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HOUSE FILE 2231

H-8075

1 Amend House File 2231 as follows:

- 2 1. Page 1, line 29, by striking <to be> and inserting <which
3 may be>
- 4 2. Page 1, line 31, by striking <must> and inserting <may>

By FETT of Warren

H-8075 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2244

H-8076

1 Amend House File 2244 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 16 through 18 and inserting
3 <civics and United States government shall consist of at least
4 one-half unit of credit, or the equivalent, during grade seven
5 or grade eight. For purposes of this subparagraph, a unit of
6 credit consists of a course or equivalent related components or
7 partial units taught throughout the academic year.>

By HENDERSON of Woodbury

H-8076 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2247

H-8099

1 Amend House File 2247 as follows:

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

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.13D Extracurricular
5 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions — payment of
6 legal tender permitted.

7 1. For purposes of this section, "*organization*" means the
8 same as defined in section 280.13.

9 2. A public school shall accept legal tender as a form of
10 payment for entry into any extracurricular interscholastic
11 athletic contest or competition sponsored by an organization.
12 As a condition of registration with the department of education
13 under section 280.13, an organization shall accept legal
14 tender as a form of payment for entry into any extracurricular
15 interscholastic athletic contest or competition sponsored by
16 the organization.>

By HORA of Washington

H-8099 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2337

H-8074

1 Amend House File 2337 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 4, after <gain,> by inserting <knowingly and
3 with intent>

By MADISON of Polk

H-8074 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2345

H-8085

- 1 Amend House File 2345 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 3, after <name> by inserting <and city of
3 last known address>
- 4 2. Page 2, before line 1 by inserting:
5 <Sec. ____ . Section 411.5, subsection 6, Code 2026, is
6 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* The system may release the legal name
8 and city of last known address of a member or beneficiary to
9 the treasurer of state for purposes of assisting the system in
10 locating the member or beneficiary.>
- 11 3. Title page, line 2, after <system> by inserting <and the
12 municipal fire and police retirement system>
- 13 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By SMITH of Dubuque

H-8085 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2494

H-8088

1 Amend House File 2494 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 18, by striking <and>

3 2. Page 1, line 19, after <agencies,> by inserting <and the
4 impact on public and nonpublic schools>

By MATSON of Polk

H-8088 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2497

H-8072

- 1 Amend House File 2497 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 1, by striking <516C.1> and inserting
3 <537C.1>
- 4 2. Page 1, line 4, by striking <516C.2> and inserting
5 <537C.2>
- 6 3. Page 2, line 25, by striking <516C.3> and inserting
7 <537C.3>
- 8 4. Page 2, line 34, by striking <516C.2> and inserting
9 <537C.2>
- 10 5. Page 3, line 16, by striking <516C.4> and inserting
11 <537C.4>
- 12 6. Page 4, line 17, by striking <516C.12> and inserting
13 <537C.12>
- 14 7. Page 4, line 21, by striking <516C.2> and inserting
15 <537C.2>
- 16 8. Page 4, line 28, by striking <516C.3> and inserting
17 <537C.3>
- 18 9. Page 5, line 20, by striking <516C.5> and inserting
19 <537C.5>
- 20 10. Page 6, line 5, by striking <516C.6> and inserting
21 <537C.6>
- 22 11. Page 6, line 13, by striking <516C.7> and inserting
23 <537C.7>
- 24 12. Page 6, line 26, by striking <516C.8> and inserting
25 <537C.8>
- 26 13. Page 7, line 18, by striking <516C.9> and inserting
27 <537C.9>
- 28 14. Page 8, line 6, by striking <516C.10> and inserting
29 <537C.10>
- 30 15. Page 8, line 32, by striking <516C.11> and inserting
31 <537C.11>
- 32 16. Page 9, line 4, by striking <516C.12> and inserting
33 <537C.12>
- 34 17. Page 9, by striking lines 22 through 24.

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By BOSSMAN of Woodbury

H-8072 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2508

H-8077

1 Amend House File 2508 as follows:

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

4 <Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph i, Code
5 2026, is amended to read as follows:

6 *i.* Provide instruction for at least the number of days
7 or hours required by section 279.10, subsection 1, unless
8 specifically waived by the state board as part of the
9 application process. However, the mandatory spring break
10 period established in section 279.10, subsection 1, paragraph
11 "b", shall not be waived.

12 Sec. 2. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 1. a. The school year for each school district and
15 accredited nonpublic school shall begin on July 1 and the
16 school calendar shall begin no sooner than August 23 and no
17 later than the first Monday in December. The school calendar
18 shall include not less than one hundred eighty days or one
19 thousand eighty hours of instruction during the calendar
20 year, of which not more than five days or thirty hours of
21 instruction may be delivered primarily over the internet except
22 as otherwise provided in section 256.43 or in rules adopted
23 by the state board of education pursuant to section 256.7,
24 subsection 32. The board of directors of a school district and
25 the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school
26 shall determine the school start date for the school calendar
27 in accordance with this subsection and shall set the number
28 of days or hours of required attendance for the school year
29 as provided in section 299.1, subsection 2, but the board of
30 directors of a school district shall hold a public hearing
31 on any proposed school calendar prior to adopting the school
32 calendar. If the board of directors of a district or the
33 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school extends
34 the school calendar because inclement weather caused the school
35 district or accredited nonpublic school to temporarily close

1 during the regular school calendar, the school district or
2 accredited nonpublic school may excuse a graduating senior
3 who has met district or school requirements for graduation
4 from attendance during the extended school calendar. A school
5 corporation may begin employment of personnel for in-service
6 training and development purposes before the date to begin
7 elementary and secondary school.

8 b. The school calendar for each school district and
9 accredited nonpublic school must include a spring break
10 consisting of five consecutive school days during the week
11 immediately following the conclusion of the state boys
12 basketball tournament conducted by the Iowa high school
13 athletic association or its successor organization. During
14 that week, classes shall not be held and school-sponsored
15 activities, including extracurricular activities, shall not
16 occur.

17 Sec. 3. Section 280.13, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
18 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

19 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027
20 school year, the corporation, association, or organization
21 observes the noncontact periods described in this subparagraph,
22 during which a coach, director, or teacher shall not have
23 contact with students regarding extracurricular interscholastic
24 athletic contests or competitions, including athletics,
25 dance or cheerleading, band, show choir, and theater,
26 and extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
27 competitions do not occur. All high school students, including
28 incoming ninth grade students, shall be subject to a noncontact
29 period and shall not have contact, on or off school premises,
30 with coaches, directors, or teachers, or use school facilities
31 for extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
32 competitions during a noncontact period.

33 (b) The corporation, association, or organization
34 establishes a minimum of twenty-three calendar days of
35 noncontact periods each year.

1 (c) The minimum twenty-three calendar days required
2 under subparagraph division (b) must comply with all of the
3 following:

4 (i) Ten calendar days must begin on the Sunday immediately
5 following the conclusion of the state softball or the state
6 baseball tournament, whichever concludes later.

7 (ii) Eight calendar days must begin on the Sunday
8 immediately following the conclusion of the state boys
9 basketball tournament.

10 (iii) The remaining calendar days must be established
11 at the discretion of the corporations, associations, and
12 organizations, in coordination with each other.

13 (d) Organizations that operate nonschool-sponsored
14 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
15 competitions in this state shall observe the noncontact periods
16 in this subparagraph.

17 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) If the corporation, association,
18 or organization sponsors a state volleyball tournament, that
19 tournament shall not begin until the day after the general
20 election as provided in section 39.1 or the regular city
21 election as provided in section 376.1, subsection 1, as
22 applicable.>

By WHEELER of Sioux

H-8077 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2508

H-8094

1 Amend House File 2508 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, after line 25 by inserting:

3 <(f) Each school district and accredited nonpublic school
4 that operates extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests
5 and competitions may observe the noncontact periods in this
6 subparagraph.>

7 2. Page 1, line 26, by striking <(f)> and inserting <(g)>

By GOSA of Scott

H-8094 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2510

H-8096

- 1 Amend House File 2510 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 6, by striking lines 11 through 20 and inserting:
- 3 <(2) The one unit of civics shall not>
- 4 2. Page 11, line 21, by striking <(1)>
- 5 3. Page 11, by striking lines 26 through 28.
- 6 4. By striking page 12, line 12, through page 15, line 3.
- 7 5. Page 15, after line 19 by inserting:
- 8 <Sec. ____ . DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — DRAFT SOCIAL
- 9 STUDIES STANDARDS. The department of education shall not
- 10 use the draft social studies standards that the department
- 11 adopted in 2025 pursuant to 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1159, for
- 12 any instructional, curricular, assessment, accreditation,
- 13 licensing, certification, professional development, or
- 14 evaluative purpose.>
- 15 6. Title page, by striking lines 5 through 7 and inserting
- 16 <education under the control of the state board of regents.>
- 17 7. By renumbering as necessary.

By BODEN of Warren

H-8096 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2510

H-8100

1 Amend House File 2510 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. Section 216F.1, Code 2026, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 **216F.1 Definition.**

6 For purposes of this chapter, "*antisemitism*" means the
7 working definition of antisemitism adopted by the international
8 holocaust remembrance alliance on May 26, 2016, and ~~includes~~
9 ~~the contemporary examples of antisemitism identified by the~~
10 ~~international holocaust remembrance alliance~~ means a certain
11 perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward
12 Jews, including rhetorical and physical manifestations of
13 antisemitism directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals
14 or their property, or toward Jewish community institutions and
15 religious facilities.>

16 2. Title page, by striking line 1 and inserting <An Act
17 relating to matters under the purview of the state, including
18 by modifying provisions related to antisemitism and provisions>

19 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By RAMIREZ of Linn

H-8100 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2512

H-8078

- 1 Amend House File 2512 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 7 and 8 and inserting
3 <motivated violence that has taken place in the United States
4 in a manner that satisfies any of the following>
- 5 2. Page 1, by striking lines 17 and 18 and inserting <of
6 politically motivated violence that has taken place in the
7 United States, whether on social media, in>
- 8 3. Page 1, by striking lines 25 and 26 and inserting
9 <politically motivated violence that has taken place in the
10 United States.>
- 11 4. By striking page 1, line 30, through page 2, line 5, and
12 inserting <violence that has taken place in the United States.>
- 13 5. Page 3, by striking lines 15 through 18.
- 14 6. Title page, by striking lines 3 through 6 and inserting
15 <certificates for publicly celebrating acts of politically
16 motivated violence, student protests, and including effective
17 date provisions.>

By STONE of Winnebago

H-8078 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2512

H-8093

- 1 Amend House File 2512 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 3, after line 6 by inserting:
- 3 <2A. If the school district extends the school calendar
- 4 pursuant to subsection 2, the school district shall calculate
- 5 the additional expense incurred by the school district as the
- 6 result of such additional school days and report the amount
- 7 to the department of education. The department of education
- 8 shall verify the amount and reimburse the school district for
- 9 the cost of the additional school days. There is appropriated
- 10 from the general fund of the state an amount necessary to make
- 11 payments pursuant to this subsection.>
- 12 2. Title page, line 4, after <protests,> by inserting
- 13 <making appropriations,>
- 14 3. By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting internal
- 15 references as necessary.

By LEVIN of Johnson

H-8093 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2513

H-8095

1 Amend House File 2513 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2026, is amended by adding
4 the following new subsection:

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt a policy prohibiting the
6 community college from entering into an employment contract on
7 or after July 1, 2026, with an individual who is a holder of a
8 valid federal H-1B visa and who is also a citizen of a nation
9 designated as a foreign adversary by regulation of the United
10 States secretary of commerce or designated as a state sponsor
11 of terrorism by the United States secretary of state.

