medicare program, if applicable. Requires the HHS to submit an annual report that summarizes the review to the General Assembly by December 1.
- Requires the HHS, with input from the public, providers, and other stakeholders, to conduct a review at least biennially of provider reimbursement rates for all services rendered under a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver during the period of review specified by the HHS, beginning July 1, 2026. Requires the review to include the aggregate cost to the State to reimburse providers for services rendered to consumers under a waiver, utilization of services available to consumers, and the demonstrated capacity of providers to meet consumer demand for services with available resources and indicators of need for increased resources. Requires the HHS to develop proposed rate models and related changes to policy and procedures. Requires the HHS to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31 of the year in which the review is completed, which includes rate models, the projected fiscal impact of implementing the proposed rate models including documentation supporting the actuarial soundness of the proposed rate models, and the proposed changes to policy and procedure.

Background

The HHS oversees [Child Welfare Emergency Services/shelter care](#) in Iowa. These services are short-term and temporary child welfare interventions. The HHS contracts with juvenile shelter care providers to offer services across the State. The providers receive reimbursement for expenses from the HHS.

The HHS oversees [Foster Group Care](#) services, including QRTPs, in Iowa. QRTPs are intended to help children with high needs, indicated by an adjudicated Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) or delinquency, thrive and develop the skills necessary to return home. The HHS contracts with providers to offer QRTP services across the State. The providers receive reimbursement for expenses from the HHS.

[Medicaid](#) is a joint federally and state-funded entitlement program that provides medical assistance to certain low-income individuals who are aged, blind, disabled, or pregnant and to children or members of families with dependent children. In Iowa, Medicaid is managed by the HHS. The [Iowa Medicaid Provider Fee Schedules](#) are lists of the payment amounts, by provider type, associated with the health care procedures and services covered by Iowa Medicaid. Providers are contractually obligated to submit their usual and customary charges but accept the Iowa Medicaid fee schedule reimbursement as payment in full. Provider charges are routinely reviewed by policy staff to determine the cost of service. The fee schedule can be increased or decreased based upon comparable charges throughout the community.

[Medicaid HCBS Waivers](#) provide medical, social, and supportive services for Iowans with functional, cognitive, and other physical or mental health needs. These services are meant to help people live and receive services in a home and community-based setting instead of an institution. Iowa currently has seven different HCBS Waivers, including the Health and Disability Waiver, the AIDS/HIV Waiver, the Elderly Waiver, the Intellectual Disabilities Waiver, the Brain Injury Waiver, the Physical Disability Waiver, and the Children’s Mental Health Waiver. HCBS provider reimbursement rates can be found on the [HHS Medicaid Fee Schedules webpage](#).

Assumptions

- The shelter care and QRTP rate reviews will be administered with existing resources.
- The Medicaid rate reviews will require an amendment to the HHS’s provider cost and audit contract. The contract amendment will cost approximately \$1.0 million each year.
- The HCBS rate review will require an amendment to the HHS’s provider cost and audit contract. The contract amendment will cost approximately \$1.3 million for each review cycle.
- The HHS will conduct the HCBS rate review biennially.
- The costs associated with the Bill will be paid by State and federal funds in equal shares.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost of HF 2518 is estimated to be \$2.3 million for FY 2027, of which the State cost is \$1.2 million and the federal cost is \$1.2 million. The total cost for FY 2028 is estimated to be \$1.0 million, of which the State cost is \$500,000 and the federal cost is \$500,000.

Source

Department of Health and Human Services

/s/ Jennifer Acton

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.



[HF 2533](#) – Crimes Against Judicial Officers and Professional Permits to Carry (LSB5545HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2533](#) relates to the safety of persons in certain professions. The Bill has four divisions.

Division I — Professional Permit to Carry Weapons

Description

Division I expands eligibility for a professional permit to carry weapons to include judicial officers, the Attorney General, deputy attorneys general, and assistant attorneys general. This Division grants authorization to go armed anywhere in the State at all times, including on school grounds. The Division adds that an application for a permit by the Attorney General, a deputy attorney general, or an assistant attorney general shall be delivered to the sheriff for the county in which the applicant resides. Such permits remain valid for the duration of the holder's period of employment unless otherwise canceled and must be surrendered upon termination of employment.

