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SENATE AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE FILE 571

H-8174

1 Amend House File 571, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the House, as follows:

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

5 <Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be
6 cited as the "Medical Ethics Defense Act".

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 135S.1 Definitions.

8 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
9 requires:

10 1. *a.* "*Conscience*" means the ethical, moral, or religious
11 beliefs or principles held by a medical practitioner or health
12 care institution.

13 *b.* With respect to persons who are institutions,
14 corporations, or other legal entities, "*conscience*" is
15 determined by reference to that entity's governing documents
16 including but not limited to published ethical, moral, or
17 religious guidelines or directives, mission statements,
18 constitutions, articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies, or
19 regulations.

20 2. "*Discrimination*" means an adverse action, including but
21 not limited to any penalty, disciplinary, or retaliatory action
22 taken against, or a threat of adverse action communicated
23 to, a medical practitioner or health care institution as a
24 result of the refusal of the medical practitioner or health
25 care institution to participate in a health care service on
26 the basis of conscience. "*Discrimination*" not does include
27 the negotiation or purchase of insurance or a health care
28 service by a nongovernmental entity or individual, the refusal
29 to use or purchase insurance or a health care service by
30 a nongovernmental entity or individual, or a health care
31 institution's good-faith effort to accommodate a medical
32 practitioner's or health care institution's exercise of
33 conscience.

34 3. "*Health care institution*" means an organization,
35 corporation, partnership, association, agency, network, sole

1 proprietorship, joint venture, or other entity that provides
2 a health care service.

3 4. "*Health care service*" means medical research and medical
4 care provided to a patient or client at any time during the
5 patient's or client's course of treatment, including but
6 not limited to testing; diagnosis; record making; referral;
7 prescribing, dispensing, or administering any drug, medication,
8 or device; therapy or counseling; and preparation or
9 arrangement for a surgical procedure.

10 5. "*Medical practitioner*" means a person who facilitates
11 or participates, or who is asked to facilitate or participate
12 in a health care service, including but not limited to a
13 health-related professional licensed by a board designated in
14 section 147.13, and any other person licensed, certified, or
15 otherwise authorized or permitted by the laws of this state
16 to administer a health care service in the ordinary course
17 of business or in the practice of a profession. "*Medical*
18 *practitioner*" includes any student enrolled in an educational
19 institution who is a prospective medical practitioner.

20 6. "*Participate in a health care service*" means to provide,
21 perform, assist with, facilitate, refer for, provide counseling
22 for, advise with regard to, admit for the purposes of
23 providing, or take part in a health care service in any way.

24 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 135S.2 **Exercise of conscience for**
25 **health care institutions and medical practitioners — exception.**

26 1. a. A medical practitioner or health care institution
27 has the right not to participate in or pay for a health care
28 service that violates the medical practitioner's or health
29 care institution's conscience. A medical practitioner shall
30 inform the medical practitioner's employer of the nature of the
31 medical's practitioner's objection based on the practitioner's
32 conscience. This paragraph shall not be construed to waive or
33 modify a duty a medical practitioner or health care institution
34 may have to participate in a health care service that does not
35 violate the medical practitioner's conscience.

1 *b.* A medical practitioner or health care institution who
2 refuses to participate in a health care service under this
3 section shall not be discriminated against for the medical
4 practitioner's or health care institution's exercise of
5 conscience.

6 2. This section shall not be construed to relieve a health
7 care institution of the requirement to provide emergency
8 medical services to individuals as required under 42 U.S.C.
9 §1395dd.

10 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to
11 the contrary, a medical practitioner or health care institution
12 that holds itself out to the public as religion-based, states
13 in the entity's governing documents that the entity has a
14 religious purpose or mission, and that has internal operating
15 policies or procedures that implement the entity's religious
16 beliefs, shall have the right to make employment, staffing,
17 contracting, and admitting privilege decisions consistent with
18 the entity's religious beliefs.

19 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 135S.3 **Exercise of conscience —**
20 **immunity.**

21 1. A medical practitioner or health care institution shall
22 not be civilly, criminally, or administratively liable for the
23 medical practitioner's or health care institution's good-faith
24 exercise of conscience.

25 2. A health care institution shall not be civilly,
26 criminally, or administratively liable for the good-faith
27 exercise of conscience by a medical practitioner employed,
28 contracted, or granted admitting privileges by the health care
29 institution.

30 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 135S.4 **Whistleblower protections.**

31 1. A medical practitioner or health care institution shall
32 not be discriminated against because the medical practitioner
33 or health care institution does any of the following:

34 *a.* Provides, causes to be provided, or intends to provide
35 or cause to be provided information relating to a suspected

1 violation of this chapter to the medical practitioner's or
2 health care institution's employer, the attorney general, any
3 state agency charged with protecting health care rights of
4 conscience, the United States department of health and human
5 services, the United States commission on civil rights, or any
6 other federal agency charged with protecting health care rights
7 of conscience.

8 *b.* Testifies or intends to testify in a proceeding
9 concerning a violation of this chapter.

10 *c.* Assists or participates, or intends to assist or
11 participate, in a proceeding under this chapter.

12 2. It shall be unlawful to discriminate against a medical
13 practitioner or health care institution because the medical
14 practitioner or health care institution discloses information
15 that the medical practitioner or health care institution
16 reasonably believes evidences any of the following:

17 *a.* A violation of any law or rule.

18 *b.* A violation of any standard of care or ethical guidelines
19 for the provision of any health care service.

20 *c.* Gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse
21 of authority, practices or methods of treatment that may put a
22 patient or client health at risk, or a substantial and specific
23 danger to public health or safety.

24 3. This section shall not be construed to exempt a
25 person from the requirements of the federal Health Insurance
26 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No.
27 104-191, including amendments thereto and regulations
28 promulgated thereunder, or any other applicable confidentiality
29 and patient or client privacy requirements.

30 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 135S.5 Free speech protections —
31 notification of complaints — penalty.

32 1. The department of health and human services, a licensing
33 board designated under chapter 147, or any other state
34 licensing or certifying entity of a medical practitioner
35 shall not reprimand, sanction, or revoke or threaten to

1 revoke a license or certification of a medical practitioner
2 or health care institution who is licensed or certified
3 by the department, licensing board, or other licensing or
4 certifying entity, for engaging in speech, expressive activity,
5 or association protected under the first amendment to the
6 Constitution of the United States, unless the department,
7 licensing board, or other licensing or certifying entity
8 demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the medical
9 practitioner's or health care institution's speech, expressive
10 activity, or association was the direct cause of physical harm
11 to a person with whom the medical practitioner or health care
12 institution had a medical practitioner-patient or medical
13 practitioner-client relationship within the three years
14 immediately preceding the incident of physical harm.

15 2. a. Within twenty-one days of receipt of a complaint
16 that alleges a violation of speech, expressive activity, or
17 association protected under subsection 1 that may result
18 in revocation of a medical practitioner's or health care
19 institution's license, certification, or registration, the
20 department, licensing board, or other licensing or certifying
21 entity shall provide the medical practitioner or health care
22 institution with a copy of the complaint.

23 b. If the department, licensing board, or other licensing
24 or certifying entity fails to provide a copy of the complaint
25 to the medical practitioner or health care institution within
26 twenty-one days of receipt, the department, licensing board,
27 or other certifying entity shall pay the medical practitioner
28 or health care institution an administrative penalty of five
29 hundred dollars for each day of noncompliance.

30 3. The state shall not contract with, recognize, approve,
31 or require a medical practitioner or health care institution
32 to obtain a certification or credential issued or approved
33 by the department of health and human services, a licensing
34 board designated under chapter 147, or any other licensing or
35 certifying entity of a medical practitioner or health care

1 institution that revokes or refuses to issue a certification
2 or credential to the medical practitioner or health care
3 institution if the medical practitioner or health care
4 institution is in compliance with this chapter and did not
5 provide medical advice or treatment to a patient or client.

6 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 135S.6 Unlawful interference —
7 relief.

8 1. It is unlawful for a person to interfere or attempt to
9 interfere with the exercise of conscience not to participate in
10 a health care service, or in the whistleblower or free speech
11 rights and protections under this chapter, whether by duress,
12 coercion, or any other means.