12 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **261M.1 Definition.**

13 As used in this chapter, "*institution of higher education*"
14 means a college or university located in this state that
15 provides a postsecondary course of instruction to students
16 in this state that leads to a degree. "*Institution of higher*
17 *education*" does not include an institution governed by the state
18 board of regents or a community college.

19 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **261M.2 Employment of certain visa
20 holders prohibited.**

21 An institution of higher education shall not enter into
22 an employment contract on or after July 1, 2026, with an
23 individual who is a holder of a valid federal H-1B visa and who
24 is also a citizen of a nation designated as a foreign adversary
25 by regulation of the United States secretary of commerce or
26 designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the United States
27 secretary of state.>

28 2. Page 1, line 8, after <commerce> by inserting <or
29 designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the United States
30 secretary of state>

31 3. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and inserting
32 <An Act prohibiting institutions of higher education from
33 entering into employment contracts with citizens of federally
34 designated foreign adversaries and state sponsors of terrorism
35 holding certain visas.>

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1 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By WHEELER of Sioux

H-8095 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

H-8097

1 Amend House File 2538 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding
4 the following new subsection:

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 80. Develop and distribute to school
6 districts a training program and training materials for members
7 of a student's individualized education program team that is
8 related to the least restrictive environment requirements under
9 the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20
10 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.>

11 2. Page 9, after line 23 by inserting:

12 <Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 279.90 Individualized education
13 programs and section 504 plan requirements.

14 1. *a.* The board of directors of each school district shall
15 ensure all of the following:

16 (1) That each student's individualized education program
17 is accessible to, and read by, each school district employee
18 who is responsible for the implementation of the student's
19 individualized education program, including regular education
20 teachers, special education teachers, and any other service
21 providers.

22 (2) Each teacher and service provider described in
23 subparagraph (1) is informed of all of the following:

24 (a) The teacher's or service provider's specific
25 responsibilities related to implementing the student's
26 individualized education program.

27 (b) The specific accommodations, modifications, and
28 supports that must be provided for the student in accordance
29 with the student's individualized education program.

30 *b.* After a regular education teacher has read a student's
31 individualized education program pursuant to paragraph "a",
32 the regular education teacher shall provide written notice
33 to the special education teacher who is on the student's
34 individualized education program team indicating that the
35 regular education teacher has read the individualized education

1 program.

2 2. Each teacher employed by the school district who teaches
3 a student who has a plan under section 504 of the federal
4 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794, shall read the plan. After
5 the teacher has read the plan, the teacher shall provide
6 written notice to any special education teacher who provides
7 special education services to the student, or to the principal
8 of the attendance center, indicating that the teacher has read
9 the plan.

10 3. Each para-educator and any other employee of the
11 school district who assists a teacher in providing classroom
12 instruction to a student who has an individualized education
13 program, or to a student who has a plan under section 504 of
14 the federal Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794, shall attend
15 all meetings related to the student's individualized education
16 program or plan under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation
17 Act, 29 U.S.C. §794, unless the student's parent or guardian
18 objects to the attendance of the para-educator or other
19 employee.

20 4. The board of directors of each school district shall
21 provide training to all members of a student's individualized
22 education program team related to the least restrictive
23 environment requirements under the federal Individuals with
24 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq., that
25 is based on the training program and training materials
26 distributed by the director of the department of education to
27 the school district pursuant to section 256.9, subsection 80.>

28 3. Page 9, line 24, after <chapter 121,> by inserting
29 <section 73,>

30 4. Page 9, after line 24 by inserting:

31 <Sec. _____. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
32 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
33 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
34 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
35 received by the school district under section 257.16. This

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1 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
2 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
3 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
4 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
5 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
6 districts.>

7 5. Title page, by striking lines 6 and 7 and inserting
8 <the classroom, and the responsibilities and powers of the
9 department of education, school district teachers, and other
10 educational staff related to students who have individualized
11 education programs or plans under section 504 of the federal
12 Rehabilitation Act.>

13 6. By renumbering as necessary.

By BODEN of Warren

[H-8097](#) FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2538

H-8098

1 Amend House File 2538 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 3, line 9, and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 10, unnumbered
5 paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

6 The state board shall establish, and the department
7 shall use, for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and
8 each succeeding school year, an accreditation, monitoring,
9 and enforcement process for school districts and nonpublic
10 schools seeking accreditation pursuant to this subsection and
11 subsections 11 and 12. In applying and taking monitoring and
12 enforcement action under this subsection and subsections 11 and
13 12, the department shall consider the timeliness and accuracy
14 of the information a school district or nonpublic school
15 provides to the department, including potential underreporting
16 or late reporting of data related to school discipline and
17 school safety necessary to monitor and implement the provisions
18 of chapter 280. The process established shall include all of
19 the following requirements:>

20 2. Page 4, line 29, after <readmitted> by inserting <and the
21 principal and teacher meet to discuss the readmission of the
22 student>

23 3. Page 4, line 34, after <readmitted> by inserting <and the
24 principal and teacher meet to discuss the readmission of the
25 student>

26 4. Page 5, by striking line 11 and inserting <two or more
27 times in a semester, or the trimester or quarter equivalent,
28 then the principal shall>

29 5. Page 5, after line 26 by inserting:

30 <4. a. The board of directors of a school district shall
31 require each attendance center within the school district
32 to create an oversight review committee that is responsible
33 for developing a policy, consistent with this section, that
34 establishes when a student who has been excluded from the
35 classroom pursuant to subsection 2 may be readmitted to the

1 classroom.

2 *b.* The oversight review committee must consist of all of the
3 following members:

4 (1) Two teachers who work in the attendance center and who
5 must be selected by the teachers of the attendance center.

6 (2) One professional staff member who works in the
7 attendance center and who must be selected by the principal of
8 the attendance center.>

9 6. Page 5, line 27, by striking <4.> and inserting <5.>

10 7. Page 6, line 31, by striking <5.> and inserting <6.>

11 8. Page 7, line 33, by striking <6.> and inserting <7.>

12 9. Page 8, line 6, by striking <7.> and inserting <8.>

13 10. Page 8, line 12, by striking <8.> and inserting <9.>

14 11. Page 8, by striking lines 14 and 15 and inserting
15 <mental recovery with full pay for not more than five days if
16 the teacher is injured due to a student's disorderly conduct;
17 provided, however, that the board of directors of a school
18 district may grant a teacher such a leave of absence for six
19 or more days if the teacher provides to the board of directors
20 of the school district a note from a physician indicating that
21 such a leave of absence is needed.>

22 12. Page 8, line 16, by striking <9.> and inserting <10.>

23 13. Page 8, line 27, by striking <10.> and inserting <11.>

24 14. Page 9, after line 23 by inserting:

25 <Sec. ____ . Section 284.6, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 3. A school district shall develop a district professional
28 development plan. The district professional development plan
29 ~~shall include~~ must satisfy all of the following requirements:

30 a. Include a description of the means by which the school
31 district will provide access to all teachers in the district to
32 professional development programs or offerings that meet the
33 requirements of subsection 1. ~~The plan shall align~~

34 b. Align all professional development with the school
35 district's long-range student learning goals and the Iowa

1 teaching standards. ~~The plan shall indicate~~

2 c. Indicate the school district's approved professional
3 development provider or providers.

4 d. Include programs and offerings for all teachers to
5 support serving students with disabilities.

6 e. Include information related to all of the following:

7 (1) The general requirements related to providing a free
8 appropriate public education, including the school district's
9 obligation to identify and evaluate a student who may have a
10 disability.

11 (2) The provision of supports and services through
12 a student's individualized education program, including
13 each individual teacher's responsibilities relating to the
14 development and implementation of a student's individualized
15 education program.

16 (3) The general requirements related to providing education
17 to a student with a disability consistent with the least
18 restrictive environment requirements under the federal
19 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §1400
20 et seq.>

21 15. Page 9, by striking line 24.

22 16. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 7 and
23 inserting <An Act relating to education, including by
24 modifying provisions related to the duties of the department
25 of education, the discipline of students enrolled in school
26 districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools
27 who exhibit disorderly conduct in the classroom, and school
28 district professional development plans, and authorizing
29 teachers to request a meeting of a student's individualized
30 education program team.>

31 17. By renumbering as necessary.

By HAYES of Mahaska

HOUSE FILE 2546

H-8067

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8053, to House File 2546, as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, after line 7 by inserting:
- 3 <___. Page 2, line 16, by striking <and classroom>
- 4 ___. Page 2, line 34, after <under> by inserting <federal
- 5 and>>
- 6 2. Page 1, after line 13 by inserting:
- 7 <___. Page 4, line 3, after <under> by inserting <federal
- 8 and>>
- 9 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By GEHLBACH of Dallas

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HOUSE FILE 2592

H-8064

- 1 Amend House File 2592 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 21, after <l.> by inserting <a.>
- 3 2. Page 1, line 21, by striking <A> and inserting <Beginning
- 4 April 30, 2027, a>
- 5 3. Page 1, after line 27 by inserting:
- 6 <b. A political subdivision that exceeds the twenty-five
- 7 percent limit solely as a result of fluctuations in fund
- 8 balances, earnings, or valuation is not in violation of this
- 9 subsection if the political subdivision acts in good faith to
- 10 restore compliance within 30 days.>
- 11 4. Page 2, by striking lines 13 through 18.

By COLLINS of Des Moines
HORA of Washington
DUNWELL of Jasper
WULF of Black Hawk
BOSSMAN of Woodbury
C. JOHNSON of Buchanan
SIEGRIST of Pottawattamie

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HOUSE FILE 2610

H-8086

- 1 Amend House File 2610 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 6, after line 2 by inserting:
- 3 <Sec. ____ . Section 257.11, Code 2026, is amended by adding
- 4 the following new subsections:
- 5 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The department may authorize the
- 6 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this section to
- 7 deposit all or a portion of the grant award into a protected
- 8 investment or endowment account. The principal shall not be
- 9 expended. Dividends and interest earnings may be expended for
- 10 career academy program development and sustainability.
- 11 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. For purposes of this section, a regional
- 12 center may include a physical facility, a career academy
- 13 program, or both.>
- 14 2. Title page, by striking line 4 and inserting <common
- 15 course numbering systems, the implementation of a statewide
- 16 corequisite model in Iowa community colleges, and the career
- 17 academy fund.>
- 18 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By KRESSIG of Black Hawk

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H-8080

1 Amend House File 2635 as follows:

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

4 <DIVISION I

5 HEALTH INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES

6 Section 1. Section 514F.8, Code 2026, is amended by adding
7 the following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A utilization review organization may
9 use an artificial intelligence-based algorithm or system to
10 provide an initial review of a request for prior authorization,
11 except that, for a prior authorization request for a health
12 care service based on medical necessity, a utilization review
13 organization shall not use an artificial intelligence-based
14 algorithm or system as the sole basis for the utilization
15 review organization's decision to deny, delay, or downgrade the
16 prior authorization request.

17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 514F.8C Utilization review
18 organizations — audits.

19 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
20 requires:

21 a. "Audit" means a review, investigation, or request for
22 additional documentation by a utilization review organization
23 before or after issuing payment on a claim to a health care
24 provider.

25 b. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of insurance.

26 c. "Health care provider" means the same as defined in
27 section 514F.8.

28 d. "Health carrier" means the same as defined in Section
29 514F.8.

30 e. "Utilization review organization" means the same as
31 defined in section 514F.8.

32 2. a. A utilization review organization that conducts an
33 audit shall notify the health care provider that submitted
34 the claim of the initiation of the audit no later than
35 fifteen calendar days after the date the utilization review

1 organization selects the claim for audit.

2 *b.* A utilization review organization shall complete an audit
3 of a claim and issue a determination on the claim to the health
4 care provider that submitted the claim no later than forty-five
5 calendar days after the date that the utilization review
6 organization receives all requested documentation regarding the
7 claim from the health care provider.

