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HOUSE FILE 2228

H-8056

1 Amend House File 2228 as follows:

- 2 1. Page 1, line 17, by striking <rules, pursuant to chapter  
3 17A,> and inserting <rules, pursuant to chapter 17A>
- 4 2. Page 2, line 5, by striking <be required to> and  
5 inserting <~~be required to~~>
- 6 3. Page 2, line 14, by striking <reasons> and inserting  
7 <reason>

By LATHAM of Franklin

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HOUSE FILE 2304

H-8059

1 Amend House File 2304 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 15, by striking <five> and inserting  
3 <fifteen>

4 2. Page 2, line 18, by striking <five> and inserting  
5 <fifteen>

6 3. Page 2, line 26, by striking <unless> and inserting  
7 <except upon written request of the grantee or when>

By LUNDGREN of Dubuque

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HOUSE FILE 2545

H-8055

- 1 Amend House File 2545 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 15 through 18.
- 3 2. Page 1, line 19, by striking <7.> and inserting <6.>
- 4 3. Page 2, by striking lines 10 through 12.
- 5 4. Page 2, line 13, by striking <d.> and inserting <c.>

By C. JOHNSON of Buchanan

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HOUSE FILE 2546

H-8053

- 1 Amend House File 2546 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:
- 3 <DIVISION I
- 4 PROCUREMENT OF A STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM>
- 5 2. Page 1, line 10, by striking <The director> and inserting
- 6 <As soon as is reasonably possible after the effective date of
- 7 this division of this Act, the director>
- 8 3. Page 3, after line 6 by inserting:
- 9 <Sec. \_\_\_\_ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
- 10 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>
- 11 4. Page 3, before line 7 by inserting:
- 12 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_
- 13 MODERNIZATION OF ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS>
- 14 5. Title page, line 2, after <systems> by inserting <, and
- 15 including effective date provisions>
- 16 6. By renumbering as necessary.

By GEHLBACH of Dallas

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HOUSE FILE 2583

H-8057

1 Amend House File 2583 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, lines 14 and 15, by striking <or electric  
3 utility>

4 2. Page 2, lines 1 and 2, by striking <or electric utility>

5 3. Page 2, lines 14 and 15, by striking <or electric  
6 utility>

7 4. Page 2, lines 31 and 32, by striking <and with electric  
8 utilities>

By YOUNG of Dallas

H-8057 FILED FEBRUARY 26, 2026

H-8062

1 Amend House File 2606 as follows:

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

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 554J.1 **Definitions.**

5 For purposes of this chapter:

6 1. *a.* "Account holder" means an individual who is at least  
7 eighteen years of age or a parent or legal guardian of a user  
8 who is under eighteen years of age.

9 *b.* "Account holder" does not include a parent of an  
10 emancipated minor or a parent or legal guardian who is not  
11 associated with a user's device.

12 2. "Age bracket data" means nonpersonally identifiable  
13 data derived from a user's birth date or age for the purpose  
14 of sharing with developers of applications that indicates  
15 the user's age range, including, at a minimum, all of the  
16 following:

17 *a.* Whether a user is under thirteen years of age.

18 *b.* Whether a user is at least thirteen years of age but  
19 under sixteen years of age.

20 *c.* Whether a user is at least sixteen years of age but under  
21 eighteen years of age.

22 *d.* Whether a user is at least eighteen years of age.

23 3. "App" means a software application that may be run or  
24 directed by a user on a computer, a mobile device, or any other  
25 general purpose computing device that can access a covered app  
26 store or download a software application.

27 4. *a.* "Covered app store" means a publicly available  
28 internet site, software application, online service, or  
29 platform that distributes and facilitates the download of  
30 software applications from third-party developers to users  
31 of a computer, a mobile device, or any other general purpose  
32 computing that can access a covered application store or can  
33 download an application.

34 *b.* "Covered app store" does not mean an online service  
35 or platform that distributes extensions, plug-ins, add-ons,

1 or other software applications that run exclusively within a  
2 separate host application.

3 5. "*Developer*" means a person that owns, maintains, or  
4 controls an app.

5 6. "*Minor*" means an individual who is under eighteen years  
6 of age.

7 7. "*Operating system provider*" means a person or entity that  
8 develops, licenses, or controls the operating system software  
9 on a computer, mobile device, or any other general purpose  
10 computing device.

11 8. "*Signal*" means age bracket data sent by a real-time  
12 secure application programming interface or operating system  
13 to an app.

14 9. "*User*" means a minor that is the primary individual that  
15 uses a device.

16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 554J.2 Age bracket data requirements.

17 1. An operating system provider shall do all of the  
18 following:

19 a. Provide an accessible interface at account setup that  
20 requires an account holder to indicate the birth date, age, or  
21 both, of the user of that device for the purpose of providing a  
22 signal regarding the user's age bracket data to apps available  
23 in a covered app store.