13 2. A health care institution or medical practitioner that
14 alleges injury by unlawful interference by a person under
15 this chapter may bring a civil action in a court of competent
16 jurisdiction. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds a
17 person liable under this section, the court may order any of
18 the following:

19 a. Injunctive relief, when appropriate, including but not
20 limited to reinstatement of a medical practitioner to the
21 medical practitioner's previous position, or reinstatement
22 or reactivation of licensure or certification of a medical
23 practitioner, or reactivation or reinstatement of licensure of
24 a health care institution.

25 b. Monetary damages for injuries suffered.

26 c. Reasonable costs and attorney fees.

27 3. The rights, remedies, and prohibitions contained in this
28 chapter shall be in addition to and cumulative of any other
29 right, remedy, or prohibition accorded by common law or state
30 or federal law. This chapter shall not be construed to deny,
31 abrogate, or impair any such common law or statutory right,
32 remedy, or prohibition.

33 4. Any additional burden or expense to another medical
34 practitioner or health care institution arising from the
35 exercise of conscience pursuant to this chapter shall not be a

1 defense to a violation of this chapter.

2 5. A person shall not bring a civil action against a person
3 who declines to use or purchase a health care service from a
4 medical practitioner or health care institution because of the
5 medical practitioner's or health care institution's exercise of
6 conscience under this chapter.

7 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 135S.7 Severability.

8 If any provision of this chapter or its application to any
9 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall
10 not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter
11 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
12 application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are
13 severable.>

14 2. Title page, lines 1 and 2, by striking <practitioners,
15 health care institutions, and health care payors> and inserting
16 <practitioners and health care institutions,>

HOUSE FILE 2133

H-8176

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8168, to House File 2133, as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 19 through 21 and inserting:
- 3 <4. "*Food establishment*" means any establishment providing
- 4 or serving food directly to consumers that is regulated by the
- 5 department of inspection, appeals, and licensing and local
- 6 public health agencies.>
- 7 2. Page 1, after line 23 by inserting:
- 8 <6. "*Kratom alkaloids*" means the sum of all alkaloids
- 9 naturally occurring in the kratom plant and any semi-synthetic
- 10 derivatives of those alkaloids present in a kratom product
- 11 including but not limited to mitragynine, speciogynine,
- 12 speciociliatine, payantheine, and 7-hydroxymitragynine, as
- 13 determined through validated analytical testing.>
- 14 3. Page 1, line 24, by striking <6.> and inserting <7.>
- 15 4. Page 1, by striking lines 24 and 25 and inserting:
- 16 <6. "Kratom food establishment" means any food
- 17 establishment that sells finished kratom products.>
- 18 5. Page 1, line 26, by striking <7.> and inserting <8.>
- 19 6. Page 1, line 31, by striking <8.> and inserting <9.>
- 20 7. Page 2, after line 1 by inserting:
- 21 <d. Serves as a warehouse or distributor of kratom
- 22 products.>
- 23 8. Page 2, lines 33 and 34, by striking <United States>
- 24 9. Page 3, line 1, after <date> by inserting <, best buy
- 25 date, or date of manufacture>
- 26 10. Page 3, by striking lines 10 and 11 and inserting:
- 27 <b. Is compliant with the federal child-resistant packaging
- 28 standards contained in 16 C.F.R. §1700.15 and 1700.20.>
- 29 11. Page 3, by striking lines 13 through 15.
- 30 12. Page 3, line 16, by striking <9.> and inserting <8.>
- 31 13. Page 3, line 16, by striking <in establishments that
- 32 restrict entry>
- 33 14. Page 3, line 17, by striking <require> and inserting
- 34 <with proper>
- 35 15. Page 3, by striking lines 19 through 22 and inserting:

H-8176 (Continued)

- 1 <9. Shall not be served in a form that combines or mixes
2 finished kratom products with kava.>
3 16. Page 3, before line 23 by inserting:
4 <10. A person shall not manufacture, distribute,
5 sell, or offer for sale a kratom product that contains
6 7-hydroxymitragynine in a concentration that exceeds
7 twenty-five milligrams per serving. For the purposes of this
8 section, the concentration of 7-hydroxymitragynine shall be
9 determined by validated laboratory analysis.>
10 17. Page 3, by striking lines 29 through 32.
11 18. Page 3, by striking lines 33 and 34 and inserting:
12 <2. A processor shall comply with current practices
13 contained in 21 C.F.R. pts. 111 and 117.>
14 19. Page 3, line 35, by striking <4.> and inserting <3.>
15 20. Page 4, line 2, by striking <5.> and inserting <4.>
16 21. Page 4, line 16, by striking <Alkaloid and alkaloid> and
17 inserting <Kratom alkaloids and kratom alkaloid>
18 22. Page 4, line 22, by striking <6.> and inserting <5.>
19 23. Page 4, line 22, by striking <service>
20 24. Page 4, line 27, by striking <7.> and inserting <6.>
21 25. Page 4, line 31, by striking <8.> and inserting <7.>
22 26. By renumbering as necessary.

By SORENSEN of Adair

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HOUSE FILE 2189

H-8187

1 Amend House File 2189 as follows:

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

3 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 26.8A E-verify program —
4 **employee verification — background checks.**

5 1. *a.* Each bidder shall verify the employment eligibility
6 of each of the bidder's employees using the e-verify program
7 and submit with its bid a certification that the employment
8 eligibility of each employee of the bidder has been verified.

9 *b.* For purposes of this subsection, "*e-verify program*" means
10 the employment verification program as jointly administered
11 by the United States department of homeland security and the
12 United States social security administration or any successor
13 program.

14 2. Each bidder shall submit with its bid the results of a
15 national criminal history check performed through the state
16 criminal history repository for each employee of the bidder.>

17 2. Title page, line 1, after <to> by inserting <public
18 construction, including verification of employment eligibility
19 and criminal history of individuals by employers, and>

20 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By GOSA of Scott

H-8187 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2327

H-8179

1 Amend House File 2327 as follows:

2 1. Page 6, line 27, by striking <may> and inserting <shall>

3 2. Page 8, after line 23 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION ____
5 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION RESERVE FUND — TRANSFER TO
6 UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND

7 Sec. _____. 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1162, section 21, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 SEC. 21. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION RESERVE FUND — TRANSFER
10 TO ~~WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY~~ UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.

11 ~~1. Any moneys appropriated to the department of workforce~~
12 ~~development for purposes of present in the unemployment~~
13 ~~compensation reserve fund established pursuant to section~~
14 ~~96.9, Code 2024, that remain unencumbered or unobligated as of~~
15 ~~July 1, 2024 2026, but not more than thirty million dollars,~~
16 ~~shall be deposited in the workforce opportunity fund created~~
17 ~~in section 84A.20, if enacted by this division of this Act~~
18 transferred to the account of this state in the unemployment
19 trust fund, established and maintained pursuant to section
20 904 of the federal Social Security Act as amended; provided,
21 however, that any interest earned on moneys in the unemployment
22 compensation reserve fund shall be transferred to the special
23 employment security contingency fund established pursuant to
24 section 96.13, subsection 3.

25 ~~2. Any moneys remaining in the unemployment compensation~~
26 ~~reserve fund after the deposit described in subsection 1 shall~~
27 ~~be transferred to the account of this state in the unemployment~~
28 ~~trust fund; provided, however, that any interest earned on~~
29 ~~moneys remaining in the unemployment compensation reserve~~
30 ~~fund after the deposit described in subsection 1 shall be~~
31 ~~transferred to the special employment security contingency~~
32 ~~fund.>~~

33 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By BRADLEY of Jones

H-8179 (Continued)

H-8179 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2337

H-8178

- 1 Amend House File 2337 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 6 through 9.
- 3 2. Title page, line 2, by striking <providing penalties> and
- 4 inserting <making penalties applicable>

By FISHER of Tama

H-8178 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2508

H-8175

1 Amend the amendment, H-8077, to House File 2508, as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 3, line 22, and
3 inserting:

4 <Amend House File 2508 as follows:

5 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
6 inserting:

7 <Section 1. Section 280.13, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
8 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

9 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027
10 school year, the corporation, association, or organization
11 shall permit a school district to elect to observe the
12 noncontact periods described in this subparagraph, during
13 which a coach or teacher shall not have contact with students
14 regarding extracurricular interscholastic athletics and
15 extracurricular interscholastic athletics do not occur. If
16 observed, all high school students, including incoming ninth
17 grade students, shall be subject to a noncontact period and
18 shall not have contact, on or off school premises, with coaches
19 or teachers, or use school facilities for extracurricular
20 interscholastic athletics during a noncontact period.