8 *c.* A health care provider that submitted a claim that is
9 the subject of an audit by a utilization review organization
10 that receives an adverse determination regarding the claim may
11 appeal the adverse determination no later than thirty calendar
12 days after the date the health care provider receives the audit
13 determination.

14 *d.* A utilization review organization shall consider an
15 appeal under paragraph "*c*" and issue a final determination
16 on the claim that is the subject of the appeal no later than
17 thirty calendar days after the date the utilization review
18 organization receives notice of the appeal.

19 *e.* If, after a hearing, the commissioner finds that a
20 utilization review organization has violated this subsection,
21 the claim shall be approved by the utilization review
22 organization and promptly paid, including interest at the rate
23 of ten percent per annum.

24 3. *a.* This section applies to the following classes of
25 third-party payment provider contracts, policies, or plans
26 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
27 state on or after January 1, 2027:

28 (1) Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
29 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

30 (2) An individual or group hospital or medical service
31 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

32 (3) An individual or group health maintenance organization
33 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

34 (4) A plan established for public employees pursuant to
35 chapter 509A.

1 *b.* This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified
2 disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement
3 indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement,
4 long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical expense
5 coverage as defined by the commissioner of insurance,
6 disability income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a
7 supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation or
8 similar insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

9 4. The commissioner may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
10 to administer and enforce this section.

11 5. *a.* This section shall apply to an audit initiated on or
12 after January 1, 2027.

13 *b.* This section shall not apply to a claim that is under
14 active fraud investigation by a state or federal authority.

15 *c.* This section shall not apply to a federal program where
16 audits are mandated by federal law.

17 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 514F.8D **Health carriers — standards**
18 **of conduct.**

19 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
20 requires:

21 *a.* "Health care provider" means the same as defined in
22 section 514J.102.

23 *b.* "Health carrier" means the same as defined in section
24 514F.8.

25 2. A health carrier shall not impose on a health care
26 provider, directly or indirectly, any financial penalty,
27 reimbursement reduction, or administrative fee, or terminate a
28 health care provider's participation in the health carrier's
29 network, based on the health care provider's referral to, or
30 affiliation with, an out-of-network health care provider.

31 3. A health carrier shall not interfere with, or participate
32 in any capacity in, a health care provider's decisions
33 regarding staffing and referrals, except as otherwise provided
34 by law.

35 4. A health carrier shall not offer, attempt to enforce,

1 or enforce an agreement, or an amendment to an agreement, with
2 a health care provider without providing an opportunity for
3 negotiation. A decision of the commissioner enforcing this
4 subsection is final agency action for purposes of chapter 17A.

5 5. The commissioner may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
6 to administer and enforce this section.

7 DIVISION II

8 PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

9 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 514F.8A Prior authorizations — peer
10 review.

11 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context
12 otherwise requires:

13 a. "*Clinical peer*" means a health care professional that
14 meets all of the following requirements:

15 (1) The health care professional practices in the same or
16 similar specialty as the health care provider that requested
17 a prior authorization.

18 (2) The health care professional has experience managing
19 the specific medical condition or administering the health care
20 service that is the subject of the prior authorization request.

21 (3) The health care professional is employed by or
22 contracted with the utilization review organization or health
23 carrier to which a health care provider submitted a request for
24 prior authorization.

25 b. "*Covered person*" means the same as defined in section
26 514F.8.

27 c. "*Downgrade*" means a decision by a utilization review
28 organization to change an expedited or urgent request for prior
29 authorization to a standard determination, or otherwise modify
30 a health care service that is the subject of a request for
31 prior authorization to a lower-level health care service.

32 d. "*Health care professional*" means the same as defined in
33 section 514J.102.

34 e. "*Health care provider*" means the same as defined in
35 section 514F.8.

1 *f.* "Health care services" means the same as defined in
2 section 514F.8.

3 *g.* "Health carrier" means the same as defined in section
4 514F.8.

5 *h.* "Physician" means a doctor of medicine and surgery, or
6 a doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery, licensed under
7 chapter 148.

8 *i.* "Prior authorization" means the same as defined in
9 section 514F.8.

10 *j.* "Qualified reviewer" means a physician that meets all of
11 the following requirements:

12 (1) The physician practices in the same or a similar
13 specialty as the health care provider that requested a prior
14 authorization.

15 (2) The physician has the training and expertise to treat
16 the specific medical condition that is the subject of a
17 request for prior authorization, including sufficient knowledge
18 to determine whether the health care service that is the
19 subject of the request is medically necessary or clinically
20 appropriate.

21 (3) The physician is employed by or contracted with the
22 utilization review organization to which a health care provider
23 submitted a request for prior authorization.

24 *k.* "Utilization review organization" means the same as
25 defined in section 514F.8.

26 2. A utilization review organization shall not deny or
27 downgrade a request for prior authorization unless all of the
28 following requirements are met:

29 *a.* The decision to deny or downgrade the request is made by
30 either of the following:

31 (1) A qualified reviewer, if the health care provider
32 requesting prior authorization is a physician.

33 (2) A clinical peer, if the health care provider requesting
34 prior authorization is not a physician.

35 *b.* The utilization review organization provides the health

1 care provider that requested the prior authorization all of the
2 following:

3 (1) A written statement that cites the specific reasons
4 for the denial or downgrade, including any coverage criteria
5 or limits, or clinical criteria, that the utilization review
6 organization considered or that was the basis for the denial
7 or downgrade. The written statement must be signed by either
8 of the following:

9 (a) The qualified reviewer that made the denial or downgrade
10 determination if the health care provider that requested prior
11 authorization is a physician.

12 (b) The clinical peer that made the denial or downgrade
13 determination if the health care provider that requested prior
14 authorization is not a physician.

15 (2) A written explanation of the utilization review
16 organization's appeals process. The utilization review
17 organization shall also provide the written explanation to the
18 covered person for whom prior authorization was requested.

19 (3) A written attestation that is either of the following:

20 (a) If the health care provider that requested prior
21 authorization is a physician, a written attestation that
22 the qualified reviewer who made the denial or downgrade
23 determination practices in the same or a similar specialty as
24 the health care provider, and has the requisite training and
25 expertise to treat the medical condition that is the subject
26 of the request for prior authorization, including sufficient
27 knowledge to determine whether the health care service is
28 medically necessary or clinically appropriate. The attestation
29 shall include the qualified reviewer's name, national provider
30 identifier, state medical license number, board certifications,
31 specialty expertise, and educational background.

32 (b) If the health care provider that requested prior
33 authorization is not a physician, a written attestation
34 that the clinical peer who made the denial or downgrade
35 determination practices in the same or a similar specialty as

1 the health care provider, and the clinical peer has experience
2 managing the specific medical condition or administering
3 the health care service that is the subject of the request
4 for prior authorization. The attestation shall include the
5 clinical peer's name, national provider identifier, state
6 medical license number, board certifications, specialty
7 expertise, and educational background.

8 3. At the request of the requesting health care provider, a
9 utilization review organization that denies a request for prior
10 authorization shall, no later than seven business days after
11 the date that the utilization review organization notifies
12 the requesting health care provider of the denial, conduct a
13 consultation either in person or remotely, as follows:

14 a. Between the health care provider and a qualified reviewer
15 if the health care provider requesting prior authorization is a
16 physician.

17 b. Between the health care provider and a clinical peer if
18 the health care provider requesting prior authorization is not
19 a physician.

20 4. a. If a utilization review organization's decision to
21 deny or downgrade a request for prior authorization is appealed
22 by the requesting health care provider or covered person, the
23 appeal shall be conducted by either of the following:

24 (1) A qualified reviewer if the health care provider
25 requesting prior authorization is a physician.

26 (2) A clinical peer if the health care provider requesting
27 prior authorization is not a physician.

28 b. A qualified reviewer or clinical peer involved in the
29 initial denial or downgrade determination of a request for
30 prior authorization that is the subject of an appeal shall not
31 conduct the appeal.

32 c. When conducting an appeal of a request for prior
33 authorization, the qualified reviewer or clinical peer shall
34 consider the known clinical aspects of the health care services
35 under review, including but not limited to medical records

1 relevant to the covered person's medical condition who is
2 the subject of the health care services for which prior
3 authorization is requested, and any relevant medical literature
4 submitted by the health care provider as part of the appeal.

5 5. This section applies to requests for prior authorization
6 made on or after January 1, 2027.

7 6. *a.* This section applies to the following classes of
8 third-party payment provider contracts, policies, or plans
9 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
10 state on or after January 1, 2027:

11 (1) Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
12 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

13 (2) An individual or group hospital or medical service
14 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

15 (3) An individual or group health maintenance organization
16 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

17 (4) A plan established for public employees pursuant to
18 chapter 509A.

19 *b.* This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified
20 disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement
21 indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement,
22 long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical expense
23 coverage as defined by the commissioner of insurance,
24 disability income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a
25 supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation or
26 similar insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

27 7. The commissioner of insurance may adopt rules pursuant to
28 chapter 17A to administer this section.

29 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 514F.8B Prior authorizations —
30 exemptions.

31 1. For purposes of this section:

32 *a.* "Covered person" means the same as defined in section
33 514F.8.

34 *b.* "Health benefit plan" means the same as defined in
35 section 514J.102.

1 *c.* "Health care professional" means the same as defined in
2 section 514J.102.

3 *d.* "Health carrier" means the same as defined in section
4 514F.8.

5 *e.* "Prior authorization" means the same as defined in
6 section 514F.8.

7 *f.* "Utilization review" means the same as defined in section
8 514F.4, subsection 3.

9 2. A health carrier shall not require prior authorization
10 for, or impose additional utilization review requirements on, a
11 covered person for any of the following:

12 *a.* A cancer-related screening if the cancer-related
13 screening is recommended by the covered person's health care
14 professional based on the most recently updated national
15 comprehensive cancer network clinical practice guidelines in
16 oncology which are designated as category 2A or lower.

17 *b.* Diagnosis and treatment of an emergency medical condition
18 that develops or becomes evident in a covered person while
19 the covered person is receiving inpatient care that meets
20 inpatient care standards, if the emergency medical condition
21 is reasonably determined by a health care professional to be a
22 life-threatening condition unless the covered person receives
23 immediate assessment and treatment.

24 3. This section applies to all of the following:

25 *a.* Health benefit plans delivered, issued for delivery,
26 continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1,
27 2027.

28 *b.* Requests for prior authorization for a cancer-related
29 screening, if the screening is recommended by the covered
30 person's health care professional based on the most recently
31 updated national comprehensive cancer network clinical practice
32 guidelines in oncology designated as category 2A or lower, and
33 is made on or after January 1, 2027.

34 *c.* Requests for prior authorization for the diagnosis and
35 treatment of an emergency medical condition that develops or

1 becomes evident in a covered person while the covered person is
2 receiving inpatient care that meets inpatient care standards,
3 if the emergency medical condition is reasonably determined by
4 a health care professional to be a life-threatening condition
5 unless the covered person receives immediate assessment and
6 treatment if the request is made on or after January 1, 2027.

7 4. a. This section applies to the following classes of
8 third-party payment provider contracts, policies, or plans
9 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
10 state on or after January 1, 2027:

11 (1) Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
12 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

13 (2) An individual or group hospital or medical service
14 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

15 (3) An individual or group health maintenance organization
16 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

17 (4) A plan established for public employees pursuant to
18 chapter 509A.

19 b. This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified
20 disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement
21 indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement,
22 long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical expense
23 coverage as defined by the commissioner of insurance,
24 disability income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a
25 supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation or
26 similar insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

27 5. The commissioner of insurance may adopt rules pursuant to
28 chapter 17A to administer this section.

29 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 514F.8E Enforcement.