24 b. Provide a developer who has requested a signal with  
25 respect to a particular user with a digital signal via a  
26 reasonably consistent real-time application programming  
27 interface that identifies, at a minimum, the age range of age  
28 bracket data to which the user belongs.

29 c. Send only the minimum amount of information necessary to  
30 comply with this chapter.

31 d. Refrain from sharing digital signal information with a  
32 third party for a purpose not required by this chapter.

33 2. a. A developer shall request a signal with respect to a  
34 particular user from an operating system provider or a covered  
35 app store when the developer's app is downloaded and launched.

1     *b.* (1) A developer that receives a signal under this  
2 section shall be deemed to have actual knowledge of the age  
3 range of the user to whom the signal pertains across all  
4 platforms of the app and points of access of the app even if the  
5 developer willfully disregards the signal.

6     (2) A developer shall not willfully disregard internal  
7 clear and convincing information otherwise available to the  
8 developer that indicates that a user's age is different than  
9 the age bracket data indicated by a signal provided by an  
10 operating system provider or a covered app store.

11    *c.* (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), a developer  
12 shall treat a signal received under this section as the primary  
13 indicator of a user's age range for purposes of determining the  
14 user's age.

15     (2) If a developer has internal clear and convincing  
16 information that a user's age is different than the age  
17 indicated by a signal received under this section, the  
18 developer shall use the internal information as the primary  
19 indicator of the user's age.

20    *d.* A developer that receives a signal under this section  
21 shall use that signal to comply with applicable law, but shall  
22 not do any of the following:

23     (1) Request more information from an operating system  
24 provider or a covered app store than the minimum amount of  
25 information necessary to comply with this chapter.

26     (2) Share the signal with a third party for a purpose not  
27 required by this chapter.

28    Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 554J.3 **Prior existing apps and**  
29 **accounts.**

30    1. With respect to a device for which account setup was  
31 completed prior to January 1, 2027, an operating system  
32 provider shall, before July 1, 2027, provide an accessible  
33 interface that allows an account holder to indicate the birth  
34 date, age, or both, of the user of that device for the purpose  
35 of providing a signal regarding the user's age bracket to apps

1 available in a covered app store.

2 2. If an app last updated with updates on or after January  
3 1, 2026, was downloaded to a device before January 1, 2027,  
4 and the developer has not requested a signal with respect to  
5 the user of the device on which the app was downloaded, the  
6 developer shall request a signal from a covered app store with  
7 respect to that user before July 1, 2027.

8 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 554J.4 Enforcement.

9 1. The attorney general shall implement and enforce this  
10 chapter.

11 2. A person that violates this chapter shall be subject to  
12 an injunction and liable for a civil penalty of not more than  
13 two thousand five hundred dollars per affected minor or seven  
14 thousand five hundred dollars if the violation was intentional.

15 3. An operating system provider or a covered app store that  
16 makes a good faith effort to comply with this chapter, taking  
17 into consideration available technology and any reasonable  
18 technical limitations or outages, shall not be liable for an  
19 erroneous signal indicating a user's age range or any conduct  
20 by a developer that receives a signal indicating a user's age  
21 range.

22 4. Civil penalties collected under this section shall be  
23 deposited into the general fund of the state.

24 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 554J.5 Interpretation.

25 1. This chapter shall not be construed to do any of the  
26 following:

27 a. Modify, impair, or supersede the operation of any  
28 antitrust law.

29 b. Require the collection of additional personal information  
30 from device owners or device users other than what is necessary  
31 to comply with section 554J.2.

32 c. Impose liability on an operating system provider, a  
33 covered app store, or a developer for the use of a device or app  
34 by a person who is not the user to whom a signal pertains.

35 2. An operating system provider or a covered app store

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1 shall comply with this chapter in a nondiscriminatory manner,  
2 including but not limited to complying with all of the  
3 following:

4     *a.* Imposing at least the same restrictions and obligations  
5 on its own apps and app distribution as the operating system  
6 provider or covered app store does on those from third-party  
7 apps or app distributors.

8     *b.* Refraining from using data collected from a third party  
9 in the course of complying with this chapter to compete against  
10 a third party, give the covered app store's services preference  
11 relative to those of a third party, or otherwise use the data  
12 or consent mechanism in an anticompetitive manner.

13     3. This chapter shall not apply to any of the following:

14     *a.* A broadband internet access service.

15     *b.* A telecommunications service as defined in 47 U.S.C.  
16 §153.

17     *c.* The delivery or use of a physical product.