21 (b) The summer noncontact period must consist of a
22 continuous ten-day period occurring during the summer.

23 (c) The fall noncontact period must consist of a continuous
24 seven-day period occurring in November.

25 (d) Organizations that operate nonschool-sponsored
26 extracurricular interscholastic athletics in this state may
27 observe the noncontact periods in this subparagraph.>

28 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and inserting
29 <An Act relating to noncontact periods for students, coaches,
30 and teachers in extracurricular interscholastic athletics.>>

By GOSA of Scott

H-8175 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2508

H-8182

1 Amend the amendment, H-8077, to House File 2508, as follows:

2 1. Page 2, by striking lines 15 and 16 and inserting
3 <extracurricular interscholastic athletics shall not occur.>

4 2. Page 3, line 9, after <tournament.> by inserting
5 <This noncontact period shall apply only to extracurricular
6 interscholastic athletics.>

7 3. Page 3, line 16, after <subparagraph> by inserting <and
8 the noncontact period described in section 279.10, subsection
9 1, paragraph "b">

By WHEELER of Sioux

H-8182 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2538

H-8173

1 Amend the amendment, H-8097, to House File 2538, as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 3, line 13, and
3 inserting:

4 <Amend House File 2538 as follows:

5 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
6 inserting:

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

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

15 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsection 10, unnumbered paragraph
16 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

17 The state board shall establish, and the department
18 shall use, for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and
19 each succeeding school year, an accreditation, monitoring,
20 and enforcement process for school districts and nonpublic
21 schools seeking accreditation pursuant to this subsection and
22 subsections 11 and 12. In applying and taking monitoring and
23 enforcement action under this subsection and subsections 11 and
24 12, the department shall consider the timeliness and accuracy
25 of the information a school district or nonpublic school
26 provides to the department, including potential underreporting
27 or late reporting of data related to school discipline and
28 school safety necessary to monitor and implement the provisions
29 of chapter 280. The process established shall include all of
30 the following requirements:

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

33 NEW PARAGRAPH. *On.* Be subject to and comply with the
34 requirements of section 279.65B relating to the discipline of
35 students who exhibit disorderly conduct in the classroom in the

1 same manner as a school district.

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

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. v. Be subject to and comply with the
5 requirements of section 279.65B relating to the discipline of
6 students who exhibit disorderly conduct in the classroom in the
7 same manner as a school district.

8 Sec. 5. Section 279.65A, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 3. The policies must be consistent with ~~the~~ all of the
11 following:

12 a. The provisions of chapter 256B~~7~~ and the administrative
13 rules adopted by the state board for purposes of chapter 256B~~7~~
14 ~~the.~~

15 b. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
16 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq., ~~and the~~

17 c. The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and
18 codified in 29 U.S.C. §701 et seq.

19 d. Section 279.65B.

20 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 279.65B Discipline of students for
21 **disorderly conduct.**

22 1. As used in this section:

23 a. "*Disorderly conduct*" means intentional conduct to which
24 any of the following applies:

25 (1) Constitutes violent behavior or a threat of violent
26 behavior.

27 (2) Disrupts, disturbs, or interferes with any services
28 provided by the school district.

29 (3) Disturbs the peace, order, or discipline within the
30 classroom.

31 b. "*Principal*" means the same as defined in section 256.145.
32 "*Principal*" includes all of the following:

33 (1) An assistant principal.

34 (2) A vice principal.

35 (3) An administrator who is responsible for the day-to-day

1 operations of an attendance center.

2 *c.* "Teacher" means the same as defined in section 256.145.

3 2. *a.* A teacher may exclude from the teacher's classroom
4 and place under the supervision of the principal any student
5 who does any of the following while in the teacher's classroom:

6 (1) Engages in disorderly conduct.

7 (2) Threatens, abuses, intimidates, or attempts to
8 intimidate another student or any school employee.

9 (3) Uses abusive or profane language.

10 *b.* (1) A student who is enrolled in kindergarten through
11 grade five, and who was excluded from a teacher's classroom
12 pursuant to paragraph "a", shall not be readmitted to the
13 teacher's classroom until after the principal and teacher meet
14 to discuss the readmission of the student.

15 (2) A student who is enrolled in grades six through twelve,
16 and who was excluded from a teacher's classroom pursuant
17 to paragraph "a", shall not be readmitted to the teacher's
18 classroom until after the principal and teacher meet to discuss
19 the readmission of the student. Such student shall not be
20 readmitted to the teacher's classroom until, at the earliest,
21 the immediately subsequent school day.

22 3. *a.* If the principal determines that disciplinary
23 action should be taken against a student who was excluded
24 from a teacher's classroom pursuant to subsection 2, then the
25 principal shall do all of the following:

26 (1) Take such disciplinary action.

27 (2) Provide written and, if possible, electronic notice of
28 such disciplinary action to the student's parent or guardian.

29 *b.* (1) If a student was excluded from a teacher's classroom
30 for the remainder of a school day pursuant to subsection 2
31 two or more times in a semester, or the trimester or quarter
32 equivalent, then the principal shall discipline the student by
33 doing any of the following:

34 (a) Assigning the student to either in-school or
35 out-of-school suspension.

1 (b) Recommending to the superintendent that the student be
2 located in an alternative learning environment that has been
3 approved by the superintendent.

4 (2) If a student was excluded from a teacher's classroom
5 pursuant to subsection 2 because the student's conduct,
6 statements, or other actions were severe or pervasive, and,
7 if requested by the teacher, then the principal shall impose
8 the maximum amount of punishment applicable to such conduct,
9 statements, or other actions as provided in policies adopted
10 by the board of directors of the school district, including
11 placing the student in an alternative learning environment that
12 has been approved by the superintendent.

13 4. a. The board of directors of a school district shall
14 require each attendance center within the school district
15 to create an oversight review committee that is responsible
16 for developing a policy, consistent with this section, that
17 establishes when a student who has been excluded from the
18 classroom pursuant to subsection 2 may be readmitted to the
19 classroom.

20 b. The oversight review committee must consist of all of the
21 following members:

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

24 (2) One professional staff member who works in the
25 attendance center and who must be selected by the principal of
26 the attendance center.

27 5. If a student who has an individualized education program
28 was excluded from a teacher's classroom pursuant to subsection
29 2, then all of the following shall apply:

30 a. (1) All of the following individuals shall, if
31 practicable, participate in the meeting of the student's
32 individualized education program team that takes place
33 immediately subsequent to the student's exclusion from the
34 classroom:

35 (a) The teacher who excluded the student from the classroom

1 pursuant to subsection 2.

2 (b) Any teacher who is not described in subparagraph
3 division (a) and who provides classroom instruction to the
4 student.

5 (c) Any other employee of the school district who does not
6 hold a license issued by the board of educational examiners,
7 including para-educators and bus drivers, and who was directly
8 involved in the student's conduct, statements, or other actions
9 that led to the student's exclusion from the classroom.

10 (2) If a teacher or other employee is not able to
11 participate in the meeting of the student's individualized
12 education program team that takes place immediately subsequent
13 to the student's exclusion from the classroom, as required
14 under subparagraph (1), then the teacher or other employee
15 shall review the minutes or summary of the meeting prepared by
16 the individualized education program team pursuant to paragraph
17 "b", subparagraph (2), and shall provide written notice to the
18 student's individualized education program team indicating that
19 the teacher or other employee has read the minutes or summary.

20 b. (1) In the meeting of the student's individualized
21 education program team that takes place immediately subsequent
22 to the student's exclusion from the classroom, the student's
23 individualized education program team shall discuss all of the
24 following:

25 (a) The appropriateness of the student's current
26 educational programming.

27 (b) Whether adjustments need to be made to the student's
28 individualized education program to address the student's
29 behaviors.

30 (c) Whether the student's current placement or an
31 alternative learning environment would best provide the student
32 with a free appropriate public education.

33 (d) The accommodations, modifications, and adaptations that
34 are required to allow the student to be successful in a general
35 education setting, what supports are needed to assist the

1 teacher and other school district employees in providing those
2 accommodations, modifications, and adaptations, and whether it
3 is possible for the school district to provide those supports,
4 accommodations, modifications, and adaptations.