30 The remedy for noncompliance with section 514F.8, 514F.8A,
31 514F.8B, 514F.8C, or 514F.8D shall be those remedies authorized
32 by chapters 505 and 507B pursuant to the procedures set forth
33 in sections 507B.6, 507B.7, and 507B.8. Upon a finding of
34 a pattern or practice of noncompliance with sections 514F.8,
35 514F.8A, 514F.8B, 514F.8C, or 514F.8D, the commissioner of

1 insurance may also suspend a utilization review organization's
2 authority to conduct utilization review.

3 DIVISION III

4 PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS — MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

5 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 249A.5 Prior authorization —
6 exemptions.

7 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context
8 otherwise requires:

9 a. "*Emergency medical condition*" means the same as defined
10 in 42 C.F.R. §438.114.

11 b. "*Managed care organization*" means an entity acting
12 pursuant to a contract with the department to administer the
13 medical assistance program.

14 c. "*Prior authorization*" means any process used by the
15 department or a managed care organization to determine if,
16 before a health care service is furnished to a recipient, the
17 service is covered or medically necessary.

18 d. "*Utilization review*" means a set of formal techniques
19 used to monitor or evaluate the medical necessity,
20 appropriateness, or efficiency of a health care service.

21 2. The department, or a managed care organization, shall
22 not require prior authorization for, or impose additional
23 utilization review requirements on, a recipient for any of the
24 following:

25 a. A cancer-related screening recommended for the recipient
26 by the recipient's provider in accordance with the most
27 recently updated national comprehensive cancer network clinical
28 practice guidelines in oncology which are designated as
29 category 2A or lower.

30 b. The diagnosis and treatment of an emergency medical
31 condition that develops or becomes evident in a recipient
32 while the recipient is receiving inpatient care that
33 meets inpatient care standards, if the emergency medical
34 condition is reasonably determined by a provider to present a
35 life-threatening risk unless the recipient receives immediate

1 assessment and treatment.

2 3. This section applies to all of the following:

3 a. All contracts between the department and a managed
4 care organization that are delivered, issued for delivery,
5 continued, extended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.

6 b. All requests for prior authorization made on or after
7 January 1, 2027.

8 4. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
9 administer this section.

10 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 514I.13 Prior authorizations —
11 exemptions.

12 1. For purposes of this section:

13 a. "*Emergency medical condition*" means the same as defined
14 in 42 C.F.R. §438.114.

15 b. "*Health care professional*" means a person licensed or
16 certified under the laws of this state to provide health care
17 services to an eligible child.

18 c. "*Managed care organization*" means an entity acting
19 pursuant to a contract with the department to administer the
20 Hawki program.

21 d. "*Prior authorization*" means any process used by the
22 department or a managed care organization to determine if,
23 before a health care service is furnished to an eligible child,
24 the service is covered or medically necessary.

25 e. "*Utilization review*" means a set of formal techniques
26 used to monitor or evaluate the medical necessity,
27 appropriateness, or efficiency of a health care service.

28 2. The department, or a managed care organization, shall
29 not require prior authorization for, or impose additional
30 utilization review requirements on, an eligible child for any
31 of the following:

32 a. A cancer-related screening recommended for the eligible
33 child by the eligible child's health care professional
34 in accordance with the most recently updated national
35 comprehensive cancer network clinical practice guidelines in

1 dollars.

2 (2) If the new institutional health facility involves
3 the use of a leased building, the market value of the leased
4 building shall be used when calculating the value of completing
5 construction, development, or other establishment under
6 subparagraph (1).

7 *b.* Relocation of an institutional health facility.

8 *c.* ~~Any~~ A capital expenditure, lease, or donation by ~~or on~~
9 ~~behalf of~~ an institutional health facility in excess of ~~one~~
10 ~~million five hundred thousand dollars~~ the following amount
11 within a consecutive twelve-month period:

12 (1) Beginning on or after January 1, 2027, and before
13 December 31, 2031, four million dollars.

14 (2) Beginning on or after January 1, 2032, and before
15 December 31, 2036, four million five hundred thousand dollars.

16 (3) Beginning on or after January 1, 2037, five million
17 dollars.

18 *d.* A permanent change in the bed capacity, as determined
19 by the department, of an institutional health facility. For
20 purposes of this paragraph, a change is permanent if it is
21 intended to be effective for one year or more.

22 ~~e.~~ ~~Any expenditure in excess of five hundred thousand~~
23 ~~dollars by or on behalf of an institutional health facility for~~
24 ~~health services which are or will be offered in or through an~~
25 ~~institutional health facility at a specific time but which were~~
26 ~~not offered on a regular basis in or through that institutional~~
27 ~~health facility within the twelve-month period prior to that~~
28 ~~time.~~

29 ~~f.~~ ~~The deletion of one or more health services, previously~~
30 ~~offered on a regular basis by an institutional health facility~~
31 ~~or health maintenance organization or the relocation of one or~~
32 ~~more health services from one physical facility to another.~~

33 ~~g.~~ ~~Any acquisition by or on behalf of a health care provider~~
34 ~~or a group of health care providers of any piece of replacement~~
35 ~~equipment with a value in excess of one million five hundred~~

1 ~~thousand dollars, whether acquired by purchase, lease, or~~
2 ~~donation.~~

3 ~~*h. e.*~~ (1) Any acquisition by or on behalf of a health
4 care provider or group of health care providers of any piece of
5 equipment ~~with a value in excess of one million five hundred~~
6 ~~thousand dollars, whether acquired by purchase, lease, or~~
7 ~~donation, which results in the offering or development of a~~
8 ~~health service not previously provided~~ that has a value in
9 excess of the following amount:

10 (a) Beginning on or after January 1, 2027, and before
11 December 31, 2031, four million dollars.

12 (b) Beginning on or after January 1, 2032, and before
13 December 31, 2036, four million five hundred thousand dollars.

14 (c) Beginning on or after January 1, 2037, five million
15 dollars.

16 (2) A mobile health service provided on a contract basis
17 is not considered to have been previously provided by a health
18 care provider or group of health care providers.

19 ~~*i.*~~ Any acquisition by or on behalf of an institutional
20 health facility or a health maintenance organization of any
21 piece of replacement equipment with a value in excess of one
22 million five hundred thousand dollars, whether acquired by
23 purchase, lease, or donation.

24 ~~*j. f.*~~ (1) Any acquisition by or on behalf of an
25 institutional health facility or health maintenance
26 organization of any piece of equipment ~~with a value in excess~~
27 ~~of one million five hundred thousand dollars, whether acquired~~
28 by purchase, lease, or donation, which results in the offering
29 or development of a health service not previously provided that
30 has a value in excess of the following amount:

31 (a) Beginning on or after January 1, 2027, and before
32 December 31, 2031, four million dollars.

33 (b) Beginning on or after January 1, 2032, and before
34 December 31, 2036, four million five hundred thousand dollars.

35 (c) Beginning on or after January 1, 2037, five million

1 dollars.

2 (2) A mobile health service provided on a contract basis
3 is not considered to have been previously provided by an
4 institutional health facility.

5 ~~k. Any air transportation service for transportation of~~
6 ~~patients or medical personnel offered through an institutional~~
7 ~~health facility at a specific time but which was not offered~~
8 ~~on a regular basis in or through that institutional health~~
9 ~~facility within the twelve-month period prior to the specific~~
10 ~~time.~~

11 ~~l. g. Any A mobile health service with a value in excess of~~
12 ~~one four million five hundred thousand dollars.~~

13 ~~m. Any of the following:~~

14 ~~(1) Cardiac catheterization service.~~

15 ~~(2) Open heart surgical service.~~

16 ~~(3) Organ transplantation service.~~

17 ~~(4) Radiation therapy service applying ionizing radiation~~
18 ~~for the treatment of malignant disease using megavoltage~~
19 ~~external beam equipment.~~

20 Sec. 12. Section 135.62, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 1. a. A new institutional health service or changed
23 institutional health service shall not be offered or developed
24 in this state without prior application to the department
25 for, and receipt of, a certificate of need, pursuant to this
26 subchapter.

27 b. The application shall be made ~~upon~~ on forms furnished or
28 prescribed by the department and shall contain ~~such~~ information
29 as required by the department ~~may require under this subchapter~~
30 by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 17A.

31 c. (1) The application shall be accompanied by a fee
32 equivalent to three-tenths of one percent of the anticipated
33 cost of the project with a minimum fee of six hundred dollars
34 and a maximum fee of twenty-one thousand dollars. The fee
35 shall be remitted by the department to the treasurer of state,

1 ~~who shall place it for deposit~~ in the general fund of the
2 state. An applicant for a new institutional health service or
3 a changed institutional health service offered or developed by
4 an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual
5 disability or an intermediate care facility for persons with
6 mental illness, as each of those terms are defined in section
7 135C.1, shall not be required to pay the application fee.

8 (2) If an application is voluntarily withdrawn within
9 thirty calendar days after submission, seventy-five percent
10 of the application fee shall be refunded; ~~if the application~~
11 ~~is voluntarily withdrawn more than thirty but within sixty~~
12 ~~days after submission, fifty percent of the application fee~~
13 ~~shall be refunded; if the application is withdrawn voluntarily~~
14 ~~more than sixty days after submission, twenty-five percent of~~
15 ~~the application fee shall be refunded. Notwithstanding the~~
16 ~~required payment of an application fee under this subsection,~~
17 ~~an applicant for a new institutional health service or a~~
18 ~~changed institutional health service offered or developed by~~
19 ~~an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual~~
20 ~~disability or an intermediate care facility for persons with~~
21 ~~mental illness as defined pursuant to section 135C.1 is exempt~~
22 ~~from payment of the application fee.~~

23 Sec. 13. Section 135.62, subsection 2, paragraphs a and e,
24 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

25 a. Private offices and private clinics of an individual
26 physician, dentist, or other practitioner or group of
27 health care providers, except as provided by section 135.61,
28 subsection 16, paragraphs "g", "h", and "m" paragraph "e", and
29 section 135.61, subsections 2 and 18.

30 e. A health maintenance organization or combination of
31 health maintenance organizations or an institutional health
32 facility controlled directly or indirectly by a health
33 maintenance organization or combination of health maintenance
34 organizations, except when the health maintenance organization
35 or combination of health maintenance organizations does any of

1 the following:

2 (1) Constructs, develops, renovates, relocates, or
3 otherwise establishes an institutional health facility.

4 (2) Acquires major medical equipment as provided by section
5 135.61, subsection 16, ~~paragraphs "i" and "j"~~ paragraph "f".

6 Sec. 14. Section 135.62, subsection 2, paragraph h,
7 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

8 (2) If these conditions are not met, the institutional
9 health facility or health maintenance organization is subject
10 to ~~review as a "new institutional health service" or "changed~~
11 ~~institutional health service" under section 135.61, subsection~~
12 ~~16, paragraph "f", and is subject to sanctions under section~~
13 135.72.

14 Sec. 15. Section 135.62, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
15 by adding the following new paragraphs:

16 NEW PARAGRAPH. *r.* An organized outpatient health
17 facility that provides behavioral health services as defined
18 by the department by rule, including but not limited to
19 substitution-based treatment centers for opiate addiction.

20 NEW PARAGRAPH. *s.* Open heart surgical services.

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. *t.* Organ transplantation services.

22 NEW PARAGRAPH. *u.* Radiation therapy services.

23 NEW PARAGRAPH. *v.* Cardiac catheterization services.

24 Sec. 16. Section 135.63, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
25 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

26 Sec. 17. Section 135.65, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026, are
27 amended to read as follows:

28 1. *a.* Within fifteen business days ~~after receipt of the~~
29 date the department receives an application for a certificate
30 of need, the department shall examine the application for form
31 and completeness and accept or reject it. An application
32 shall be rejected only if it fails to provide all information
33 required by the department pursuant to section 135.62,
34 subsection 1. The department shall ~~promptly return to the~~
35 ~~applicant any a rejected application,~~ to the applicant with an

1 explanation of the reasons for its rejection.