18     Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,  
19 2027.>

20     2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting  
21 <An Act relating to age bracket data requirements for covered  
22 app stores, developers, and operating system providers, and  
23 including effective date provisions.>

By WICHTENDAHL of Linn

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HOUSE FILE 2609

H-8058

- 1 Amend House File 2609 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, before line 4 by inserting:
- 3 <a. *Person who is responsible* means the person who
- 4 pays for the publication or creation of published material.
- 5 *Person who is responsible* does not mean a media or technology
- 6 organization publishing, broadcasting, distributing, or hosting
- 7 published material on behalf of another person.>
- 8 2. Page 1, by striking line 4 and inserting:
- 9 <b. (1) *Synthetic media* means an image, audio recording,
- 10 or>
- 11 3. Page 1, line 10, by striking <(1)> and inserting <(a)>
- 12 4. Page 1, line 13, by striking <(2)> and inserting <(b)>
- 13 5. Page 1, line 16, by striking <b.> and inserting <(2)>

By LUNDGREN of Dubuque

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HOUSE FILE 2700

H-8054

- 1 Amend House File 2700 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking <The> and inserting <Except  
3 as provided in paragraph "b", the>
- 4 2. Page 1, line 9, by striking <initial>
- 5 3. Page 1, after line 15 by inserting:  
6 <b. The department shall not examine an applicant's  
7 English language proficiency if the applicant submits proof,  
8 as determined by the department, that the applicant is  
9 sufficiently proficient in the English language by having  
10 previously successfully completed the examination required  
11 under paragraph "a".>
- 12 4. Page 1, line 16, by striking <b.> and inserting <c.>
- 13 5. Page 1, line 23, by striking <c.> and inserting <d.>
- 14 6. Page 1, line 26, by striking <d.> and inserting <e.>
- 15 7. Page 2, by striking lines 3 through 6 and inserting  
16 <vehicle.>
- 17 8. Page 2, before line 7 by inserting:  
18 <a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", a person who  
19 violates this subsection commits a serious misdemeanor. The  
20 court shall impose a fine of one thousand dollars and the court  
21 may order imprisonment not to exceed one year.  
22 b. In lieu of the criminal penalty under paragraph "a", a  
23 peace officer shall issue an out-of-service order to a person  
24 who violates this subsection if the person holds an unexpired  
25 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit that  
26 was issued by the department after the person successfully  
27 completed the English language proficiency examination under  
28 section 321.187B, subsection 1, paragraph "a".>
- 29 9. Page 2, line 10, by striking <language.> and inserting  
30 <language in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §391.11(b)(2).>

By A. MEYER of Webster

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SENATE FILE 2426

H-8060

- 1 Amend Senate File 2426, as amended, passed, and reprinted by  
2 the Senate, as follows:
- 3 1. Page 2, line 5, by striking <commercial drivers and>
  - 4 2. Page 2, by striking lines 6 through 20.
  - 5 3. Page 2, line 21, by striking <2.> and inserting <1.>
  - 6 4. Page 2, line 33, by striking <3.> and inserting <2.>
  - 7 5. Page 2, line 35, by striking <who was operating a  
8 commercial motor vehicle>
  - 9 6. Page 3, line 7, by striking <2> and inserting <1>
  - 10 7. Page 3, line 20, by striking <4.> and inserting <3.>

By WILSON of Linn

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SENATE FILE 2426

H-8061

1 Amend Senate File 2426, as amended, passed, and reprinted by  
2 the Senate, as follows:  
3 1. Page 2, line 32, by striking <or subsequent>  
4 2. Page 2, after line 32 by inserting:  
5 <d. For a fourth or subsequent violation, in addition to the  
6 penalty provided for a third violation, the commercial motor  
7 carrier shall cease operations until an individual who holds a  
8 majority ownership interest in the commercial motor carrier,  
9 and all managerial staff, participate in training developed by  
10 the department regarding compliance with this section.>

By COOLING of Linn

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[SF 2426](#) – Commercial Driver’s Licenses, English Proficiency (LSB5328SV)  
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### **Description**

[Senate File 2426](#) requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) deny the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver’s license (CDL) or commercial learner’s permit (CLP) if the applicant fails to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. The DOT must administer the examination in a computer-based format. The Bill does not limit an applicant from retaking the examination.

The Bill prohibits a person who is not proficient in the English language from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). A person who violates this provision commits a serious misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine and imprisonment not to exceed one year. The Bill prohibits a commercial motor carrier from employing the services of a commercial driver, including an independent contractor, who is not proficient in the English language. A carrier who violates this provision commits a serious misdemeanor and is subject to civil penalty ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 based on the number of violations, to be imposed and collected by the DOT, and deposited into the Road Use Tax Fund.

The DOT is prohibited from complying with a provision of the Bill if compliance would cause the denial of federal funds or services or otherwise violate federal law. Requirements to perform English language proficiency examinations take effect beginning March 1, 2027.

### **Background**

Under Iowa Code section [321.188](#), the DOT administers CDL and CLP examinations in compliance with the procedures set forth in 49 C.F.R. [§383.73](#) before issuing or renewing a CDL or CLP. Currently the DOT offers the CDL knowledge tests in Spanish, which is allowed by 49 C.F.R. [§383.133\(b\)\(3\)](#). The DOT performs the CDL skills test in English only, as required by 49 C.F.R. [§383.133\(c\)\(5\)](#).