5 (e) Whether and to what extent the provision of special
6 education services and activities in the general education
7 environment will impact the student and the other students in
8 the classroom.

9 (2) If a teacher or other employee is not able to
10 participate in the meeting of the student's individualized
11 education program team that takes place immediately subsequent
12 to the student's exclusion from the classroom, as required
13 under paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), then the student's
14 individualized education program team shall prepare minutes or
15 a summary of the meeting and provide the minutes or summary to
16 the teacher or other employee.

17 c. If the student was excluded from the classroom five or
18 more times within any fifteen-consecutive-school-day period,
19 then the student's individualized education program team shall
20 meet to discuss the student's behavior.

21 6. a. A teacher may appeal all of the following to the
22 board of directors of the school district:

23 (1) A principal's refusal to allow the teacher to exclude a
24 student from the teacher's classroom pursuant to subsection 2,
25 paragraph "a".

26 (2) A principal's readmission of a student to the teacher's
27 classroom prior to the time such student should have been
28 readmitted pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph "b".

29 b. The board of directors of a school district shall not
30 take any disciplinary action against a teacher for exercising
31 the teacher's appeal rights described in paragraph "a". For
32 purposes of this paragraph, "disciplinary action" includes
33 termination of employment or the contractual relationship,
34 suspension from employment, demotion, financial penalties,
35 failing to take action regarding a teacher's promotion

1 or proposed promotion, failing to provide an advantage in
2 employment or the contractual relationship, and written or
3 verbal reprimands.

4 c. All of the following shall apply if the board of
5 directors of a school district violates paragraph "b":

6 (1) The teacher may enforce the teacher's rights under this
7 section through a civil action.

8 (2) The board of directors of the school district is liable
9 to the aggrieved teacher for affirmative relief including
10 reinstatement, with or without back pay, civil damages in an
11 amount not to exceed three times the annual wages and benefits
12 received by the aggrieved teacher prior to the violation of
13 paragraph "b", and any other equitable relief the court deems
14 appropriate, including attorney fees and costs.

15 (3) When the board of directors of a school district
16 commits, is committing, or proposes to commit an act in
17 violation of paragraph "b", an injunction may be granted through
18 an action in district court to prohibit the board of directors
19 of the school district from continuing such acts. The action
20 for injunctive relief may be brought by an aggrieved teacher,
21 the county attorney, or the person providing human resource
22 management for the board of directors of the school district.

23 7. The board of directors of a school district shall
24 immediately grant a teacher a leave of absence for physical and
25 mental recovery with full pay for not more than five days if
26 the teacher is injured due to a student's disorderly conduct;
27 provided, however, that the board of directors of a school
28 district may grant a teacher such a leave of absence for six
29 or more days if the teacher provides to the board of directors
30 of the school district a note from a physician indicating that
31 such a leave of absence is needed.

32 8. Each principal shall carry out the principal's
33 responsibilities under this section in an expeditious manner,
34 and shall do all of the following in an expeditious manner:

35 a. Carry out all manifestation determination review

1 meetings, as required under section 504 of the federal
2 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794.

3 *b.* Impose the appropriate amount of punishment in accordance
4 with policies adopted by the board of directors of the school
5 district and federal law.

6 *c.* Perform functional behavior assessments as needed.

7 *d.* Adjust behavioral intervention plans as needed.

8 9. This section shall not be construed to do any of the
9 following:

10 *a.* Infringe on any right provided to any student under
11 federal law, including but not limited to all of the following:

12 (1) Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C.
13 §794.

14 (2) The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education
15 Act, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.

16 (3) The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act,
17 20 U.S.C. §1232g.

18 (4) The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42
19 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

20 *b.* Supersede, abrogate, or preempt any federal law, rule,
21 or regulation.

22 *c.* Relieve any person from any duties, obligations, or
23 requirements imposed by federal law.

24 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. **279.89 Teacher authority to request a**
25 **meeting of a student's individualized education program team.**

26 1. For purposes of this section:

27 *a.* "Administrator" means the same as defined in section
28 256.145.

29 *b.* "Teacher" means the same as defined in section 256.145.

30 2. A teacher may request a meeting of a student's
31 individualized education program team at any time by submitting
32 an electronic or written request to an administrator.

33 3. An administrator may deny a teacher's request for a
34 meeting of a student's individualized education program team
35 submitted pursuant to subsection 2; provided, however, that

1 such a denial must satisfy all of the following requirements:

2 *a.* Be provided to the teacher in writing.

3 *b.* Describe why applicable federal law does not require the
4 meeting of the student's individualized education program team.

5 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. **279.90 Individualized education**
6 **programs and section 504 plan requirements.**

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

9 (1) That each student's individualized education program
10 is accessible to, and read by, each school district employee
11 who is responsible for the implementation of the student's
12 individualized education program, including regular education
13 teachers, special education teachers, and any other service
14 providers.

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

17 (a) The teacher's or service provider's specific
18 responsibilities related to implementing the student's
19 individualized education program.

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

23 *b.* After a regular education teacher has read a student's
24 individualized education program pursuant to paragraph "a",
25 the regular education teacher shall provide written notice
26 to the special education teacher who is on the student's
27 individualized education program team indicating that the
28 regular education teacher has read the individualized education
29 program.

30 2. Each teacher employed by the school district who teaches
31 a student who has a plan under section 504 of the federal
32 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794, shall read the plan. After
33 the teacher has read the plan, the teacher shall provide
34 written notice to any special education teacher who provides
35 special education services to the student, or to the principal

1 of the attendance center, indicating that the teacher has read
2 the plan.

3 3. At least one para-educator or other employee of the
4 school district who assists a teacher in providing classroom
5 instruction to a student who has an individualized education
6 program, or to a student who has a plan under section 504 of
7 the federal Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794, shall attend
8 all meetings related to the student's individualized education
9 program or plan under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation
10 Act, 29 U.S.C. §794. If practicable, meetings related to
11 a student's individualized education program or plan under
12 section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794,
13 that a para-educator or other employee is required to attend
14 pursuant to this subsection shall take place during normal
15 business hours.

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

24 Sec. 9. Section 284.6, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

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

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

33 b. Align all professional development with the school
34 district's long-range student learning goals and the Iowa
35 teaching standards. ~~The plan shall indicate~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 Sec. 10. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
21 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
22 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
23 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
24 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
25 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
26 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
27 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
28 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
29 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
30 districts.>

31 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 7 and inserting
32 <An Act relating to education, including by modifying
33 provisions related to the duties of the department of
34 education, the discipline of students enrolled in school
35 districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools

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1 who exhibit disorderly conduct in the classroom, the
2 responsibilities and powers of the department of education,
3 school district teachers, and other educational staff related
4 to students who have individualized education programs or
5 plans under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, and
6 school district professional development plans, and authorizing
7 teachers to request a meeting of a student's individualized
8 education program team.>>

By WHEELER of Sioux

[H-8173](#) FILED MARCH 9, 2026

ADOPTED

HOUSE FILE 2607

H-8181

1 Amend House File 2607 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 3, after <performed> by inserting <by an
3 employee>

4 2. Page 2, after line 7 by inserting:

5 <5. As used in this section:

6 a. "*Employee*" includes only an employee who is a member
7 of the old order Amish church or another recognized Amish
8 congregation.

9 b. "*Service*" includes only service performed on property
10 owned by a member of the old order Amish church or another
11 recognized Amish congregation, which property is used for
12 religious worship.>

By GOSA of Scott

H-8181 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2607

H-8185

1 Amend House File 2607 as follows:

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

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. **96.37 Exemptions for certain**
5 **employers — report.**

6 1. From the effective date of this Act until January 1,
7 2029, service performed by an employee for an employer shall
8 not be considered employment, as defined in section 96.1A, if
9 all owners of the employing unit, and the employee, are members
10 of the old order Amish church or another recognized Amish
11 congregation.

12 2. The department shall not pursue collection of unpaid
13 contributions from an employing unit if all owners of the
14 employing unit are members of the old order Amish church or
15 another recognized Amish congregation.

16 3. *a.* The department shall conduct a study of exemptions
17 provided to religious groups from unemployment insurance in
18 other states. The department shall submit its findings and
19 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January
20 1, 2027.