2 b. Within thirty calendar days of the date the department
3 sends a rejected application to an applicant, the applicant may
4 revise and resubmit the application once for review without
5 submitting another application fee under section 135.62.

6 2. Upon acceptance of an application for a certificate
7 of need, the department shall ~~promptly undertake to~~ notify
8 all affected persons ~~in writing~~ through electronic means
9 that formal review of the application has been initiated.
10 Notification to ~~those~~ affected persons who are consumers
11 ~~or third-party payers or other payers for health services~~
12 may be provided by electronic distribution of the pertinent
13 information ~~to the news media.~~

14 Sec. 18. Section 135.65, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
15 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 b. A period for the submission of written public hearing
17 comments from affected persons on the application, to be held
18 scheduled prior to completion of the evaluation required by
19 paragraph "a".

20 Sec. 19. Section 135.65, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 20. Section 135.66, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 1. The department may ~~waive the letter of intent procedures~~
25 ~~prescribed by section 135.64 and substitute~~ conduct a summary
26 review procedure, ~~which shall be~~ established by rules of
27 adopted by the department, when ~~it~~ the department accepts an
28 application for a certificate of need for a project ~~which that~~
29 meets any of the following criteria ~~in paragraphs "a" through~~
30 "e":

31 a. A project which is limited to repair or replacement of a
32 facility or equipment damaged or destroyed by a disaster, and
33 which will not expand the facility nor increase the services
34 provided beyond the level existing prior to the disaster.

35 b. A project necessary to enable the facility or service to

1 achieve or maintain compliance with federal, state, or other
2 appropriate licensing, certification, or safety requirements.

3 *c.* A project which will not change the existing bed capacity
4 of the applicant's facility or service, as determined by the
5 department, by more than ten percent or ten beds, whichever is
6 less, over a two-year period.

7 ~~*d.* A project the total cost of which will not exceed one
8 hundred fifty thousand dollars.~~

9 *e.* *d.* Any other project for which the applicant proposes
10 and the department agrees to summary review.

11 Sec. 21. Section 135.70, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 2. Upon expiration of a certificate of need, and prior to
14 extension of the certificate of need, any affected person shall
15 have the right to submit to the department information which
16 may be relevant to the question of granting an extension. ~~The
17 department may call a public hearing for this purpose.~~

18 Sec. 22. Section 135.71, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 4. Criteria for determining when it is not feasible to
21 complete formal review of an application for a certificate of
22 need within the time ~~limits~~ limit specified in section 135.68.
23 The rules adopted under this subsection shall include criteria
24 for determining whether an application proposes introduction
25 of technologically innovative equipment, and if so, procedures
26 to be followed in reviewing the application. However, a rule
27 adopted under this subsection shall not permit a deferral of
28 more than ~~sixty~~ thirty calendar days beyond the time when a
29 decision is required under section 135.68, unless both the
30 applicant and the department agree to a longer deferment.

31 Sec. 23. Section 135P.1, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
32 to read as follows:

33 3. "*Health facility*" means ~~an~~ any of the following:

34 *a.* ~~An institutional health facility as defined in section
35 135.61, *a.*~~

- 1 b. A birth center as defined in section 135.131~~, a.~~
2 c. A hospice licensed under chapter 135J~~, a.~~
3 d. A home health agency as defined in section 144D.1~~, an.~~
4 e. An assisted living program certified under chapter 231C~~,~~
5 a.
6 f. A clinic~~, a.~~
7 g. A community health center~~, or the.~~
8 h. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics~~, and~~
9 includes any.
10 i. A corporation, professional corporation, partnership,
11 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
12 other entity comprised of such health facilities.
13 Sec. 24. Section 135P.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
14 following new subsection:
15 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "*Institutional health facility*" means
16 any of the following without regard to whether the facility is
17 publicly or privately owned, organized for profit, or is part
18 of or sponsored by a health maintenance organization:
19 a. A hospital as defined in section 135B.1.
20 b. A health care facility as defined in section 135C.1.
21 c. An organized outpatient health facility as defined in
22 section 135.61.
23 d. An ambulatory surgical center as defined in section
24 135.61.
25 e. A community mental health center as defined in section
26 225A.1.
27 Sec. 25. REPEAL. Section 135.64, Code 2026, is repealed.>
28 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting
29 <An Act relating to health carriers standards of conduct;
30 utilization review organizations, artificial intelligence,
31 audits, and prior authorizations; certificate of need
32 processes; and including applicability provisions.>

By HARRIS of Appanoose

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HOUSE FILE 2670

H-8079

- 1 Amend House File 2670 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 26, by striking <ten> and inserting <eleven>
- 3 2. Page 1, line 28, by striking <ten> and inserting <eleven>
- 4 3. Page 3, by striking lines 3 through 6 and inserting
- 5 <practices in the field of study by ~~the national councils of~~
- 6 ~~teachers of English and mathematics, the national council for~~
- 7 ~~the social studies, the national science teachers association,~~
- 8 ~~and other recognized experts.>~~
- 9 4. Page 10, after line 30 by inserting:
- 10 <Sec. ____ . APPLICABILITY. The following applies to school
- 11 years beginning on or after July 1, 2027:
- 12 The portion of the section of this Act amending section
- 13 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "b", subparagraph (2),
- 14 that relates to the administration of assessments in social
- 15 studies.>
- 16 5. Title page, line 4, after <twelve> by inserting <, and
- 17 including applicability provisions>
- 18 6. By renumbering as necessary.

By HAYES of Mahaska

H-8079 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2670

H-8092

- 1 Amend House File 2670 as follows:
- 2 1. By striking page 7, line 26, through page 8, line 7.
- 3 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By LEVIN of Johnson

H-8092 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8063

- 1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:
- 2 1. By striking page 1, line 27, through page 4, line 26.
- 3 2. Page 5, by striking lines 4 through 16 and inserting:
- 4 <The department shall continuously request that the United
- 5 States department of agriculture, food and nutrition service,
- 6 provide approval, for purposes of state administration of the
- 7 supplemental food and nutrition program and the summer EBT
- 8 program, if the state participates in the summer EBT program,
- 9 for a modification to the list of eligible foods in 7 C.F.R.
- 10 §271.2 to only include foods that are eligible as of January
- 11 1, 2026. The department may seek approval for additional
- 12 foods to be excluded based on healthy food standards if the
- 13 state provides all authorized SNAP retailers with a list of
- 14 ineligible foods identified by universal product code, and
- 15 instructions for point-of-sale compliance. The department
- 16 shall implement each modification upon receipt of approval.>
- 17 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By HARRIS of Appanoose

H-8063 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8068

1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:

2 1. Page 5, before line 28 by inserting:

3 <Sec. _____. Section 256.183, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
4 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

5 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. Adopts a policy prohibiting ingredients
6 in meals provided to students in compliance with chapter 261M.>

7 2. Page 6, after line 10 by inserting:

8 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **261M.1 Definition.**

9 As used in this chapter, "*institution of higher education*"
10 means an institution of higher education governed by the state
11 board of regents, a community college, or an accredited private
12 institution as defined in section 256.183.

13 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **261M.2 Food and beverages provided**
14 **to students — prohibited ingredients.**

15 1. An institution of higher education shall not serve a meal
16 to students that contains any of the following ingredients:

17 a. Blue dye 1.

18 b. Blue dye 2.

19 c. Green dye 3.

20 d. Potassium bromate.

21 e. Propylparaben.

22 f. Red dye 40.

23 g. Yellow dye 5.

24 h. Yellow dye 6.

25 2. An employee or contracted vendor of an institution of
26 higher education shall not provide any food or beverages that
27 contain an ingredient described in subsection 1 to a student
28 enrolled in the institution on the campus of the institution.

29 3. An institution of higher education shall not permit
30 the sale to students of any foods or beverages that contain
31 an ingredient described in subsection 1 on the campus of the
32 institution.>

33 3. Page 7, line 23, after <school> by inserting <or
34 academic>

35 4. By renumbering as necessary.

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By HARRIS of Appanoose

H-8068 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8069

1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:

2 1. Page 7, after line 23 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION ____
4 EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

5 Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 2. a. The kindergarten program shall include experiences
8 designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and
9 growth in the language arts and communication skills, as well
10 as a capacity for the completion of individual tasks, and
11 protect and increase physical well-being with attention given
12 to experiences relating to the development of life skills and,
13 subject to section 279.80, age-appropriate and research-based
14 human growth and development. The kindergarten program shall
15 also include instruction related to nutrition that emphasizes
16 all of the following:

17 (1) The importance of animal-based protein, dairy,
18 vegetables, and fruit.

19 (2) The nutritional benefits of animal-based protein,
20 dairy, vegetables, and fruit.

21 (3) The role that animal-based protein, dairy, vegetables,
22 and fruit play in a balanced diet.

23 b. A kindergarten teacher shall be licensed to teach in
24 kindergarten.

25 c. An accredited nonpublic school must meet the requirements
26 of this subsection only if the nonpublic school offers a
27 kindergarten program; provided, however, that section 279.80
28 shall not apply to a nonpublic school.

29 Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 3, paragraph a,
30 subparagraph (5), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 (5) Health. The health curriculum shall include the all of
32 the following:

33 (a) The characteristics of communicable diseases.

34 (b) Instruction related to nutrition that emphasizes all of
35 the following:

1 (i) The importance of animal-based protein, dairy,
2 vegetables, and fruit.

3 (ii) The nutritional benefits of animal-based protein,
4 dairy, vegetables, and fruit.

5 (iii) The role that animal-based protein, dairy,
6 vegetables, and fruit play in a balanced diet.

7 Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 4, paragraph a,
8 subparagraphs (5) and (7), Code 2026, are amended to read as
9 follows:

10 (5) Health. The health curriculum shall include
11 ~~age-appropriate~~ all of the following:

12 (a) Age-appropriate and research-based information
13 regarding the characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases.

14 (b) Instruction related to nutrition that emphasizes all of
15 the following:

16 (i) The importance of animal-based protein, dairy,
17 vegetables, and fruit.

18 (ii) The nutritional benefits of animal-based protein,
19 dairy, vegetables, and fruit.

20 (iii) The role that animal-based protein, dairy,
21 vegetables, and fruit play in a balanced diet.

22 (7) Career instruction, exploration, and development, which
23 shall include career investigation, career connections, and
24 career intentions. Career exploration and development shall
25 be designed so that students are appropriately prepared to
26 create an individualized career and academic plan pursuant to
27 section 279.61, incorporate foundational career and technical
28 education concepts aligned with the six career and technical
29 education service areas as defined in subsection 5, paragraph
30 "h", incorporate relevant twenty-first century skills to
31 facilitate career readiness, and introduce students to career
32 opportunities within the local community and across this state.
33 This subparagraph shall not apply to the teaching of career
34 exploration and development in nonpublic schools.

35 Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code

1 2026, is amended to read as follows:

2 *b.* Computer science instruction incorporating the standards
3 established under section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph "a",
4 subparagraph (4), shall be offered in at least one grade level
5 commencing with the school year beginning July 1, 2023. ~~Career
6 exploration and development shall be designed so that students
7 are appropriately prepared to create an individual career
8 and academic plan pursuant to section 279.61, incorporate
9 foundational career and technical education concepts aligned
10 with the six career and technical education service areas as
11 defined in subsection 5, paragraph "h", incorporate relevant
12 twenty-first century skills to facilitate career readiness, and
13 introduce students to career opportunities within the local
14 community and across this state.~~

15 Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph h,
16 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), Code 2026, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (a) Agriculture, food, and natural resources, which
19 shall include instruction relating to food production and the
20 benefits of local sourcing.