A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,500.

### **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.

- 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

Senate File 2426 creates two new offenses classified as serious misdemeanors. The correctional impact of the Bill cannot be determined because the number of new convictions cannot be estimated. **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 serious misdemeanor. 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.

**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
Serious Misdemeanor	2.3%	7.3	\$23.07	44.8%	21.0	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	N/A	\$8.00

### Minority Impact

The minority impact cannot be determined since the number of new convictions under the Bill is unknown. 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

The fiscal impact cannot be determined because the number of new convictions under the Bill cannot be estimated. The average State cost per serious misdemeanor is between \$350 and \$6,200. 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.

### Sources

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

/s/ Jennifer Acton

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[HF 2292](#) – Mental Health Institutes, Inpatient Psychiatric Bed Capacity (LSB5437HV)  
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## Description

[House File 2292](#) directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to, at a minimum, double the number of inpatient psychiatric beds at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute (MHI) and Independence MHI by July 1, 2027, based on the number of beds that were at each MHI on June 30, 2025. The HHS is required to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver of Medicaid's [institution for mental diseases \(IMD\) exclusion](#) by October 1, 2026.

## Background

The Cherokee MHI provides acute psychiatric care for adults ordered into the custody of the State for purposes of competency restoration, adults who have been acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity, and similarly situated adults. Currently, the Cherokee MHI has 36 adult beds at the facility.

The Independence MHI provides acute psychiatric care for adults, adolescents, and children, including specialized treatment of behaviorally complex youth. Currently, the Independence MHI has 56 beds at the facility, of which 36 are designated as adolescent beds and 20 are designated as adult beds.

An IMD is a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases. Medicaid's IMD exclusion prohibits the federal government from providing federal Medicaid funds to states for services rendered to certain Medicaid-eligible individuals who are patients at IMDs. Federal law includes exceptions to the IMD exclusion for children under the age of 21 and individuals aged 65 and older. States can request a [Section 1115 waiver](#) to provide Medicaid coverage for individuals aged 21 through 64 with serious mental illness or substance use disorder for short-term stays in IMDs. States may claim federal financial participation (FFP) for stays up to 60 days as long as the average length of stay is 30 days or less, as determined by the mid-point assessment. Currently, a Medicaid-eligible individual's stay at an IMD is covered by their managed care plan for up to 15 days in a month through In Lieu of Services (ILOS).

## Assumptions

### Contracts

- The CMS will approve the application for a waiver of Medicaid's IMD exclusion.
- Iowa Medicaid will need an amendment with the current waiver technical assistance contract.
- The waiver technical assistance contract is billed at \$257.50 per hour.
- Amending the waiver technical assistance contract will require 2,000 hours of work in FY 2027 to submit the waiver to CMS, 1,000 hours of work in FY 2028 to account for implementation, and 500 hours of work annually through FY 2031.
- Costs incurred while amending the waiver technical assistance contract will be paid through State and federal funds in equal shares.

- Actuarial Services will be required to implement the federal waiver.
- Actuarial Services' costs will be paid through State and federal funds in equal shares.
- The Actuarial Services contract estimates a cost of \$100,000 for implementing requirements of the Bill.
- Iowa Medicaid will amend a contract with the University of Iowa evaluating and researching Iowa's Section 1115 waiver.
- Amending the University of Iowa contract to include the waiver for the IMD exclusion will increase costs by \$550,000 annually.
- The State is eligible for 50.0% FFP on the University of Iowa contract.

### **Medicaid**

- The proportion of Medicaid-eligible individuals who will qualify for Medicaid funding under the waiver for the IMD exclusion to noneligible individuals will not change from the proportion in FY 2024.
- In 2024, there were 61 Medicaid-eligible individuals who would have qualified for Medicaid funding under the waiver for the IMD exclusion admitted to the Cherokee MHI.
- In 2024, there was one Medicaid-eligible individual who would have qualified for Medicaid funding under the waiver for the IMD exclusion admitted to the Independence MHI.
- The average length of stay for Medicaid-eligible individuals at the MHIs will increase to 30 days as a result of the waiver for the IMD exclusion.
- All beds will be occupied.
- The State will pay 30.66% of Medicaid costs, while federal funds will cover 69.34% of the costs for Medicaid-eligible individuals who qualify for the IMD exclusion waiver.
- The State will pay 36.67% of Medicaid costs, while federal funds will cover 63.33% of the costs for traditional Medicaid.
- The cost per day for residents at the MHI will not change from the cost in effect in FY 2024.
- The reimbursement per day for residents at the Cherokee MHI under the waiver for the IMD exclusion will be \$893.75.
- The reimbursement per day for residents at the Independence MHI under the waiver for the IMD exclusion will be \$918.18.
- The Medicaid IMD revenue to the MHIs, as permitted under Iowa Code section [218.97](#), will increase by \$2.9 million.
- The revenue returned to the General Fund, as required by Iowa Code section [218.78](#), will increase by \$9.5 million. Of that revenue, \$736,000 is from Medicare, \$4.5 million is from Medicaid, and \$4.3 million is from other revenue sources.
- Expenditures for Medicaid will increase by \$7.4 million.
- The increased bed access and reimbursement at the MHIs will result in fewer placements at other inpatient psychiatric facilities, which will reduce Medicaid expenditures by \$3.1 million.
- The net increase to Medicaid expenditures will be \$4.3 million.