The Division requires that weapons carried inside a courtroom by a permit holder be concealed, except for peace officers or correctional officers performing their official duties. Further, the Supreme Court is allowed through rulemaking to impose additional training or other requirements on judicial officers possessing permits issued under Iowa Code section [724.6](#).

Fiscal Impact

Division I of the Bill is estimated to have minimal fiscal impact.

Division II — Threats Against a Judicial Officer or an Immediate Family Member of a Judicial Officer

Description

Division II establishes a criminal offense for threatening a judicial officer or an immediate family member of a judicial officer. The Division prohibits a person from threatening a judicial officer or an immediate family member of a judicial officer with the intent to place an individual in fear of serious injury, prevent or interrupt the judicial officer's ability to carry out official duties, or retaliate against a judicial officer for the performance of official duties during the judicial officer's term of service. The penalty for this offense is a Class C felony.

Background

Under Iowa Code section [708.3A](#)(1) and 708.3A(2), convictions of similar conduct involving protected classes of persons results in a Class C felony. The penalty for a person convicted of a Class C felony under Iowa Code section [902.9](#) is confinement for up to 10 years and a fine of at least \$1,370 but not more than \$13,660. In FY 2025, there were 29 convictions under Iowa Code sections 708.3A(1) and 708.3A(2), which are a Class C felony.

Assumptions

- The following will not change over the projection period: charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends; prisoner length of stay (LOS); revocation rates; plea bargaining; and other criminal justice system policies and practices.
- County jail data is unavailable. For purposes of this analysis, the marginal cost for county jails is assumed to be \$50 per day.
- Conviction data reflects the total number of convictions in adult court, which may include multiple convictions per individual. Not all convictions lead to incarceration, and there may be a delay between conviction and prison admission, which can contribute to differences in totals.
- A six-month delay is assumed from the effective date of the Bill to the date the first offender will enter the correctional system.
- Offender-based convictions are a count of individuals convicted of the same offense. Each offender is counted only once per Iowa Code section, regardless of the number of individual convictions.
- Admissions are a count of individuals newly admitted to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for supervision during a selected time period, based on the most serious offense committed.

Correctional Impact

Division II creates a new offense. A correctional impact cannot be determined because the number of new convictions under the Bill is unknown. **Figure 1** shows estimates for sentencing to State prison, parole, probation, or Community-Based Corrections (CBC) residential facilities; LOS in months under those supervisions; and supervision marginal costs per day for a Class C felony.

Figure 1 — Sentencing Estimates and Length of Stay (LOS) in Months

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2025 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day Probation	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
C Felony Persons	89.1%	39.1	\$23.07	30.1%	42.8	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	27.2	\$8.00

Refer to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to the correctional system.

Minority Impact

Division II creates a new offense for threatening a judicial officer or an immediate family member of a judicial officer, and, as a result, existing data cannot be used to estimate the minority impact of the Bill. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact

Division II creates a new offense and the number of convictions is unknown. The average State cost per Class C felony is between \$15,000 and \$25,200. This includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the DOC. The costs would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Division III — Malicious Sharing of Personal Information

Description

Division III creates the criminal offense of malicious sharing of personal information of a judicial officer or an immediate family member of a judicial officer. Personal information is defined as a personal physical address, personal phone number, or physical location. The Division prohibits a person from sharing personal information with the intent to cause harm, place the individual in fear of serious harm, or prevent or interrupt the judicial officer's ability to carry out official duties. The penalty for this offense is a serious misdemeanor.

Background

A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.

Assumptions

- The following will not change over the projection period: charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends; prisoner LOS; revocation rates; plea bargaining; and other criminal justice system policies and practices.
- County jail data is unavailable. For purposes of this analysis, the marginal cost for county jails is assumed to be \$50 per day.
- Conviction data reflects the total number of convictions in adult court, which may include multiple convictions per individual. Not all convictions lead to incarceration, and there may be a delay between conviction and prison admission, which can contribute to differences in totals.
- A six-month delay is assumed from the effective date of the Bill to the date the first offender will enter the correctional system.
- Offender-based convictions are a count of individuals convicted of the same offense. Each offender is counted only once per Iowa Code section, regardless of the number of individual convictions.
- Admissions are a count of individuals newly admitted to the DOC for supervision during a selected time period, based on the most serious offense committed.