21 *b.* If the department determines it has the authority to
22 provide an exemption from unemployment insurance to a religious
23 group that is substantially similar to that provided in another
24 state, the department shall provide the exemption as soon
25 as practicable. If the department determines that another
26 state provides an exemption from unemployment insurance to
27 a religious group that would be feasible to implement in
28 Iowa, but that the department does not have the authority to
29 implement without enactment of legislation, the department
30 shall include recommended legislation in its report.

31 4. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
32 administer this section.>

33 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and inserting
34 <An Act relating to exemptions from unemployment insurance for
35 certain employers.>

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1 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By INGELS of Fayette

H-8185 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2624

H-8183

1 Amend House File 2624 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 12, before <aggravated> by inserting
3 <violent>

4 2. Page 1, line 15, before <aggravated> by inserting
5 <violent>

6 3. Page 2, line 15, before <aggravated> by inserting
7 <violent>

8 4. Page 2, line 16, before <aggravated> by inserting
9 <violent>

By GUSTOFF of Polk

H-8183 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2639

H-8184

- 1 Amend House File 2639 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 16 through 19.
- 3 2. Page 1, line 20, by striking <(6)> and inserting <(5)>
- 4 3. Page 1, line 23, by striking <(7)> and inserting <(6)>
- 5 4. Page 2, line 11, after <party.> by inserting <The
- 6 prosecution may request a hearing to disclose other pertinent
- 7 information relating to the deposition and shall be notified of
- 8 the application.>
- 9 5. Page 5, by striking lines 12 through 29 and inserting:
- 10 <h. The room shall be arranged to minimize intimidation,
- 11 which may include seating the minor deponent at the same level
- 12 as counsel, removing the defendant from the minor deponent's
- 13 direct line of sight, or other accommodations.>
- 14 6. Page 7, by striking lines 3 through 6.
- 15 7. Page 7, line 7, by striking <(6)> and inserting <(5)>
- 16 8. Page 7, line 9, by striking <(7)> and inserting <(6)>
- 17 9. Page 7, line 12, by striking <(8)> and inserting <(7)>
- 18 10. Page 7, line 14, by striking <(9)> and inserting <(8)>
- 19 11. Page 7, line 16, by striking <(10)> and inserting <(9)>
- 20 12. Page 8, lines 13 and 14, by striking <and promoting the
- 21 accurate and reliable testimony of child witnesses>
- 22 13. By renumbering as necessary.

By FETT of Warren

H-8184 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

H-8189

1 Amend House File 2639 as follows:

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

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 701.14 **Discovery depositions**
5 **involving alleged victims under fourteen years of age —**
6 **procedures and protections.**

7 1. Discovery depositions in a criminal action involving
8 an alleged victim under fourteen years of age shall only be
9 permitted upon a showing of good cause and an application to
10 the court that includes but is not limited to:

11 a. The reasons why the deposition is necessary to the
12 defense.

13 b. Facts believed to be known only by the proposed deponent.

14 c. Ambiguities, inconsistencies, or voids in the proposed
15 deponent's prior statements that require clarification.

16 d. Information needed to evaluate or challenge the
17 credibility of the proposed deponent.

18 e. Information necessary to identify or locate other
19 witnesses or evidence.

20 f. Whether the proposed deponent has counsel.

21 g. A description of efforts made to obtain the information
22 sought through other discovery methods, including review
23 of a forensic interview of the proposed deponent, if made
24 available, or depositions of other witnesses listed in the
25 trial information.

26 2. Such application may initially be made ex parte at the
27 request of defense counsel.

28 3. The deposition shall be conducted at the county
29 courthouse with a judge available in person or, if not
30 available in person, by phone should deposition issues arise.

31 4. The deponent shall be entitled to have counsel present
32 during the deposition to assert objections and protect the
33 deponent's interests. If the deponent is not otherwise
34 represented, the court shall appoint counsel.>

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By OLSON of Polk

H-8189 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2643

H-8172

- 1 Amend House File 2643 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, lines 5 and 6, by striking <prior to the close>
3 and inserting <on or before the last day>
- 4 2. Page 1, line 6, after <year.> by inserting <For purposes
5 of this subparagraph, "*timely filed*" means the same as defined
6 in section 452A.33, subsection 1, paragraph "c", subparagraph
7 (3).>
- 8 3. Page 1, lines 11 and 12, by striking <prior to the close>
9 and inserting <on or before the last day>
- 10 4. Page 1, line 12, after <year.> by inserting <For purposes
11 of this subparagraph, "*timely filed*" means the same as defined
12 in section 452A.33, subsection 1, paragraph "c", subparagraph
13 (3).>
- 14 5. Page 1, lines 17 and 18, by striking <prior to the close>
15 and inserting <on or before the last day>
- 16 6. Page 1, line 18, after <year.> by inserting <For purposes
17 of this subparagraph, "*timely filed*" means the same as defined
18 in section 452A.33, subsection 1, paragraph "c", subparagraph
19 (3).>
- 20 7. Page 1, after line 18 by inserting:
21 <Sec. ____ . Section 452A.33, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
22 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
23 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0c.* The report shall distinguish between
24 a retail dealer selling and dispensing motor fuel from a
25 permanent location and from a mobile location.>
- 26 8. Page 1, by striking lines 19 through 32 and inserting:
27 <Sec. ____ . Section 452A.33, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
28 2026, is amended to read as follows:
29 *c.* (1) (a) The retail dealer shall prepare and annually
30 file the report with the department by the initial reporting
31 deadline of February 10 in a manner and according to procedures
32 required by the department in compliance with section 452A.61.
33 ~~However, the~~ The department may require that the retail dealer
34 file the report with the department by electronic transmission.
35 The department may require that retail dealers report to the

1 department on an annual, quarterly, or monthly basis. The
2 department, upon application by a retail dealer, ~~may grant a~~
3 ~~reasonable extension of time to file the report~~ shall grant any
4 reasonable request to extend the initial reporting deadline
5 to the final reporting deadline of February 28, and may
6 further extend the final reporting deadline as specified in
7 subparagraph division (b).

8 (b) At the discretion of the department, the final reporting
9 deadline in subparagraph division (a) may be further extended
10 or a report that has been timely filed may be amended, upon
11 application, if the department determines that the further
12 extension to the filing of or any proposed amendment to the
13 report occurs in good faith, and the retail dealer was impacted
14 by unforeseen emergency circumstances, as long as the further
15 extension of time or amendment does not preclude the department
16 from delivering the report and meeting other obligations
17 required by law.

18 (2) (a) If a retail dealer fails to file ~~the~~ a timely
19 report as required by this section subsection or fails to
20 maintain records required to file the report the department may
21 impose a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars per
22 occurrence in addition to any other penalty provided by law.
23 The penalty amount shall be deposited into the general fund of
24 the state.

25 (b) A retail dealer who fails to timely file a report as
26 required by this subsection for the latest determination period
27 ending on or before the last day of the retail dealer's tax
28 year is also ineligible to claim any tax credit available under
29 section 422.110, 422.11P, or 422.11Y for the tax year or any
30 succeeding tax year until such time the report is filed.

31 (3) For purposes of this paragraph, "timely filed" means a
32 report filed before the initial report deadline of February 10,
33 unless the report deadline has been extended pursuant to this
34 paragraph and in such case before that deadline.

35 Sec. ____ . Section 452A.33, subsection 1, Code 2026, is

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1 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

2 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. (1) Thirty days before the initial
3 reporting deadline, the department shall provide written
4 notification to each retail dealer by certified mail of the
5 obligation to file a report by the initial reporting deadline
6 and highlighting the inability to claim certain tax credits
7 for failing to file the report by the deadline. The written
8 notification shall indicate there is no need to respond to the
9 written notification.

10 (2) The mailing shall also provide information about filing
11 an application with the department to extend the initial
12 reporting deadline to February 28, and procedures for receiving
13 further extensions to file the report.

14 (3) The department shall charge each retail dealer a
15 reasonable fee for the mailing.>

16 9. By renumbering as necessary.

By SITZMANN of Plymouth

H-8172 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2672

H-8171

1 Amend House File 2672 as follows:

2 1. Page 8, after line 31 by inserting:

3 <6. a. (1) The total statewide capacity of the community
4 solar program established under this section shall be no
5 greater than two hundred fifty megawatts of alternating current
6 nameplate capacity.