### **Cherokee MHI**

- There will be one-time implementation costs at the Cherokee MHI, including infrastructure modifications, information technology (IT) equipment, additional fleet vehicles, pharmacy medication cabinets and associated IT equipment for three wards, and psychiatric safe furniture for three wards. **Figure 1** shows the one-time costs to the HHS for the Cherokee MHI to implement the Bill for FY 2027.

**Figure 1 — Cherokee MHI One-Time Costs for FY 2027**

<b>One-Time Need</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Infrastructure Modifications	
North Ward 3 Remodel	\$ 1,135,000
North Ward 7 Remodel	860,000
North Ward 8 Remodel	1,985,000
DAS Project Management	995,000
IT Equipment	200,000
Additional Fleet Vehicles	75,000
Pharmacy Medication Cabinets and Associated IT	300,000
Psychiatric Safe Furniture	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,700,000</b>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

- In FY 2027, the HHS estimates that expenditures for new full-time equivalent (FTE) positions will total \$2.8 million at the Cherokee MHI and \$3.5 million at the Independence MHI to have staff prepared and ready prior to FY 2028.
- The Cherokee MHI will need an additional 105.0 FTE positions to implement the Bill beginning in FY 2028. **Figure 2** shows the required personnel and their salaries for FY 2028.

**Figure 2 — Cherokee MHI Personnel Salaries for FY 2028**

<b>Job Classification</b>	<b>Cost Per FTE</b>	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Activities Specialist 1	\$ 91,000	3.0	\$ 273,000
Administrative Support Assistant 3	72,000	1.0	72,000
Behavioral Health Professional 2	144,000	1.0	144,000
Cook 1	55,000	1.0	55,000
Food Service Worker	53,000	4.0	211,000
IT Specialist 3	109,000	1.0	109,000
IT Support Worker 3	69,000	1.0	69,000
IT Specialist 2	95,000	1.0	95,000
Laundry Worker 1	58,000	2.0	116,000
Licensed Practical Nurse	95,000	11.0	1,046,000
Maintenance Repairer	73,000	4.0	291,000
Nurse Clinician	119,000	1.0	119,000
Nurse Supervisor	131,000	2.0	262,000
Pharmacy Technician	69,000	1.0	69,000
Physician (Psychiatrist)	452,000	1.0	452,000
Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner	151,000	3.0	454,000
Registered Nurse	114,000	22.0	2,502,000
Resident Treatment Technician	79,000	4.0	317,000
Resident Treatment Worker	69,000	36.0	2,485,000
Social Worker 3	96,000	5.0	478,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>105.0</b>	<b>\$ 9,620,000</b>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

- There will be ongoing costs at the Cherokee MHI to implement the Bill, which will total \$1.5 million annually beginning in FY 2028. These ongoing costs include payroll costs related to overtime, food supplies, pharmacy and other medical services, and miscellaneous supplies.

**Independence MHI**

- There will be one-time implementation costs at the Independence MHI, including infrastructure modifications, IT equipment, additional fleet vehicles, pharmacy medication cabinets and associated IT equipment for three wards, psychiatric safe furniture for three wards, and office supplies. **Figure 3** shows the one-time costs to the HHS for FY 2027 to implement the Bill.

**Figure 3 — Independence MHI One-Time Costs for FY 2027**

<b>One-Time Need</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Infrastructure Modifications	
Cromwell Children’s Unit and School	\$ 7,995,000
Reynolds Building (Wards B and C)	500,000
Witte Building (Ward 22)	50,000
DAS Project Management	138,000
IT Equipment	700,000
Additional Fleet Vehicles	75,000
Pharmacy Medication Cabinets and Associated IT	300,000
Psychiatric Safe Furniture	180,000
Office Furniture	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,087,000</b>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

- The Independence MHI will need an additional 132.0 FTE positions to implement the Bill beginning in FY 2028. **Figure 4** shows the required personnel and their salaries for FY 2028.