21 Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph j,
22 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) One unit of health education which may include
24 personal health; food and nutrition; environmental health;
25 safety and survival skills; consumer health; family life;
26 age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development
27 that incorporates the standards established under section
28 279.50, subsection 3, paragraph "b"; substance use disorder
29 and nonuse; emotional and social health; health resources;
30 cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and prevention and control
31 of disease, including age-appropriate and research-based
32 information regarding sexually transmitted diseases. The one
33 unit of health education shall include instruction related to
34 nutrition that emphasizes all of the following:

35 (a) The importance of animal-based protein, dairy,

1 vegetables, and fruit.

2 (b) The nutritional benefits of animal-based protein,
3 dairy, vegetables, and fruit.

4 (c) The role that animal-based protein, dairy, vegetables,
5 and fruit play in a balanced diet.

6 Sec. _____. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph h, Code
7 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

8 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (01) The educational standards
9 established in section 256.11, subsections 2, 3, and 4, and
10 section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "j", subparagraph (1),
11 related to instruction on nutrition.

12 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) The educational standards
13 established in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "h",
14 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), related to
15 instruction relating to food production and the benefits of
16 local sourcing.

17 Sec. _____. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
18 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Op.* Be subject to and comply with the
20 requirements of section 256.11, subsections 2, 3, and 4, and
21 section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "j", subparagraph (1),
22 related to instruction on nutrition in the same manner as a
23 school district.

24 NEW PARAGRAPH. *w.* Be subject to and comply with the
25 requirements of section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph
26 "h", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), related to
27 instruction relating to food production and the benefits of
28 local sourcing in the same manner as a school district.

29 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **283A.14 Application for waiver —**
30 **updated nutritional guidelines — joint committee.**

31 1. The general assembly finds and declares all of the
32 following:

33 *a.* The nutritional needs and cultural preferences of
34 the students in Iowa might be better served by localizing
35 nutritional standards.

1 *b.* Unique regional food sources, including corn, pork, and
2 dairy, are not adequately addressed by federal guidelines.

3 *c.* Flexibility in nutritional standards can enhance the
4 ability of schools to provide meals that are both nutritious
5 and appealing to students, which may increase student
6 participation in school breakfast and lunch programs.

7 2. Within ninety days after the effective date of this Act,
8 the department of education shall apply for a waiver under the
9 provisions of the federal National School Lunch Act of 1966, 42
10 U.S.C. §1751 et seq., and the federal Child Nutrition Act of
11 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1771 et seq., to request all of the following:

12 *a.* An exemption from sodium limits, whole grain
13 requirements, and fruit and vegetable variety stipulations in
14 school breakfast and lunch programs.

15 *b.* Permission to substitute or modify federal requirements
16 with state-specific nutritional guidelines that align with
17 Iowa's dietary recommendations or cultural food practices.

18 3. If the waiver applied for by the department of
19 education under subsection 2 is granted, the department of
20 education shall adopt updated guidelines for what constitutes
21 a nutritionally adequate meal. The department shall consult
22 with the department of agriculture and land stewardship,
23 experts in nutrition, educators, parents, local farmers, and
24 other stakeholders during the process of adopting updated
25 guidelines for what constitutes a nutritionally adequate meal.
26 The guidelines for what constitutes a nutritionally adequate
27 meal may reflect local preferences, regional food sources,
28 including corn, pork, and dairy, and cultural considerations.
29 The guidelines for what constitutes a nutritionally adequate
30 meal must satisfy all of the following requirements:

31 *a.* Be at least as stringent in promoting health and
32 preventing chronic diseases as the federal guidelines.

33 *b.* Maintain a commitment to nutritional health and student
34 well-being.

35 *c.* Prioritize the following food groups, in the order

1 listed:

2 (1) Animal-based protein, including but not limited to
3 beef, pork, poultry, fish, and eggs.

4 (2) Dairy products, including but not limited to milk,
5 cheese, and yogurt.

6 (3) Vegetables, including but not limited to local and
7 seasonal produce.

8 (4) Fresh fruit or dried or frozen fruit when fresh fruit is
9 not seasonally available.

10 4. If the waiver applied for by the department of education
11 under subsection 2 is granted, the department of education
12 and the department of agriculture and land stewardship shall
13 establish a joint committee to do all of the following:

14 a. Oversee the implementation of the guidelines for what
15 constitutes a nutritionally adequate meal.

16 b. Review the outcomes associated with the guidelines for
17 what constitutes a nutritionally adequate meal.

18 c. Study the nutritional science associated with the
19 guidelines for what constitutes a nutritionally adequate meal
20 and seek feedback from schools, parents, and agricultural
21 stakeholders related to the guidelines.

22 d. Provide recommendations to the department of education
23 related to changes that may need to be made to the guidelines
24 for what constitutes a nutritionally adequate meal.

25 5. If the waiver applied for by the department of
26 education under subsection 2 is granted, the department of
27 education shall submit to the general assembly an annual
28 report, beginning on or before the first June 30 after
29 the implementation of the new guidelines, which describes
30 the impact of the guidelines related to what constitutes a
31 nutritionally adequate meal, including information related
32 to school breakfast and lunch program participation, student
33 health outcomes, feedback from school districts, progress
34 in implementing the guidelines, challenges associated with
35 implementing the guidelines, and recommendations for further

1 enhancement of the guidelines.

2 6. If the waiver applied for by the department of education
3 under subsection 2 is granted, the department of education
4 shall conduct an evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the
5 guidelines for what constitutes a nutritionally adequate meal
6 compared to the comparable federal standards within five years
7 after the effective date of the waiver.

8 Sec. _____. EFFECTIVE DATE. The following, being deemed of
9 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment:

10 The section of this division of this Act enacting section
11 283A.14.

12 Sec. _____. APPLICABILITY. The following apply to school
13 years beginning on or after July 1, 2027:

14 1. The section of this division of this Act amending section
15 256.11, subsections 2, 3, and 4.

16 2. The section of this division of this Act amending
17 section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "h", subparagraph (1),
18 subparagraph division (a).

19 3. The section of this division of this Act amending section
20 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "j", subparagraph (1).

21 4. The section of this division of this Act amending section
22 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph "h".

23 5. The section of this division of this Act amending section
24 256F.4, subsection 2.>

25 2. Title page, line 2, after <medication,> by inserting <and
26 education,>

27 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By WULF of Black Hawk

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8070

1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:

2 1. Page 7, after line 23 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION ____

4 STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

5 Sec. ____ . Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
6 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Os.* Be subject to and comply with
8 the requirements of section 279.89 relating to student
9 instructional technology standards in the same manner as a
10 school district.

11 Sec. ____ . Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
12 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. *w.* Be subject to and comply with
14 the requirements of section 279.89 relating to student
15 instructional technology standards in the same manner as a
16 school district.

17 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. **279.89 Student instructional**
18 **technology standards.**

19 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
20 requires:

21 *a.* "*Digital instruction*" means lessons, assignments,
22 assessments, or instructional activities delivered through
23 instructional technology.

24 *b.* "*Instructional technology*" means a laptop, tablet,
25 computer, smart device, software platform, or other similar
26 device or platform used for student learning.

27 *c.* "*One-to-one digital device program*" means a program
28 through which a school district provides or assigns a digital
29 device to each student for instructional use.

30 2. *a.* For students enrolled in grades kindergarten through
31 five, digital instruction shall not exceed sixty minutes per
32 school day.

33 *b.* The following uses shall not count toward the daily
34 limit:

35 (1) Use required pursuant to an individualized education

1 program or a plan developed pursuant to section 504 of the
2 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

3 (2) Assistive or adaptive technology necessary to provide a
4 student access to instruction.

5 (3) Teacher-directed demonstrations using a projector,
6 smartboard, or similar display device when students are not
7 individually operating a digital device.

8 (4) State assessments and progress monitoring that requires
9 the use of a one-to-one digital device.

10 (5) Dedicated computer science and technology curriculum.

11 3. *a.* The board of directors of each school district shall
12 adopt a written technology use policy applicable to grades
13 kindergarten through five.

14 *b.* The policy shall include all of the following:

15 (1) The district's daily digital instruction limits.

16 (2) A list of digital platforms and applications used for
17 instruction.

18 (3) Notice of a parent's or guardian's right to request
19 additional reductions in the parent's or guardian's child's
20 digital instruction.

21 (4) A statement that instructional technology shall
22 support, and not supplant, foundational learning.

23 (5) A prohibition on the use of digital devices during
24 recess.

25 *c.* The policy shall be published on each elementary school's
26 internet site.

27 4. *a.* Prior to adopting or renewing a one-to-one digital
28 device program for any grade level, the board of directors of a
29 school district shall complete a technology adoption checklist
30 that documents consideration of all of the following:

31 (1) The instructional purpose of the device.

32 (2) Age appropriateness of the device and associated
33 software.

34 (3) Content-filtering limitations and the district's
35 capacity to mitigate those limitations.

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1 (4) Whether student data is collected, stored, or shared,
2 and the nature of such data practices.

3 b. The checklist shall be retained by the board and made
4 available to the department of education upon request for audit
5 or compliance purposes.

6 c. Each school district shall make publicly available on the
7 district's internet site a list of one-to-one digital device
8 programs in use, and information regarding opt-out options for
9 parents who decline participation in digital instruction.

10 5. This section shall not apply to students enrolled in an
11 online learning program operating pursuant to section 256.43.>

12 2. Title page, line 2, after <medication,> by inserting <and
13 education,>

14 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By HARRIS of Appanoose

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HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8071

1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:

2 1. Page 38, after line 2 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION ____
4 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

5 Sec. ____ . LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the
6 general assembly to do all of the following:

7 1. Prioritize and expand children's participation in youth
8 sports and active play.

9 2. Promote the physical, mental, and civic benefits of daily
10 movement, exercise, and good nutrition.

11 Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 3, paragraph a,
12 subparagraph (6), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

13 (6) Physical education. Each student shall be required to
14 participate in physical education for at least thirty minutes
15 during each school day. The physical education curriculum
16 shall include an assessment of the physical fitness of students
17 who are physically able using the presidential physical fitness
18 test.

19 Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 4, paragraph a,
20 subparagraph (8), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 (8) Physical education. Each student shall be required to
22 participate in physical education for at least thirty minutes
23 during each school day. The physical education curriculum
24 shall include an assessment of the physical fitness of students
25 who are physically able using the presidential physical fitness
26 test.

27 Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph g, Code
28 2026, is amended to read as follows:

29 g. (1) All students physically able shall be required
30 to participate in a minimum of one-eighth unit of physical
31 education activities during each semester they are enrolled in
32 school except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. The
33 physical education activities must satisfy all of the following
34 requirements:

35 (a) Emphasize leisure time activities which will benefit

1 the student outside the school environment and after graduation
2 from high school.

3 (b) Include an assessment of the physical fitness of
4 students who are physically able using the presidential
5 physical fitness test.

6 (2) (a) A student who meets the requirements of this
7 ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph shall be excused from the physical
8 education activities requirement under subparagraph (1) by the
9 principal of the school in which the student is enrolled if
10 the parent or guardian of the student requests in writing that
11 the student be excused from the physical education activities
12 requirement. A student who wishes to be excused from the
13 physical education activities requirement must be seeking to be
14 excused in order to enroll in academic courses not otherwise
15 available to the student, or be enrolled or participating in
16 any of the following:

17 ~~(a)~~ (i) A work-based learning program or other educational
18 program authorized by the school which requires the student to
19 leave the school premises for specified periods of time during
20 the school day.

21 ~~(b)~~ (ii) An activity that is sponsored by the school in
22 which the student is enrolled which requires at least as much
23 physical activity per week as one-eighth unit of physical
24 education activities.