7 (2) On or before January 1, 2030, the commission shall
8 prepare and submit a report to the general assembly evaluating
9 the costs and benefits of the community solar program for
10 the purpose of assisting the general assembly in determining
11 whether additional capacity is in the public interest. This
12 subparagraph is repealed July 1, 2030.

13 b. No more than one-tenth of one percent of the total
14 acres within a county shall be authorized for utilization by
15 community solar facilities. This paragraph shall not apply to
16 a community solar facility located on a brownfield site.>

By LUNDGREN of Dubuque

H-8171 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2674

H-8177

1 Amend House File 2674 as follows:

2 1. Page 4, by striking lines 16 through 35 and inserting:

3 <2. a. The department shall determine the frequency
4 of inspections of a commercial establishment conducted
5 pursuant to subsection 1 based upon a risk assessment of
6 the establishment's compliance with the standard of care
7 requirement in section 162.10A, subsection 1.

8 b. Paragraph "a" does not limit the department from
9 conducting an inspection as necessary to ensure a commercial
10 establishment is complying with the requirements of this
11 chapter.

12 c. Upon receipt of credible evidence that a commercial
13 establishment may be in violation of the standard of care
14 requirement provided in section 162.10A, subsection 1, the
15 department shall inspect the establishment or initiate an
16 investigation of the establishment.>

By FETT of Warren

H-8177 FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2694

H-8186

1 Amend House File 2694 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, after line 10 by inserting:

3 <Sec. _____. Section 29C.6, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 1. a. After finding a disaster exists or is threatened,
6 proclaim a state of disaster emergency. This proclamation
7 shall be in writing, indicate the area affected and the facts
8 upon which it is based, be signed by the governor, and be
9 filed with the secretary of state. If the state of disaster
10 emergency specifically constitutes a public health disaster
11 as defined in section 135.140, the written proclamation shall
12 include a statement to that effect. A state of disaster
13 emergency shall continue for thirty days, unless sooner
14 terminated or extended in writing by the governor. The
15 general assembly may, by concurrent resolution, rescind this
16 proclamation. If the general assembly is not in session,
17 the legislative council may, by majority vote, rescind this
18 proclamation. Rescission shall be effective upon filing of the
19 concurrent resolution or resolution of the legislative council
20 with the secretary of state. A proclamation of disaster
21 emergency shall activate the disaster response and recovery
22 aspect of the state, local, and interjurisdictional disaster
23 emergency plans applicable to the political subdivision or area
24 in question and be authority for the deployment and use of any
25 forces to which the plan applies, and for use or distribution
26 of any supplies, equipment, and materials and facilities
27 assembled, stockpiled, or arranged to be made available.

28 b. A measure dictated in a state of disaster emergency shall
29 not do any of the following:

30 (1) Authorize a change to established laws, policies, or
31 regulations governing a local, county, or state election for
32 public office absent prior approval of the general assembly.

33 (2) Regulate conduct within a private residence.

34 (3) Require a vaccination.

35 c. A measure dictated in a state of disaster emergency that

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1 constitutes a public health disaster, as defined in section
2 135.140, shall not require but may recommend that a private
3 business operating within this state cease the business's
4 lawful operations.>

5 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting <An
6 Act relating to the regulation of certain places and activities
7 by the governor.>

8 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By WILLS of Dickinson

[H-8186](#) FILED MARCH 9, 2026

HOUSE FILE 2716

H-8180

1 Amend House File 2716 as follows:

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

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 249P.1 Definitions.

5 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
6 requires:

7 1. "*Countable income*" means the income of an individual when
8 the income is received and can be used to meet the individual's
9 needs for food, clothing, and shelter. "*Countable income*" does
10 not include the income of another member of the individual's
11 household, or certain receipts as described in 20 C.F.R.
12 §416.1103.

13 2. "*Department*" means the department of health and human
14 services.

15 3. "*Disability*" means a qualifying disability as determined
16 by the federal social security administration, or the
17 individual is determined by the department to have a physical
18 or mental impairment, or combination of impairments, that have
19 lasted or are expected to last for at least twelve months or
20 result in death.

21 4. "*Long-term services and supports*" means the broad
22 range of health, health-related, and personal care assistance
23 services and supports, provided in home and community-based
24 settings, necessary for persons with disabilities who
25 experience limitations in their capacity for self-care due to a
26 physical, cognitive, or mental disability or condition.

27 5. "*Program*" means the work without worry program
28 established in section 249P.3.

29 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 249P.2 Program — intent.

30 It is the intent of the general assembly to remove barriers
31 to employment for individuals who, but for income and
32 resources, meet the definition of disability, by providing
33 medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities
34 through a work without worry program in accordance with section
35 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the federal Social Security Act,

1 and Medicaid eligibility, using less restrictive income and
2 resource requirements through the application of section
3 1902(r)(2) of the federal Social Security Act, and cost-sharing
4 requirements established by the department and approved by the
5 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States
6 department of health and human services.

7 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 249P.3 Program — established.

8 1. The work without worry program is established under the
9 medical assistance program and shall be administered by the
10 department to provide employed individuals with disabilities
11 access to health care coverage through the medical assistance
12 program.

13 2. Except as otherwise specified in this chapter,
14 provisions applicable to the medical assistance program
15 pursuant to chapter 249A shall be applicable to the program.

16 3. In addition to the benefits received under the program,
17 an individual shall have access to all traditional Medicaid
18 services under the medical assistance program, as well as
19 additional long-term services and supports and community-based
20 services, including waiver services, for which the individual
21 meets any applicable level of care requirements.

22 4. The department shall make every effort to coordinate
23 benefits with the health care coverage provided by an employer
24 of an employed individual with a disability receiving benefits
25 under this chapter.

26 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 249P.4 Program — eligibility.

27 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an
28 individual may participate in the program if the individual
29 meets all of the following criteria:

30 a. The individual is eligible for the medical assistance
31 program under chapter 249A.

32 b. The individual is at least eighteen years of age.

33 c. The individual is less than sixty-five years of age.

34 d. The individual has a disability.

35 e. The individual is employed, earns income from employment

1 which may include self-employment, and works at least one hour
2 per month.

3 2. The department shall not adopt a rule for program
4 eligibility based upon any of the following:

5 a. An individual's income or resources.

6 b. A resource test or limit.

7 c. An individual's receipt of federal disability benefits.

8 3. An individual who receives supplemental security
9 income shall be automatically eligible for the program and may
10 participate the program.

11 4. An individual may be eligible for or receive other health
12 care coverage including through an employer, through Medicare,
13 through the medically needy program, the qualified Medicare
14 beneficiary program, or the specified low-income Medicare
15 beneficiary program. If the individual has such other coverage
16 and is subject to payment of copayments or premiums for that
17 coverage, notwithstanding the premium requirements under the
18 program to the contrary, the individual shall not be subject to
19 payment of premiums otherwise applicable under the program.

20 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 249P.5 Program — premiums.

21 1. An individual's monthly program premium amount shall
22 equal, rounded down to the nearest whole dollar, any of the
23 following:

24 a. If the individual's verified countable income is less
25 than one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level
26 applicable to the individual's household's size, zero percent
27 of the individual's verified countable income.

28 b. If the individual's verified countable income is between
29 one hundred fifty percent and two hundred fifty percent of
30 the federal poverty level applicable to the individual's
31 household's size, three percent of the individual's verified
32 countable income.

33 c. If the individual's verified countable income is more
34 than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level
35 applicable to the individual's household's size, six percent of

1 the individual's verified countable income.

2 2. a. An individual shall report any change in the
3 individual's countable income to the department.

4 b. The department shall utilize the individual's verified
5 countable income until the individual reports a change in
6 countable income and the change is processed by the department,
7 unless there is good cause for the department's delay in
8 verifying the change in the individual's countable income.

9 c. A change in an individual's program premium amount shall
10 be effective the month after the change in the individual's
11 countable income is reported to and verified by the department.

12 3. An individual shall be covered under the program for
13 six consecutive months beginning the first day of the month in
14 which the department approves the individual's application for
15 the program.

16 4. The department shall create a six-month grace period that
17 provides continuous program coverage to an individual following
18 the individual's temporary loss of employment, or a health
19 crisis that temporarily prevents the individual from continuing
20 employment. The individual shall be required to continue to
21 pay the program premium based on the individual's verified
22 countable income during the six-month grace period.