Correctional Impact

Division III creates a new offense. The correctional impact cannot be determined because the number of new convictions under the Bill is unknown. **Figure 2** shows estimates for sentencing to State prison, parole, probation, or CBC residential facilities; LOS in months under those supervisions; and supervision marginal costs per day for a serious misdemeanor.

Figure 2 — Sentencing Estimates and LOS in Months

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2025 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day Probation	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
Serious Misdemeanor	2.30%	7.3	\$23.07	44.80%	21.0	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	N/A	\$8.00

Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to the correctional system.

Minority Impact

Division III creates a new offense for threatening a judicial officer or an immediate family member of a judicial officer, and, as a result, existing data cannot be used to estimate the minority impact of the Bill. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact

Division III may increase convictions, but the extent of the increase is unknown. The average State cost per serious misdemeanor is between \$350 and \$6,200. This includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the DOC. The costs would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Division IV — Threats Including to Public Officials

Description

Division IV adds the communication of a true threat including an intent to cause bodily injury to a public official, and the official learns of the threat within a year, to the definition of harassment.

Background

Under current law, a person commits harassment when, with the intent of intimidating, annoying, or alarming another person, the person performs certain prohibited acts, such as threatening bodily injury, communicating in a harassing way, or reporting false information to the police. Iowa Code section [708.7](#) categorizes harassment into three degrees. The first degree is punishable as an aggravated misdemeanor, the second is punishable as a serious misdemeanor, and the third is punishable as a simple misdemeanor. That Iowa Code section classifies threats to bodily injury as a crime in the second degree and threats of forcible felony as a crime in the first degree. All other acts of harassment are harassment in the third degree, and a simple misdemeanor.

A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30 days and a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than two years and a fine of at least \$855 but not more than \$8,540. In FY 2025, there were 2,065 convictions under Iowa Code chapter [708](#) for harassment, of which 274 were for harassment in the second degree and 767 were for harassment in the first degree.

Assumptions

- The following will not change over the projection period: charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends; prisoner length of stay (LOS); revocation rates; plea bargaining; and other criminal justice system policies and practices.
- County jail data is unavailable. For purposes of this analysis, the marginal cost for county jails is assumed to be \$50 per day.
- Conviction data reflects the total number of convictions in adult court, which may include multiple convictions per individual. Not all convictions lead to incarceration, and there may be a delay between conviction and prison admission, which can contribute to differences in totals.
- A six-month delay is assumed from the effective date of the Bill to the date the first offender will enter the correctional system.
- Offender-based convictions are a count of individuals convicted of the same offense. Each offender is counted only once per Iowa Code section, regardless of the number of individual convictions.
- Admissions are a count of individuals newly admitted to the DOC for supervision during a selected time period, based on the most serious offense committed.

Correctional Impact

Division IV creates a new offense. A correctional impact cannot be determined because the number of new convictions under the Bill is unknown. **Figure 3** shows estimates for sentencing to State prison, parole, probation, or CBC residential facilities; LOS in months under those

supervisions; and supervision marginal costs per day for a serious misdemeanor and an aggravated misdemeanor.

Figure 3 — Sentencing Estimates and LOS in Months

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2025 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day Probation	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
Serious Misdemeanor	2.30%	7.3	\$23.07	44.80%	21.0	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	N/A	\$8.00
Aggravated Misdemeanor Persons	45.4%	9.8	\$23.07	62.1%	27.6	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	9.4	\$8.00

Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to the correctional system.