**Figure 4 — Independence MHI Personnel Salaries for FY 2028**

<b>Job Classification</b>	<b>Cost Per FTE</b>	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accounting Clerk 2	\$ 63,000	1.0	\$ 63,000
Activities Specialist 1	91,000	6.0	545,000
Administrative Support Assistant 1	58,000	1.0	58,000
Administrative Support Assistant 2	63,000	1.0	63,000
Behavioral Health Professional 2	144,000	3.0	433,000
Custodial Worker	53,000	6.0	316,000
Driver	60,000	2.0	120,000
Education Aide	66,000	2.0	132,000
Educator	101,000	6.0	607,000
Food Production Supervisor	83,000	1.0	83,000
Food Service Worker	53,000	2.0	105,000
IT Specialist 3	109,000	1.0	109,000
IT Support Worker 3	69,000	1.0	69,000
Laundry Worker 1	58,000	2.0	116,000
Licensed Practical Nurse	95,000	10.0	951,000
Maintenance Repairer	73,000	2.0	146,000
Nurse Supervisor	131,000	5.0	656,000
Physician (Psychiatrist)	452,000	1.0	452,000
Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner	151,000	4.0	605,000
Purchasing Assistant 1	66,000	1.0	66,000
Registered Nurse	114,000	20.0	2,274,000
Resident Treatment Technician	79,000	8.0	635,000
Resident Treatment Worker	69,000	40.0	2,761,000
Social Worker 3	96,000	5.0	478,000
Treatment Program Administrator	138,000	1.0	138,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>132.0</b>	<b>\$ 11,982,000</b>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

- There will be ongoing costs at the Independence MHI to implement the Bill, which will total \$1.9 million annually beginning in FY 2028. These ongoing costs include payroll costs related to overtime, food supplies, pharmacy and other medical services, miscellaneous supplies, and professional services.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The total anticipated expenditures for HF 2292 are estimated to be \$22.7 million in FY 2027, of which the State cost is \$22.3 million and the federal cost is \$308,000. For FY 2028, expenditures are estimated to be \$30.1 million, of which the State cost is \$26.9 million and the federal cost is \$3.3 million.

In addition, HF 2292 is expected to increase the Medicare, Medicaid, and other revenue returned to the General Fund under Iowa Code section [218.78](#) by \$9.5 million annually beginning in FY 2028. Medicaid revenue retained by the MHIs under Iowa Code section [218.97](#) is expected to increase by \$2.9 million annually.

**Figure 5** shows the breakout of expenditures to implement HF 2292 in FY 2027. **Figure 6** shows the breakout of the total expenditures to implement HF 2292 for FY 2028, as well as the anticipated revenues and total fiscal impact.

**Figure 5 — Estimated Costs for FY 2027 for House File 2292**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Total</b>
Waiver Technical Assistance Contract	\$ 258,000	\$ 258,000	\$ 515,000
Actuarial Services	50,000	50,000	100,000
Cherokee One-Time Costs	5,700,000	0	5,700,000
Cherokee FTE Positions	2,782,000	0	2,782,000
Independence One-Time Costs	10,087,000	0	10,087,000
Independence FTE Positions	3,471,000	0	3,471,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,347,000</b>	<b>\$ 308,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,655,000</b>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

**Figure 6 — Estimated Costs for FY 2028 for House File 2292**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Total</b>
Waiver Technical Assistance Contract	\$ 129,000	\$ 129,000	\$ 258,000
University of Iowa Contract	275,000	275,000	550,000
Medicaid Expenditures	1,458,000	2,854,000	4,312,000
Cherokee Ongoing Costs	1,507,000	0	1,507,000
Cherokee FTE Positions	9,620,000	0	9,620,000
Independence Ongoing Costs	1,900,000	0	1,900,000
Independence FTE Positions	11,982,000	0	11,982,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 26,871,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,000</b>	<b>\$ 30,129,000</b>
Medicaid Revenue Retained by MHIs	\$ -2,887,000	\$ 0	\$ -2,887,000
MHI Revenue Returned to the General Fund	-9,500,000	0	-9,500,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,484,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,742,000</b>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

**Source**

Department of Health and Human Services

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# Fiscal Note

## Fiscal Services Division



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[HF 2356](#) – State Public Defender, Child Welfare Legal Representation (LSB5356HV)  
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### Description

[House File 2356](#) changes the State Public Defender (SPD) pilot project, Child Welfare Legal Representation, to a permanent program to be known as the Project to Preserve Families (PPF). The Bill allows the SPD to administer and maintain the PPF throughout the State. The SPD may adopt administrative rules to administer the PPF.

### Background

2020 Iowa Acts, chapter [1040](#) (State Public Defender Pilot Project — Child Welfare Legal Representation Act), established a pilot project under Iowa Code section [13B.13](#) to implement models of legal representation to assist families involved in the child welfare system by implementing and studying ways to achieve positive outcomes for families, reduce trauma to young children, and deliver financial benefits to families and their communities. The pilot project was originally implemented in up to six counties in Iowa. However, 2023 Iowa Acts, chapter [10](#) (Child Welfare Legal Representation — State Public Defender Pilot Project Extension and Expansion Act), expanded it to 16 counties. The pilot project ended on June 30, 2025.

