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House File 2544

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1 Amend House File 2544 as follows:

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

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

5 **216F.1 Definition.**

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

16 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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Senate File 512

H-8356

- 1 Amend Senate File 512, as passed by the Senate, as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 2, by striking <2025> and inserting <2026>
3 2. Page 1, line 3, before <Actions> by inserting <Nothing
4 in this section shall be construed to alter the law governing
5 when a cause of action accrues, including the discovery rule
6 and related doctrines, as recognized by statute or common law.>

HOLT of Crawford

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House File 2507

H-8357

1 Amend House File 2507 as follows:

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

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

5 For the purposes of this chapter:

6 1. "Account holder" means an individual to which an account
7 or profile to use a conversational AI service belongs.

8 2. a. "Conversational AI service" means an artificial
9 intelligence, available by software application, web interface,
10 or computer program, that is accessible to the general
11 public and that has the primary purpose of simulating human
12 conversation and interaction through text, audio communication,
13 or visual communication.

14 b. "Conversational AI service" does not include a software
15 application, web interface, or computer program that is any of
16 the following:

17 (1) Primarily designed and marketed for research and
18 development purposes.

19 (2) A feature within another software application, web
20 interface, or computer program that does not have the primary
21 purpose of simulating human conversation and interaction
22 through text, audio communication, or visual communication.

23 (3) Designed to provide outputs relating to a narrow and
24 discrete topic.

25 (4) Primarily designed and marketed for commercial use by
26 business entities to assist customers in obtaining services or
27 purchasing goods from the business.

28 (5) Functions as a speaker and voice command interface or
29 voice-activated virtual assistant for an electronic device
30 widely available to consumers.

31 (6) Used by a business solely for internal purposes.

32 3. "Minor" means an individual an operator knows is, or is
33 reasonably certain is, under eighteen years of age.

34 4. "Operator" means a person who develops and makes a
35 conversational AI service available to the public. "Operator"

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1 does not include a mobile device application store or a search
2 engine solely because the mobile device application store or a
3 search engine provides access to a conversational AI service.

4 5. "*Sexually explicit conduct*" means the same as defined in
5 18 U.S.C. §2256.

6 6. "*Visual depiction*" means the same as defined in 18 U.S.C.
7 §2256.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 554J.2 **Conversational AI services —**
9 **minors — requirements.**

10 1. An operator shall clearly and conspicuously disclose
11 to a minor account holder that the minor account holder is
12 interacting with artificial intelligence through any of the
13 following:

14 a. A persistent visible disclaimer.

15 b. All of the following:

16 (1) A disclaimer that appears at the beginning of each
17 interaction between the operator's conversational AI service
18 and a minor account holder.

19 (2) A disclaimer that appears at least once every three
20 hours of continuous interaction between the operator's
21 conversational AI service and a minor account holder.

22 2. An operator shall not provide a minor user with points
23 or similar rewards at unpredictable intervals with the
24 intent to encourage increased engagement with the operator's
25 conversational AI service.

26 3. An operator shall institute reasonable measures to
27 prevent the operator's conversational AI service from doing any
28 of the following for minor account holders:

29 a. Producing visual depictions of sexually explicit
30 material.

31 b. Stating that the minor account holder should engage in
32 sexually explicit conduct.

33 c. Sexually objectifying the minor account holder.

34 4. An operator shall institute reasonable measures
35 to prevent the operator's conversational AI service from

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1 generating statements that would lead a reasonable individual
2 to believe that the individual is interacting with a human,
3 including but not limited to all of the following:

4 *a.* Explicit claims that the conversational AI service is
5 sentient or human.

6 *b.* Statements that simulate emotional dependence on a minor
7 account holder.

8 *c.* Statements that simulate a romantic interaction or a
9 sexual innuendo.

10 *d.* Role-playing an adult-minor romantic relationship.

11 5. *a.* An operator shall offer tools for minor account
12 holders to manage the minor account holder's privacy and
13 account settings.

14 *b.* An operator shall offer tools for the parent or guardian
15 of a minor account holder to manage the minor account holder's
16 privacy and account settings if the minor is under thirteen
17 years of age.

18 *c.* An operator shall offer tools for the parent or guardian
19 of a minor account holder to manage the minor account holder's
20 privacy and account settings as appropriate based on relevant
21 risks.

22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **554J.3 Consumer disclosures.**

23 An operator shall clearly and conspicuously disclose using
24 a persistent visible disclaimer, or a disclaimer that appears
25 after every three hours of continuous interaction with the
26 operator's conversational AI service, that the operator's
27 conversational AI service is artificial intelligence if a
28 reasonable individual interacting with the conversational AI
29 service would believe that the individual is interacting with a
30 human.

31 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **554J.4 Suicide and self-harm protocol.**

32 An operator shall adopt protocols for the operator's
33 conversational AI service for responding to user prompts
34 regarding suicidal ideation or self-harm that includes but is
35 not limited to making reasonable efforts to refer the user to

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1 crisis service providers such as a suicide hotline, crisis text
2 line, or other appropriate crisis service.

3 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 554J.5 **Mental health care.**

4 An operator shall not knowingly and intentionally cause or
5 program a conversational AI service to make a representation or
6 statement that would lead a reasonable individual to believe
7 that the conversational AI service is designed to provide
8 professional psychology or behavioral health services that an
9 individual would require licensure under chapter 154B or 154D
10 to provide.