Minority Impact

Division IV expands the crime of harassment, and as a result, existing data cannot be used to estimate the minority impact of the Bill. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact

Division IV may increase convictions, but the extent of the increase is unknown. **Figure 4** shows the average State cost per relevant offense. The estimated impact to the General Fund includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the DOC. The costs would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Figure 4 — Average State Cost Per Offense

Offense Class	Average Cost
Simple Misdemeanor	\$30 to \$420
Serious Misdemeanor	\$350 to \$6,200
Aggravated Misdemeanor	\$8,300 to \$12,200

Sources

Department of Corrections
 Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement (DPI), Department of Management (DOM)

/s/ Jennifer Acton

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[HF 2547](#) – Concurrent Enrollment and Career and Academic Planning (LSB5497HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2547](#) makes the following changes to the Summer Joint Enrollment Program (Program):

- Modifies the supplementary weighting paid through the school aid formula to allow for supplementary weighted funding to be generated for students enrolled in the Program.
- Removes the Program from the programs subject to the list of high-demand jobs identified by the State Workforce Development Board.
- Requires career academies to include a minimum of two units of secondary education, one of which must include a course that meets the requirements of Iowa Code section [261E.8](#) (district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program).
- Modifies the calculation of the percentage of the day a pupil attends a concurrent enrollment class, counting their attendance during the summer as if they attended during the school year.
- Requires collective statewide articulation agreements with the Board of Regents (BOR) to transfer academic credits earned through completion of an associate degree program or career and technical education (CTE) program. The Bill also requires program-specific articulation arrangements that favor the transfer of CTE credits to the greatest possible extent.
- Modifies the Program to allow liberal arts and sciences college-level coursework to be offered to students through the Program.
- Requires the individualized career and academic planning process to include discussions with students regarding concurrent enrollment and industry-recognized credentials.

Background

The concurrent enrollment program, also known as district-to-community college sharing, provides high school students opportunities to enroll in eligible college-level courses at or through community colleges. Students do not pay tuition, textbook, or concurrent enrollment fees. Through sharing agreements, tuition is charged to school districts with participating students. Enrollment generates supplemental weighting funds from State school aid that reimburse a portion back to the districts.

The Department of Education has received the [Summer Joint Enrollment](#) General Fund appropriation of \$600,000 in the annual Education Appropriations Act since FY 2019. The appropriation provides moneys for resident high school pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college for college-level classes outside of the regular school year through a contractual agreement between a community college and a school district. The appropriation provides the support required by Iowa Code section 261E.8(8). Since FY 2019, the Program has provided over 7,700 students access to free, college-level CTE coursework.

Career academies are career-oriented programs of study that link secondary CTE to a postsecondary education program. They have three main elements:

- Concurrent enrollment coursework.
- Coursework with a career theme that provides a foundation for entering postsecondary programs.
- Strong partnerships among employers, school districts, higher education institutions, and the community.

Recommendations submitted to the General Assembly in July 2025 by the [HF 2545 Comprehensive Review Task Force](#) established in 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter [1159](#) (Iowa Educational Standards Act), outline potential changes to CTE concurrent enrollment and career and academic planning.

The total number of students enrolled in Program courses and CTE programs is as follows for summer 2023 through summer 2025:

- Summer 2023 — 1,863 pupils with 35 total CTE programs offered
- Summer 2024 — 2,113 pupils with 38 total CTE programs offered
- Summer 2025 — 2,407 pupils with 32 total CTE programs offered

Assumptions

- The FY 2027 State cost per pupil is \$7,988, which is based on current law.
- Any legislative changes to the State cost per pupil will alter the fiscal impact.
- Assuming a growth rate of 13.0%, which is the average of the last two years for CTE courses, over the next two years, 2,730 pupils are estimated to enroll for summer 2026 and 3,010 are estimated to enroll for summer 2027.
- Enrollment is based on recent trends for CTE-only enrollment. These calculations only apply if 100.0% of Program students enroll in CTE courses.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2547 is estimated to increase supplementary weighting paid through the supplementary school aid formula by \$962,000 in FY 2027 and by \$1.1 million in FY 2028 if 100.0% of students are enrolled in CTE courses. However, if 75.0% of students enroll in CTE courses and 25.0% of students enroll in college-level liberal arts and sciences courses, the Bill is estimated to increase supplementary weighting by \$893,000 in FY 2027 and \$1.0 million in FY 2028.

Currently, the Summer Joint Enrollment Program receives an annual General Fund appropriation of \$600,000 in the Education Appropriations Act.

There is no fiscal impact on the Department of Education. Administrative work will be performed by Department staff with similar job responsibilities.

Source

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