25 ~~(2)~~ (b) The principal of the school shall inform the
26 superintendent of the school district or nonpublic school that
27 the student has been excused. ~~Physical education activities~~
28 ~~shall emphasize leisure time activities which will benefit the~~
29 ~~student outside the school environment and after graduation~~
30 ~~from high school.~~

31 (3) A student who is enrolled in a junior reserve officers'
32 training corps shall not be required to participate in physical
33 education activities under subparagraph (1) or to meet the
34 physical activity requirements of subsection 6, paragraph
35 "b", subparagraph (2), but shall receive one-eighth unit of

1 physical education activities credit for each semester, or the
2 equivalent, of junior reserve officers' training corps the
3 student completes.

4 Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 6, paragraph b,
5 subparagraphs (1) and (2), Code 2026, are amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (1) ~~All~~ In addition to the physical education curriculum
8 required under subsection 3, physically able students in
9 kindergarten through grade five shall be required to engage in
10 a physical activity for a minimum of thirty minutes per school
11 day.

12 (2) All physically able students in grades ~~six~~ nine through
13 twelve shall be required to engage in a physical activity for
14 a minimum of one hundred twenty minutes per week. A student
15 participating in an organized and supervised athletic program
16 or non-school-sponsored extracurricular activity which requires
17 the student to participate in physical activity for a minimum
18 of one hundred twenty minutes per week is exempt from the
19 requirements of this subparagraph.

20 Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
21 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

22 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (02) In addition to the physical
23 education curriculum required under subsections 3 and 4, as
24 applicable, physically able students in grades six through
25 eight shall be required to engage in a physical activity for a
26 minimum of twenty minutes per school day and one hundred fifty
27 minutes per week.

28 Sec. _____. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph h, Code
29 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

30 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (02) The educational standards of
31 section 256.11 relating to the physical education and physical
32 activity requirements for students enrolled in grades one
33 through twelve.

34 Sec. _____. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
35 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

1 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Os.* Be subject to and comply with
2 the requirements of section 279.89 relating to required
3 participation of students enrolled in grades nine through
4 twelve in at least one cocurricular or extracurricular activity
5 as a condition of graduation.

6 Sec. _____. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
7 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Og.* Be subject to and comply with the
9 requirements of section 256.11 relating to the physical
10 education and physical activity requirements for students
11 enrolled in grades one through twelve in the same manner as a
12 school district.

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Os.* Be subject to and comply with
14 the requirements of section 279.89 relating to required
15 participation of students enrolled in grades nine through
16 twelve in at least one cocurricular or extracurricular activity
17 as a condition of graduation.

18 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **279.89 Required participation in a**
19 **cocurricular or extracurricular activity.**

20 1. For purposes of this section:

21 *a.* "Cocurricular activity" means any school-supervised
22 activity that occurs outside of the traditional classroom
23 setting and that complements the regular curriculum.

24 "Cocurricular activity" includes but is not limited to all of
25 the following:

26 (1) Student government.

27 (2) Theater.

28 (3) Yearbook.

29 (4) Involvement with the national FFA organization.

30 (5) Competitive mathematics.

31 *b.* "Extracurricular activity" means any school-supervised
32 activity that occurs outside of the traditional classroom
33 setting and that does not directly complement the regular
34 curriculum. "Extracurricular activity" includes but is not
35 limited to all of the following:

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1 (1) Athletic contests or competitions.

2 (2) Dance.

3 (3) Band.

4 (4) Show choir.

5 (5) Robotics.

6 (6) Debate.

7 2. The board of directors of each school district
8 shall require that all students enrolled in grades nine
9 through twelve participate in at least one cocurricular or
10 extracurricular activity as a condition of graduation.

11 3. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant
12 to chapter 17A to administer this section.

13 Sec. _____. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
14 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
15 compliance with any state mandate included in this division
16 of this Act shall be paid by a school district from state
17 school foundation aid received by the school district under
18 section 257.16. This specification of the payment of the state
19 cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related
20 requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional
21 state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of
22 this division of this Act by and enforcement of this division
23 of this Act against all affected school districts.>

24 2. Title page, line 2, after <medication,> by inserting <and
25 education,>

26 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By HARRIS of Appanoose

H-8071 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

H-8082

1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:

2 1. Page 7, after line 23 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION ____

4 RADON TESTING — NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

5 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 256.20 School testing and mitigation
6 of radon grant program — appropriation.

7 1. The department shall develop and administer a radon
8 testing and mitigation grant program to provide grants to
9 school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter
10 schools, and innovation zone schools to offset the costs of
11 testing and mitigating radon in attendance centers.

12 2. The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
13 17A to administer this section, including rules relating to
14 grant application materials, eligibility requirements, and
15 award criteria. The state board is responsible for approving
16 or rejecting applications submitted pursuant to this section.

17 3. Moneys awarded under this section shall be used to
18 supplement, not supplant, existing public funding used by a
19 school district for similar purposes, including funding under
20 section 423F.3, subsection 3.

21 4. A school radon testing and mitigation grant program
22 fund is established in the state treasury. The fund shall be
23 administered by the department and shall consist of moneys
24 appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys received
25 by the department for deposit in the fund. The moneys in the
26 fund are appropriated to the radon testing and mitigation
27 grant program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the
28 fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert to
29 the general fund of the state but shall remain available for
30 expenditure for the radon testing and mitigation grant program
31 for subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7,
32 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall
33 be credited to the fund.

34 Sec. ____ . Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
35 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

1 NEW PARAGRAPH. *00t.* Be subject to and comply with the
2 requirements in section 280.32 relating to radon testing,
3 reporting, and mitigation in the same manner as a school
4 district.

5 Sec. _____. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
6 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *w.* Be subject to and comply with the
8 requirements in section 280.32 relating to radon testing,
9 reporting, and mitigation in the same manner as a school
10 district.

11 Sec. _____. Section 280.32, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code
12 2026, are amended to read as follows:

13 2. The board of directors of each public school district
14 and the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic
15 school shall establish a radon plan and schedule for short-term
16 tests for radon gas to be performed at each attendance center
17 under its control at least once by July 1, 2027, and at least
18 once every five years thereafter. Short-term testing shall be
19 performed between October 1 and March 31. Each school district
20 and accredited nonpublic school shall publish testing results
21 on the district's or accredited nonpublic school's internet
22 site in a timely manner. Additionally, each school district
23 and accredited nonpublic school shall provide testing results
24 to the department of health and human services. Testing
25 results of school districts shall be considered public records
26 under chapter 22. Each school district required to conduct
27 short-term radon testing as of June 30, 2025, shall provide an
28 update of testing results to the department of health and human
29 services by July 1, 2026.

30 3. Radon testing pursuant to this section conducted on and
31 after July 1, 2022, shall be conducted by a person certified to
32 conduct such testing pursuant to section 136B.1 or by district
33 or accredited nonpublic school employees that have completed
34 a school radon testing training program approved by the
35 department of education and the department of health and human

1 services. District or accredited nonpublic school employees
2 that have completed training shall not perform testing services
3 in locations other than the employee's employing district or
4 accredited nonpublic school. The department of health and
5 human services shall maintain and make available to school
6 districts and accredited nonpublic schools a list of such
7 approved school radon testing training programs. Testing shall
8 be based on recognized national standards that outline school
9 radon testing practices.

10 4. a. If the results of a short-term test at an attendance
11 center are at or above four picocuries per liter, the board
12 of directors of the public school district or the authorities
13 in charge of the accredited nonpublic school shall conduct a
14 second short-term test for radon gas and radon decay products
15 in the spaces with elevated results within sixty days of the
16 first test.

17 b. If the averaged results of the first and second tests
18 at an attendance center pursuant to paragraph "a" are at or
19 above four picocuries per liter, the board of directors of
20 the public school district or the authorities in charge of
21 the accredited nonpublic school shall retain or employ a
22 person credentialed pursuant to section 136B.1 to develop a
23 radon mitigation plan that must include corrective measures
24 and active mitigation, and may include further diagnostic
25 testing, ~~corrective measures, and active mitigation~~. The board
26 or the authorities shall complete the radon mitigation plan
27 within two years of the first test. A However, a district or
28 accredited nonpublic school is not required to mitigate radon
29 at an attendance center if the district or accredited nonpublic
30 school intends to abandon the building within five years or has
31 a plan to renovate the attendance center within five years and
32 the renovation will include radon mitigation.

33 Sec. ____ . EMERGENCY RULES. The state board of education
34 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3,
35 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement

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1 section 256.20, as enacted by this division of this Act, and
2 the rules shall be effective immediately upon filing unless
3 a later date is specified in the rules. Any rules adopted
4 in accordance with this section shall also be published as a
5 notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

6 Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
7 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

8 2. Title page, line 2, after <medication,> by inserting <and
9 education, making appropriations,>

10 3. Title page, line 3, after <including> by inserting
11 <effective date and>

12 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By CROKEN of Scott

H-8082 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8083

- 1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 5, by striking lines 17 through 25.
- 3 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By BAETH of Polk

H-8083 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8084

1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:

- 2 1. Page 5, lines 1 and 2, by striking <Supplemental
3 nutrition assistance program — summer> and inserting <Summer>
4 2. Page 5, by striking lines 4 through 16 and inserting:
5 <The department shall continuously maintain state
6 participation in the summer EBT program. The department and
7 the governor shall not condition state participation in the
8 summer EBT program on any alteration to the list of federally
9 approved eligible foods.>

By BAETH of Polk

H-8084 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8089

1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:

2 1. Page 7, after line 23 by inserting:

<DIVISION

SCHOOLS — DRINKING WATER

3
4 Sec. _____. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
5 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. *oot.* Be subject to and comply with the
7 requirements of section 280.32A relating to drinking water
8 nitrate-nitrogen concentrations in the same manner as a school
9 district.

10 Sec. _____. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
11 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. *w.* Be subject to and comply with the
13 requirements of section 280.32A relating to drinking water
14 nitrate-nitrogen concentrations in the same manner as a school
15 district.

16 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **280.32A Drinking water — nitrate**
17 **and nitrogen concentrations.**

18 The board of directors of each school district shall
19 ensure the provision of the drinking water at schools with
20 nitrate-nitrogen concentrations of no higher than three
21 milligrams per liter.

22 Sec. _____. SCHOOLS — DRINKING WATER. There is appropriated
23 from the general fund of the state to the department of
24 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
25 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof
26 as is necessary, to be used for the provision of drinking water
27 at schools with nitrate-nitrogen concentrations of no higher
28 than three milligrams per liter:

29 \$ 10,000,000>

30 2. Title page, line 2, after <medication,> by inserting <and
31 education, making appropriations>

32 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By BAETH of Polk

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H-8089 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2676

H-8090

- 1 Amend House File 2676 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, after line 26 by inserting:
- 3 <DIVISION ____
- 4 MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT — NUTRITION
- 5 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 148.15 Medical school graduation
- 6 requirement — nutrition.
- 7 Beginning July 1, 2028, a medical school or college of
- 8 osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state shall require as
- 9 a condition of graduation that each student complete at least
- 10 forty hours of coursework on nutrition and metabolic health.>
- 11 2. Title page, line 2, after <medication,> by inserting <and
- 12 education,>
- 13 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By HARRIS of Appanoose

H-8090 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2705

H-8101

- 1 Amend House File 2705 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 5, by striking lines 30 through 35.
- 3 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By RAMIREZ of Linn

H-8101 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2724

H-8066

1 Amend House File 2724 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, after line 19 by inserting:

3 <NEW SUBSECTION. 30. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
4 17A establishing an activities administration authorization.
5 The rules must require an applicant for the activities
6 administration authorization to hold a baccalaureate degree or
7 higher in any academic field.>

8 2. Title page, line 2, after <endorsements> by inserting
9 <and authorizations>

By INGELS of Fayette

H-8066 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

SENATE FILE 579

H-8073

- 1 Amend Senate File 579, as passed by the Senate, as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 1, by striking <2025> and inserting <2026>
3 2. Page 1, line 5, by striking <shall> and inserting <may>
4 3. Page 1, line 8, by striking <shall> and inserting <may>
5 4. Page 1, lines 15 and 16, by striking <of a party's right
6 to direct transfer of the complaint> and inserting <that a
7 complaint may be transferred>

By WICHTENDAHL of Linn

H-8073 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

SENATE FILE 579

H-8091

1 Amend Senate File 579, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. Section 216.19, subsection 1, unnumbered
4 paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 All cities shall, to the extent possible, protect the rights
6 of the citizens of this state secured by the Iowa civil rights
7 Act. A city or local government shall not enact any ordinance
8 or other law which is broader or has different categories of
9 unfair or discriminatory practices than those provided in
10 this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as
11 indicating any of the following:

12 Sec. _____. Section 216.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
13 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

14 Sec. _____. Section 216.19, subsection 7, Code 2026, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 7. a. A local agency or local commission shall not
17 overrule, modify, or award damages contrary to a final decision
18 issued by a district court pursuant to section 17A.19 or
19 216.17.