The pilot project has received a total of 403 referrals since 2020. Of the 403 referrals, 19 or 4.7% of the total referrals became child in need of assistance (CINA) cases.

### Assumptions

- The average cost of a CINA case is \$7,800 when representation is provided to indigent clients. This cost is paid from the Indigent Defense Fund.
- In FY 2025, the cost of the average pilot project referral was approximately \$2,500. This cost is paid from the Juvenile Justice Improvement Fund, which is funded with federal Title IV-E dollars.
- When the PPF is fully implemented, it will receive approximately 200 referrals annually across the State.
- It is assumed that 4.7%, or 9 referrals will become CINA cases annually.
- The SPD currently assigns 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) position to the pilot project. It is assumed 1.0 FTE position will be assigned to the PPF program.
- The annual cost of referrals under the PPF program is estimated to be \$471,000.
- The Juvenile Justice Improvement Fund will continue to receive Title IV-E funds.

### Fiscal Impact

House File 2356 is estimated to result in approximate cost savings of \$1.5 million annually to the Indigent Defense Fund. The cost to the Juvenile Justice Fund is estimated to be \$471,000 annually, which is funded by federal moneys through Title IV-E reimbursement.

**Source**

Office of the State Public Defender

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[HF 2562](#) – Temporary Health Care Placement Decision Makers (LSB5341HV)  
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**Description**

[House File 2562](#) relates to care facility placement decisions for certain adults. The Bill allows a physician to certify in a patient’s record that the patient is not able to consent; an authorized representative for the patient has not been located by the physician; and that it is in the patient’s best interests to be discharged from the patient’s current care facility and transferred or admitted to a care facility recommended by the physician. The Bill also allows an authorized person to make decisions regarding the patient’s care facility placement following physician certification. The Bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt administrative rules to administer the Bill.

**Assumptions and Background**

- University of Iowa Health Care (UIHC) provides services to 10 to 12 patients per month who cannot consent to discharge.
- The average unnecessary bed days per patient is 2.6 days.
- The average net daily rate per patient is \$1,663.

**Fiscal Impact**

According to the Board of Regents, House File 2562 may reduce revenues for UIHC between \$519,000 and \$623,000 annually.

**Sources**

Board of Regents  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

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# Fiscal Note

## Fiscal Services Division



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[HF 2565](#) – Human Trafficking Task Force (LSB1298HW)

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### Description

[House File 2565](#) establishes a human trafficking investigative task force within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and a special office to prosecute crimes related to human trafficking within the Office of the Attorney General (AG).

### Division I — Formation and Authority of Iowa Human Trafficking Task Force

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#### Description

The Bill renames the Office to Combat Human Trafficking to the Iowa Human Trafficking Task Force (Task Force) in Iowa Code section [80.45](#) within the DPS to oversee and coordinate efforts to combat human trafficking. The Task Force has the full authority to make arrests, to call on other law enforcement entities within the State to assist with arrests and investigations, and to provide any back-up or necessary support that it requires in the execution of its duties as prescribed by law. The Task Force shall also have an office and call center that is staffed by personnel assigned to it 24 hours per day, seven days per week, including during holidays.

The Commissioner of the DPS must appoint a director of the Task Force. The Task Force shall have four teams that are divided geographically into four quadrants where Interstates 35 and 80 will be the boundaries. The Task Force must have all of the following personnel:

- A deputy director who must be a certified law enforcement officer with the State of Iowa and who has specialized training in human trafficking.
- One person to act as an intelligence and evidence officer or investigator who has specialized training in human trafficking, white collar crimes, and intelligence gathering and analysis.
- One person to oversee and conduct cybercrimes investigations, information technology forensics, and oversight of the Task Force's cybercrimes operations, investigations, and intelligence gathering.
- Eight total investigators, two of whom are to be placed in each quadrant, who are certified law enforcement officers with the State of Iowa and who have specialized training in human trafficking.
- Four victim advocates, one of whom is to be placed in each quadrant, who have specialized training for human trafficking victims.
- Four emergency dispatchers who have specialized training in human trafficking to staff the office and call center.

#### Background

Currently, Iowa Code section 80.45 establishes the Office to Combat Human Trafficking within the DPS. The Office to Combat Human Trafficking receives an annual General Fund appropriation of \$201,000 in the Justice System Appropriations Act.

#### Assumptions

- An additional 20.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions will be required to implement the Task Force. These additional FTE positions and estimated costs include the following:
  - One Director at an estimated annual salary and benefits cost of \$235,000.
  - One Deputy Director at an estimated annual salary and benefits cost of \$211,000.