23 5. The department may terminate an individual's program
24 coverage if the individual fails to pay four consecutive months
25 of program premiums.

26 6. An individual must pay a program premium in full for any
27 month that program coverage is provided, including a month when
28 a redetermination of coverage is made, a month when continued
29 coverage is requested, and during the period of an eligibility
30 determination appeal.

31 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 249P.6 Rules.

32 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
33 administer this chapter.

34 Sec. 7. WORK WITHOUT WORRY PROGRAM — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
35 AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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1 1. The department of health and human services shall submit
2 any waiver request or state plan amendment, or combination
3 thereof, to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of
4 the United States department of health and human services as
5 necessary to create a work without worry program in accordance
6 with this Act.

7 2. Any individual participating in the Medicaid for
8 employed persons with disabilities program when the work
9 without worry program is implemented shall be transferred to
10 and enrolled in the work without worry program.

11 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
12 importance, takes effect upon enactment.>

13 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 5 and inserting
14 <An Act relating to the establishment of the work without worry
15 program under the medical assistance program for employed
16 individuals with disabilities, and including effective date
17 provisions.>

By SCHOLTEN of Woodbury

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HOUSE FILE 2716

H-8188

1 Amend House File 2716 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 3, line 30, through page 4, line 6, and
3 inserting: <disregarded.

4 (b) As allowed by 42 U.S.C. §1396a(r)(2), unearned income
5 shall also be disregarded in determining whether an individual
6 is eligible for assistance under this subparagraph.

7 (c) For the purposes of determining the amount of an
8 individual's resources under this subparagraph and as allowed
9 by 42 U.S.C. §1396a(r)(2), a maximum of ten thousand dollars of
10 available resources for an individual, and twenty-one thousand
11 dollars of available resources for a couple as defined in 20
12 C.F.R. §416.1101, shall be disregarded. The earned income of
13 an individual's spouse as defined in 20 C.F.R. §416.1101, one
14 motor vehicle per household, and any additional resources held
15 in a retirement account, in a pension account, in a medical
16 savings account, or in any other account approved under rules
17 adopted by the department shall also be disregarded.>

18 2. Page 4, line 7, by striking <(b)> and inserting <~~(b)~~(d)>

19 3. Page 8, line 26, before <The> by inserting <1.>

20 4. Page 8, after line 30 by inserting:

21 <2. An infant or child who is a citizen or qualified alien
22 and who is otherwise eligible for the special supplemental
23 nutrition program for women, infants, and children shall be
24 eligible regardless of whether the infant's or child's parent
25 is a citizen or qualified alien.>

26 5. Page 9, by striking lines 13 and 14 and inserting
27 <benefits exchanges under the Affordable Care Act, as amended
28 by Pub. L. No. 119-21, commonly referred to as the One Big
29 Beautiful Bill Act. Contributions Monthly>

30 6. By renumbering as necessary.

By HARRIS of Appanoose

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[SF 2280](#) – Crimes Against Judicial Officers and Professional Permits to Carry (LSB5545SV.1)
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Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the Senate

Description

[Senate File 2280](#) relates to the safety of persons in certain professions. The Bill has four divisions.

Division I — Professional Permit to Carry Weapons

Description

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

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

Fiscal Impact

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

Division II — Threats Against Members of the General Assembly or Judicial Officers — Immediate Family Members

Description

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

Background

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

Assumptions

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

Correctional Impact

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

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

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

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

Minority Impact

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

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact for Division II cannot be determined because the number of new convictions is unknown. The average State cost per Class C felony is between \$15,000 and \$25,200. This includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the DOC. The costs would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Division III — Malicious Sharing of Personal Information

Description

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

Background

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

Assumptions

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

Correctional Impact

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

Figure 2 — Sentencing Estimates and LOS in Months

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2025 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day Probation	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
Serious Misdemeanor	2.3%	7.3	\$23.07	44.8%	21.0	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	N/A	\$8.00

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

Minority Impact

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

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact for Division III cannot be determined because the number of new convictions is unknown. The average State cost per serious misdemeanor is between \$350 and \$6,200. This includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the DOC. The costs would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Division IV — Threats Including to Public Officials

Description

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

Background

Under current law, a person commits harassment when, with the intent of intimidating, annoying, or to alarm another person, the person does certain prohibited acts, such as threatening bodily injury, communicating in a harassing way, or reporting false information to the police. Iowa Code section [708.7](#) categorizes harassment into three degrees. The first degree is punishable as an aggravated misdemeanor, the second is punishable as a serious misdemeanor, and the third is punishable as a simple misdemeanor. The harassment statute covers threats to bodily injury as a crime in the second degree and threats of forcible felony as a crime in the first degree, but this Division specifically directs that threats against public officials are harassment.

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

Assumptions

- The following will not change over the projection period: charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends; prisoner LOS; revocation rates; plea bargaining; and other criminal justice system policies and practices.
- County jail data is unavailable. For purposes of this analysis, the marginal cost for county jails is assumed to be \$50 per day.
- Conviction data reflects the total number of convictions in adult court, which may include multiple convictions per individual. Not all convictions lead to incarceration, and there may be a delay between conviction and prison admission, which can contribute to differences in totals.
- A six-month delay is assumed from the effective date of the Bill to the date the first offender will enter the correctional system.

- Offender-based convictions are a count of individuals convicted of the same offense. Each offender is counted only once per Iowa Code section, regardless of the number of individual convictions.
- Admissions are a count of individuals newly admitted to the DOC for supervision during a selected time period, based on the most serious offense committed.

Correctional Impact

Division IV expands the crime of harassment. A correctional impact cannot be determined because the number of new convictions is unknown. **Figure 3** shows estimates for sentencing to State prison, parole, probation, or CBC residential facilities; LOS in months under those supervisions; and supervision marginal costs per day for a serious misdemeanor and an aggravated misdemeanor.

Figure 3 — Sentencing Estimates and LOS in Months

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2025 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day Probation	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
Serious Misdemeanor	2.3%	7.3	\$23.07	44.8%	21.0	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	N/A	\$8.00
Aggravated Misdemeanor Persons	45.4%	9.8	\$23.07	62.1%	27.6	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	9.4	\$8.00

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

Minority Impact

Division IV expands the crime of harassment, and, as a result, existing data cannot be used to estimate the minority impact. 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 for Division IV cannot be determined because the number of new convictions is unknown. **Figure 4** shows the average State cost per relevant offense. This includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the DOC. The costs would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Figure 4 — Average State Cost Per Offense

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

Sources

Department of Corrections

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

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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.



Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



[HF 2611](#) – Providing False Social Security Number to Employers, Criminal Offense (LSB5455HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2611](#) relates to unlawful practices involving providing a false social security number to an employer or prospective employer, or to a potential employee.

The Bill prohibits an employer from hiring or continuing to employ an employee whom the employer knows has provided the employer with a false social security number on any documentation for employment.

An employer violating the Bill is subject to a \$10,000 civil penalty to be collected by Iowa Workforce Development (IWD). For a fourth or subsequent violation, in addition to the civil penalty, an employer must cease operations at the location where the violation occurred until any individual who holds a majority ownership interest in the employer, and all managerial staff at the location, participate in training developed by the Department regarding compliance with the Bill.

Under the Bill, it is a fraudulent practice for a person, for the purpose of retaining or obtaining employment, or any other thing of value, to falsely provide an employer or prospective employer with a social security number that does not belong to the person. It is a fraudulent practice for an employer to knowingly provide a potential employee with a fraudulent social security number for the purpose of hiring the potential employee.

Penalties for fraudulent practices range from a simple misdemeanor to a Class C felony depending upon the amount of money or value of property or services involved.

Background

A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for up to 30 days or a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for up to one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for up to two years and a fine of at least \$855 but not more than \$8,540. A Class D felony is punishable by confinement for up to five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245. A Class C felony is punishable by confinement for up to 10 years and a fine of at least \$1,370 but not more than \$13,660.

Assumptions

- The following will not change over the projection period: charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends; prisoner length of stay (LOS); revocation rates; plea bargaining; and other criminal justice system policies and practices.
- County jail data is unavailable. For purposes of this analysis, the marginal cost for county jails is assumed to be \$50 per day.
- Conviction data reflects the total number of convictions in adult court, which may include multiple convictions per individual. Not all convictions lead to incarceration, and there may

be a delay between conviction and prison admission, which can contribute to differences in totals.