20 b. A final decision by a referral agency shall be subject
21 to judicial review as provided in section 216.17 in the same
22 manner and to the same extent as a final decision of the
23 agency.>

24 2. Page 1, line 1, by striking <2025> and inserting <2026>

25 3. Page 1, by striking lines 7 through 31 and inserting:

26 <NEW SUBSECTION. 10. a. A complaint filed with a local
27 agency or local commission shall be preliminarily screened by
28 the local agency or local commission within one hundred twenty
29 days of filing.

30 b. If a complaint arises from an alleged violation of
31 a state law, rule, or regulation under the jurisdiction of
32 the Iowa office of civil rights, the local agency or local
33 commission shall cross file the complaint with the Iowa office
34 of civil rights within one hundred twenty days of the date the
35 complaint was filed with the local agency or local commission.

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1 c. A complaint that is not preliminarily screened within one
2 hundred twenty days shall be administratively closed.>

3 4. Page 1, after line 33 by inserting:

4 <NEW SUBSECTION. 12. a. Beginning the effective date
5 of this Act, a complaint filed with a local agency or local
6 commission that has not been resolved within twelve months of
7 the filing date of the complaint shall be referred to the Iowa
8 office of civil rights for processing.

9 b. Any damages awarded by a local agency or local commission
10 between the effective date of this Act and July 1, 2027,
11 shall be reviewed by the Iowa office of civil rights prior to
12 enforcement.

13 Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
14 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>

15 5. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting <An
16 Act relating to local laws implementing the Iowa civil rights
17 Act of 1965, local civil rights commissions, and local civil
18 rights agencies, and including effective date provisions.>

19 6. By renumbering as necessary.

By HOLT of Crawford

H-8091 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

SENATE FILE 2426

H-8065

1 Amend Senate File 2426, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 2, line 28, after <department> by inserting <of
4 public safety>

5 2. Page 3, line 20, after <department> by inserting <of
6 public safety>

By A. MEYER of Webster

H-8065 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

SENATE FILE 2426

H-8081

1 Amend Senate File 2426, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 2, line 9, by striking <vehicle.> and inserting
4 <vehicle or own or operate a commercial motor carrier.>

5 2. Title page, line 2, by striking <drivers,> and inserting
6 <drivers and commercial motor carrier owners and operators,>

By COOLING of Linn

H-8081 FILED MARCH 2, 2026

SENATE FILE 2426

H-8087

1 Amend Senate File 2426, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 2.9, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
5 by adding the following new paragraphs:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The secretary of the senate shall
7 publish the English language proficiency examination score, as
8 reported by the department of transportation, for every member
9 of the senate in the journal for the senate and on the general
10 assembly's internet site.

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. The chief clerk of the house
12 of representatives shall publish the English language
13 proficiency examination score, as reported by the department
14 of transportation, for every member of the house of
15 representatives in the journal for the house of representatives
16 and on the general assembly's internet site.

17 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 2.17A English language proficiency.

18 A member of the general assembly shall be sufficiently
19 proficient in the English language and shall demonstrate such
20 proficiency by successfully completing the English language
21 proficiency examination for commercial drivers under section
22 321.187B.

23 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 7D.4 English language proficiency.

24 A member of the executive council shall be sufficiently
25 proficient in the English language and shall demonstrate such
26 proficiency by successfully completing the English language
27 proficiency examination for commercial drivers under section
28 321.187B.>

29 2. Title page, line 2, after <for> by inserting <members of
30 the general assembly, members of the executive council, and>

31 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By COOLING of Linn

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[SF 2426](#) – Commercial Driver’s Licenses, English Proficiency (LSB5328SV.2)
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Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the Senate (Revised)

Description

[Senate File 2426](#) requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to 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 sufficiently proficient in the English language to meet the requirements of 49 C.F.R. [§391.11\(b\)\(2\)](#) 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. A peace officer will issue an out-of-service order to a person who violates the Bill if the person holds an unexpired CDL or CLP that was issued by the DOT after that person successfully completed the English language proficiency examination. 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. The Bill authorizes the DOT to adopt administrative rules to administer the Bill.

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.
- The DOT will have a one-time IT cost of \$74,000 for developing and implementing a computer-based test for commercial drivers.
- The DOT will have a one-time IT cost of \$122,000 for the International Registration Plan (IRP) system and a one-time IT cost of \$224,000 for the ARTS modernization.
- The DOT anticipates needing 1.0 additional administrative assistant 2 FTE position to process the civil penalty payments at an annual cost of approximately \$97,000.

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.

The DOT will incur a total cost of \$517,000 in FY 2027, of which \$420,000 would be for one-time IT costs and \$97,000 would be 1.0 new administrative assistant 2 FTE position. For FY 2028, the ongoing cost to the DOT will be \$97,000 to maintain 1.0 FTE position.

Sources

Department of Transportation

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

/s/ Jennifer Acton

March 2, 2026

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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 2492](#) – Career and Technical Education Instructors, Operational Sharing (LSB5224HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2492](#) allows for school districts to share the operational functions of a career and technical education (CTE) instructor. The supplementary weighting allowed for a shared CTE instructor would be 2.0 pupils for the school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2026 (FY 2027), but before July 1, 2035 (FY 2036).

Background

Pursuant to Iowa Code section [257.11](#), a school district that shares one or more specified operational functions with another political subdivision is assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational function. The maximum additional weighting that a school district may receive in one year is 25.0 additional pupils. Iowa Code section 257.11(5)(d) specifies that college and career transition counselors or coordinators do not count toward this maximum. Iowa Code section 257.11(5) allows for supplementary weighting for school districts and Area Education Agencies (AEAs) that share Iowa Code-specified job positions for at least 20.0% of the school year. Iowa Code section 257.11(5) sunsets the availability of supplementary weighting following the school budget year beginning July 1, 2034 (FY 2035).

Iowa Code section 257.11(5) establishes a list of operational functions and positions eligible for supplementary weighting for school districts. 2021 Iowa Acts, chapter [139](#) (Schools, School Administration, Funding, and Educational Programs — Tax Credits and Deductions — Facial Covering Policies of Cities, Counties, and Schools Act), reduced the number of pupils assigned for certain functions and positions. 2023 Iowa Acts, chapter [1](#) (Education Savings Accounts Act), extended the supplementary weighting program until the end of the school budget year beginning July 1, 2034. For school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2022, until the end of the school budget year beginning July 1, 2034, each operational function assigned a supplementary weighting of 5.0 pupils will be assigned 4.0 pupils, and each operational function assigned a supplementary weighting of 3.0 pupils will be assigned 2.0 pupils. Iowa Code section 257.11(5)(d) specifies that college and career transition counselors or coordinators do not count toward this maximum amount.

For the 2025-2026 school year, 311 school districts are participating in shared operations funding, and 55 school districts are at the 25.0 pupil additional weighting maximum.

The Department of Education [reports on teacher vacancies by endorsement](#). For the 2026-2027 academic year, a total of 39 CTE-related teacher positions were reported as unfilled:

- Industrial technology – 13
- Family and consumer sciences – 9
- Business education – 6
- Agricultural science and technology – 4
- Health science – 4
- Career and technical education, other – 3

Along with classroom instruction, CTE teachers can also support the work of Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). Career and Technical Student Organization activities involve conferences, competitions, workshops, community service, and other activities outside of the classroom. Agricultural science and technology CTE teachers may be provided with extended contract hours to support activities during the summer.

Assumptions

- Thirty-nine CTE-related teacher positions will use operational sharing. This is based on current vacancies for CTE-related teacher positions.
- Funding for eligible school districts will begin in FY 2027 and end after FY 2035.
- School districts using additional weighting will utilize all the additional weighting authorized by the Bill for a CTE instructor, subject to the overall cap.
- The FY 2027 State cost per pupil (SCPP) is \$8,148 with \$7,201 funded from the State General Fund, \$242 funded from property tax replacement payments funded from the State General Fund, and \$667 funded from local property tax. The amount by which the district cost per pupil (DCPP) exceeds the SCPP is funded from local property tax.
- Any legislative changes to the SCPP will alter the fiscal impact.
- Not all districts that are currently under the maximum 25.0 additional pupil cap will participate due to a full class schedule and additional CTE instruction responsibilities.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2492 is estimated to increase the operational function sharing supplementary weighting by a total of 78.0 pupils at a total annual cost of \$635,000 beginning with FY 2027 and ending after FY 2035. The estimated increase will be funded with approximately \$582,000 from the State General Fund and \$53,000 from local property tax through the school aid formula. If additional school districts were to participate, this estimated amount would increase. The decision to participate in operational function sharing is a school district decision.

Sources

Department of Education, Certified Enrollment and Enrollment Projections File
Department of Management, School Aid Files
Iowa Association of School Boards
LSA analysis and calculations

/s/ Jennifer Acton

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[HF 2546](#) – Student Data Systems (LSB5619HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2546](#) requires the Director of the Iowa Department of Education (DE) to approve, coordinate, and supervise the use of electronic data and information processing by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, Area Education Agencies (AEAs), postsecondary institutions, and community colleges. The Bill requires the Director to procure a comprehensive, statewide data collection system using a new request for proposal (RFP) process.

The Bill also requires the DE to modernize its electronic systems for funding disbursement and system communication with other state agencies, and with school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovative school zones. The modernization of electronic systems must include the deployment of an online portal for information and data submission on or before July 1, 2027.

Background

Current law requires the DE to approve, coordinate, and supervise the use of electronic data processing by school districts, area education agencies, and community colleges.

Assumptions

- The Bill requires the DE to issue an RFP to procure a comprehensive, statewide data collection system.
- It is unknown whether the DE would modernize existing systems, or procure a new system.

Fiscal Impact

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

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[HF 2700](#) – Commercial Driver's Licenses, English Proficiency (LSB5328HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2700](#) requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to 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 a civil penalty ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 based on the number of violations, which is 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

House File 2700 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 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)

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[HF 2700](#) – Commercial Driver's Licenses, English Proficiency (LSB5328HV.1)
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Fiscal Note Version – Revised (Assumptions and Fiscal Impact)

Description

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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. The Bill authorizes the DOT to adopt administrative rules to administer the Bill.

Background

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- 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.
- The DOT will have a one-time IT cost of \$74,000 for developing and implementing a computer-based test for commercial drivers.
- The DOT will have a one-time IT cost of \$122,000 for the International Registration Plan (IRP) system and a one-time IT cost of \$224,000 for the ARTS modernization.
- The DOT anticipates needing 1.0 additional administrative assistant 2 FTE position to process the civil penalty payments. The yearly salary for an administrative assistant 2 FTE position is approximately \$97,000.

Correctional Impact

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The DOT will incur a total cost of \$517,000 in FY 2027, of which \$420,000 would be for one-time IT costs and \$97,000 would be for 1.0 new administrative assistant 2 FTE position. For FY 2028, the ongoing cost to the DOT will be \$97,000 to maintain 1.0 FTE position.

Sources

Department of Transportation

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