- One Intelligence Officer at an estimated annual salary and benefits cost of \$113,000.
- One Cybercrimes Investigator at an estimated annual salary and benefits cost of \$187,000.
- Six Regional Investigators at an estimated annual salary and benefits cost of \$187,000 per position, totaling \$1,122,000.
- Four Regional Victim Advocates at an estimated annual salary and benefits cost of \$82,000 per position, totaling \$332,000.
- Six Communication Specialists at an estimated annual salary and benefits cost of \$90,000 per position, totaling \$540,000.
- The FTE costs for DPS are based on mid-tier to upper-tier salary ranges.
- Annual day-to-day operating costs for the Task Force are estimated to be \$192,300.
- One-time costs required to implement the Task Force are estimated as follows:
  - Initial training at an estimated cost of \$100,000.
  - Dispatch console at an estimated cost of \$600,000.
  - Thirteen vehicles at an estimated total cost of \$546,000.
  - Uniforms and related equipment at an estimated cost of \$22,500.
  - IT equipment at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact for **Division I** for FY 2027 is estimated at approximately \$4.2 million. The ongoing annual costs are estimated to be \$2.7 million.

## **Division II — Formation and Authority of Special Office to Prosecute Crimes Related to Human Trafficking**

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### **Description**

The Bill directs the AG to add a new division to the AG's office that is to be known as the Iowa Human Trafficking Task Force Special Prosecution Team. The special prosecution team will prosecute crimes and take actions in the courts on behalf of the Task Force. The AG will have the full vested authority of oversight and direction of the Assistant AGs, including providing funding for support and professional staff to support the division's functions.

Under the Bill, the Auditor of State must appoint four Assistant AGs for the sole purpose of prosecuting crimes that are related to human trafficking and the subject of investigation and arrest of the Task Force. One Assistant AG must represent each quadrant of the State.

### **Assumptions**

- The AG's office will require 4.0 Assistant Attorney General 3 positions at a cost of \$153,000 per position.
- The FTE costs for Assistant Attorney General 3 range from \$107,000 to \$153,000. The AG's office is assuming mid-tier to upper-tier salary ranges.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact for Division II of the Bill is approximately \$612,000.

## Fiscal Impact Summary

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Figure 1 below shows the total fiscal impact for House File 2565.

**Figure 1 — Total Estimated Costs for HF 2565**

	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Division I (DPS)</b>		
20.0 FTE Positions	\$ 2,740,000	\$ 2,740,000
Vehicles & Equipment	1,209,000	0
Training & Support	292,000	192,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,241,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,932,000</b>
<b>Division II (AG)</b>		
4.0 FTE Positions	\$ 612,000	\$ 612,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,852,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,544,000</b>

### Sources

Office of the Attorney General  
Auditor of State's Office  
Department of Public Safety

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# Fiscal Note

## Fiscal Services Division



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[HF 2649](#) – Community Colleges, Baccalaureate Degrees (LSB5229HV)  
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### Description

[House File 2649](#) establishes a pilot program under the Department of Education (DE) to offer baccalaureate degrees at eligible community colleges. The State Board of Education will establish administrative rules necessary to administer this pilot program. The Bill also prohibits the creation of any baccalaureate degree program if there is an equivalent degree program offered at a Regents institution within 50 miles of the community college’s main campus. All new degree programs must pertain to the following degree fields: education, nursing, information technology, public safety, business, health care management, agriculture, or dental hygiene.

Tuition for Iowa residents for upper-level courses offered as part of a baccalaureate program is not to exceed 150.0% of the lowest tuition rate per semester charged by an institution of higher education under the State Board of Regents for a full-time resident student.

### Background

In October 2025, Iowa community colleges released the results of a [College Student Baccalaureate Degree Feasibility Study](#) evaluating the feasibility of authorizing community colleges to offer bachelor’s degrees in Iowa. The analysis cites projected workforce demand, noting that while 42.0% of Iowa jobs currently require a bachelor’s degree, only 22.0% of Iowans hold one, and identifies educational deserts, particularly in rural areas, where access to affordable public four-year options is limited. The report concludes that Iowa community colleges possess partial academic and infrastructure capacity to offer bachelor’s programs but would require policy changes related to faculty workload, targeted investments in facilities and technology, and careful alignment with their traditional open-access mission.

Drawing on experiences from 24 states where community college baccalaureate programs are already authorized, the report recommends:

- Allowing differentiated tuition for upper-division coursework, capped at 150.0% of lower-division tuition.
- A one-time \$20.0 million State appropriation over five years to support program start-up costs.
- Using existing program approval and regional accreditation processes with locally elected boards determining program offerings, and identifying employment outcomes and statewide educational attainment as key metrics for evaluating program effectiveness.
- An earliest potential implementation date of fall 2028, assuming statutory authority is granted in 2026.

### Fiscal Impact

The Legislative Services Agency (LSA) has not received a response to multiple requests for information from the DE. Without additional information regarding the implementation of this program, the LSA cannot estimate any potential fiscal impact of the Bill.

**Source**

Iowa Association of Community College Trustees

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