- A six-month delay is assumed from the effective date of the Bill to the date the first offender will enter the correctional system.
- Offender-based convictions are a count of individuals convicted of the same offense. Each offender is counted only once per Iowa Code section, regardless of the number of individual convictions.
- Admissions are a count of individuals newly admitted to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for supervision during a selected time period, based on the most serious offense committed.
- Implementation and workload will require three additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. According to the IWD, the required job classes and costs of these positions will be as follows:
 - 1.0 Attorney position with estimated base salary and benefits ranging from \$107,000 to \$124,000.
 - 2.0 Investigator 2 positions with estimated total base salary and benefits for both positions ranging from \$163,000 to \$197,000.
- IWD would incur ongoing indirect costs between \$41,000 and \$48,000.

Correctional Impact

House File 2611 creates a new criminal offense, and the correctional impact cannot be estimated due to a lack of existing conviction data. **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, aggravated misdemeanor, Class D felony, and Class C felony.

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

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2025 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day Probation	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
Serious Misdemeanor	2.3%	7.3	\$23.07	44.8%	21.0	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	N/A	\$8.00
Aggravated Misdemeanor Non-Persons	31.1%	9.3	\$23.07	37.1%	28.4	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	11.2	\$8.00
D Felony Non-Persons	84.2%	12.5	\$23.07	69.4%	41.4	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	15.5	\$8.00
C Felony Non-Persons	84.0%	16.8	\$23.07	66.4%	51.4	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	24.3	\$8.00

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

Minority Impact

House File 2611 creates a new criminal offense. As a result, the Department of Management (DOM) Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement (DPI) cannot use existing data and cannot be used to estimate the minority impact of the Bill. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact

The cost to IWD to add 3.0 FTE positions is approximately \$311,000 to \$369,000 annually.

The fiscal impact on the justice system cannot be determined because the number of convictions cannot be estimated. **Figure 2** shows the average State cost per relevant offense. The estimated impact to the General Fund includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial



Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



[HF 2629](#) – Unlawful Squatting, Criminal Offense (LSB2111HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2629](#) establishes the criminal offense of unlawful squatting. Under the Bill, a person commits unlawful squatting if all of the following circumstances apply:

- The person knowingly enters the premises of another person and resides on the premises of the other person for any period of time without lawful authority in entering and residing on the premises, and cannot produce any document authorizing the person's presence;
- The premises the person enters upon is not open to the public at the time of entry;
- The owner of the premises has directed the person entering upon the premises to leave the premises or has contacted law enforcement to make a report of unlawful squatting;
- No pending litigation exists between the owner of the premises and the person entering upon the premises.

The Bill provides that a law enforcement agency cannot accept a report of unlawful squatting unless the report is made by an owner of the premises or by an authorized representative of the owner. A law enforcement officer acting in good faith in response to a report of a violation of this section is immune from criminal and civil liability.

The Bill provides that unlawful squatting is a serious misdemeanor. A second offense of unlawful squatting is an aggravated misdemeanor. A third offense of unlawful squatting is a Class D felony. A person who provides a false document as justification for the person's presence on the premises commits a Class D felony.

The Bill provides a private cause of action for a person aggrieved by a violation of the Bill and entitles that individual to recover damages, including without limitation restitution, and reasonable attorney fees.

Background

A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for up to one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for up to two years and a fine of at least \$855 but not more than \$8,540. A Class D felony is punishable by confinement for up to five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.

Assumptions

- The following will not change over the projection period: charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends; prisoner length of stay (LOS); revocation rates; plea bargaining; and other criminal justice system policies and practices.
- County jail data is unavailable. For purposes of this analysis, the marginal cost for county jails is assumed to be \$50 per day.
- Conviction data reflects the total number of convictions in adult court, which may include multiple convictions per individual. Not all convictions lead to incarceration, and there may

be a delay between conviction and prison admission, which can contribute to differences in totals.

- A six-month delay is assumed from the effective date of the Bill to the date the first offender will enter the correctional system.
- Offender-based convictions are a count of individuals convicted of the same offense. Each offender is counted only once per Iowa Code section, regardless of the number of individual convictions.
- Admissions are a count of individuals newly admitted to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for supervision during a selected time period, based on the most serious offense committed.

Correctional Impact

House File 2629 creates a new criminal offense, and the correctional impact cannot be estimated due to a lack of existing conviction data. **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, aggravated misdemeanor, and Class D felony.

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

Conviction Offense Class	Percent Ordered to State Prison	FY 2025 Avg LOS in Prison (All Releases)	Marginal Cost Per Day Prison	Percent Ordered to Probation	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Probation	Avg Cost Per Day Probation	Marginal Cost Per Day CBC	Marginal Cost Per Day Jail	FY 2025 Field Avg LOS on Parole	Marginal Cost Per Day Parole
Serious Misdemeanor	2.3%	7.3	\$23.07	44.8%	21.0	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	N/A	\$8.00
Aggravated Misdemeanor Non-Persons	31.1%	9.3	\$23.07	37.1%	28.4	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	11.2	\$8.00
D Felony Non-Persons	84.2%	12.5	\$23.07	69.4%	41.4	\$8.00	\$16.35	\$50.00	15.5	\$8.00

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

Minority Impact

House File 2629 creates a new criminal offense. As a result, the Department of Management (DOM) Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement (DPI) cannot use existing data to estimate the minority impact of the Bill. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statements](#), dated January 12, 2026, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of the Bill cannot be determined because the number of convictions cannot be estimated. **Figure 2** shows the average State cost per relevant offense. The estimated impact to the General Fund includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the DOC. The costs would be incurred across multiple fiscal years for prison and parole supervision.

Figure 2 — Average State Cost Per Offense

Offense Class	Average Cost
Serious Misdemeanor	\$350 to \$6,200
Aggravated Misdemeanor	\$8,300 to \$12,200
Class D Felony	\$13,000 to \$18,100

Sources

Department of Corrections

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

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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



[HF 2639](#) – Criminal Actions, Depositions of Children (LSB6055HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

This Bill relates to limitations on discovery depositions involving minor victims.

The Bill creates a rebuttable presumption in favor of permitting a discovery deposition of a minor victim in a criminal action when defense counsel demonstrates to the court, by a preponderance of the evidence, that such deposition is critical to the defendant’s ability to receive an adequate and fair trial. Defense counsel seeking to depose a minor victim must file a written application with the court. The Bill provides that in ruling on an application, the court must weigh specific factors listed under the Bill. If the court grants the application, the court must issue an order specifying the specific topics or areas of inquiry permitted, topics or questions that are prohibited, the maximum duration of the deposition, and any other limitations the court deems appropriate to protect the minor victim while permitting meaningful discovery.

The Bill specifies that all depositions of minor victims conducted pursuant to this section must be subject to mandatory protections, and specifies the requirements and entitlements for the deposition of a minor.

Under the Bill, upon motion of the prosecuting attorney or counsel for the minor deponent, or upon the court’s own motion, the court must conduct a hearing to determine whether deponent abuse occurred during a deposition conducted. If the court finds that deponent abuse occurred, the court must impose sanctions as detailed in the Bill.

Background

Iowa Code chapter [701](#) governs general criminal law provisions, and the Iowa Court Rules chapter [8](#) details rules of juvenile procedure.

In FY 2025, the State Public Defender (SPD) paid between 460 and 670 claims that were likely to have involved a minor victim, with an average cost per claim of \$2,352 or approximately 30 hours per claim.

For FY 2026, the SPD and the Indigent Defense Fund received General Fund appropriations in the annual Justice System Appropriations Act totaling \$35.5 million and \$42.7 million, respectively.

Assumptions

- Contract attorneys will experience an increased workload of approximately 10 additional hours per case.
- The SPD will experience an increased workload.
- There will be extra costs associated with depositions and video recording.

Fiscal Impact

[House File 2639](#) will increase costs to the State Public Defender by \$850,000 per year. Costs associated with each claim will be paid from the Indigent Defense Fund and the additional State employee costs will be paid from the State Public Defender General Fund appropriation for operations.

Source

Office of the State Public Defender

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