11 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 554J.6 **Penalties and enforcement.**

12 1. An operator that violates this chapter shall be subject
13 to an injunction and liable for the greater of the following:

14 a. Actual damages.

15 b. A civil penalty of one thousand dollars per violation, up
16 to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars per operator.

17 2. The attorney general shall have the authority to enforce
18 this chapter and shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
19 administer this chapter.

20 3. A civil penalty collected under this section shall be
21 deposited into the general fund of the state.

22 4. This chapter shall not be construed to create a private
23 right of action under this chapter or any other law.

24 5. This section shall not be construed to make a developer
25 of an artificial intelligence model liable solely because a
26 third party used the developer's artificial intelligence model
27 to create or train a conversational AI service.

28 Sec. 7. **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies July 1, 2027.>

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Senate File 548

H-8358

- 1 Amend Senate File 548, as passed by the Senate, as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 1, by striking <2025> and inserting <2026>
3 2. Page 1, line 15, by striking <A personal flotation>
4 3. Page 1, by striking lines 16 through 21.

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Senate Amendment to
House File 2655

H-8359

1 Amend House File 2655, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 10, after <time.> by inserting <This
3 paragraph does not apply to a driver operating a towing vehicle
4 that was issued a certificate of designation as an authorized
5 emergency vehicle pursuant to section 321.451.>

6 2. Page 1, line 12, after <property.> by inserting <This
7 paragraph does not apply to a driver operating a towing vehicle
8 that was issued a certificate of designation as an authorized
9 emergency vehicle pursuant to section 321.451.>

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House File 2544

H-8360

1 Amend House File 2544 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking <antisemitism> and inserting
3 <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, or anti-Irish
4 discrimination>

5 2. Page 1, line 17, by striking <antisemitism> and inserting
6 <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, or anti-Irish
7 discrimination>

8 3. Page 1, line 21, by striking <Antisemitism> and inserting
9 <Antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, or anti-Irish
10 discrimination>

11 4. Page 1, line 23, by striking <antisemitism> and inserting
12 <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, or anti-Irish
13 discrimination>

14 5. Page 1, line 26, by striking <antisemitic> and inserting
15 <antisemitic, anti-Christian, or anti-Irish>

16 6. Page 1, line 33, after <antisemitism,> by inserting
17 <anti-Christian discrimination, and anti-Irish discrimination,>

18 7. Page 2, line 6, by striking <antisemitism> and inserting
19 <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, and anti-Irish
20 discrimination>

21 8. Page 2, line 9, by striking <antisemitic> and inserting
22 <antisemitic, anti-Christian, or anti-Irish>

23 9. Page 2, line 16, after <antisemitism,> by inserting
24 <anti-Christian discrimination, and anti-Irish discrimination>

25 10. Page 2, line 21, by striking <antisemitism> and
26 inserting <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, or
27 anti-Irish discrimination>

28 11. Page 2, line 24, by striking <antisemitism> and
29 inserting <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, or
30 anti-Irish discrimination>

31 12. Page 2, line 29, by striking <antisemitic> and inserting
32 <antisemitic, anti-Christian, and anti-Irish>

33 13. Page 2, line 33, by striking <antisemitism> and
34 inserting <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, and
35 anti-Irish discrimination>

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- 1 14. Page 3, line 2, by striking <antisemitism> and inserting
2 <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, or anti-Irish
3 discrimination>
4 15. Page 3, line 6, by striking <Antisemitism> and inserting
5 <Antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, and anti-Irish
6 discrimination>
7 16. Page 3, line 8, by striking <antisemitism> and inserting
8 <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, and anti-Irish
9 discrimination>
10 17. Page 3, line 11, by striking <antisemitic> and inserting
11 <antisemitic, anti-Christian, or anti-Irish>
12 18. Page 3, line 18, after <antisemitism,> by inserting
13 <anti-Christian discrimination, and anti-Irish discrimination,>
14 19. Title page, line 2, by striking <antisemitism> and
15 inserting <antisemitism, anti-Christian discrimination, and
16 anti-Irish discrimination>

DIEKEN of O'Brien

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Senate Amendment to
House File 2670

H-8361

1 Amend House File 2670, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the House, as follows:

- 3 1. Page 4, by striking lines 30 and 31 and inserting:
4 <Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraphs e and j,
5 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:>
- 6 2. By striking page 6, line 5, through page 7, line 25.
- 7 3. Page 9, by striking lines 4 through 6.
- 8 4. Page 10, by striking lines 17 through 20.
- 9 5. By renumbering as necessary.

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Senate File 2289

H-8362

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8349, to Senate File 2289, as
2 amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 3 and 4 and inserting:
4 <__. Page 1, line 8, by striking <seventy> and inserting
5 <forty-five>>
6 2. By renumbering as necessary.

SIEGRIST of Pottawattamie

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Senate File 2168

H-8363

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8344, to Senate File 2168, as
2 amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- 3 1. Page 3, by striking line 5 and inserting <apprenticeship
4 program and that the approved apprenticeship sponsor,
5 intermediary sponsor, or lead apprenticeship sponsor did not
6 take the necessary corrective actions to address a violation
7 that was the basis for the cancellation, suspension, or
8 deregistration within>
- 9 2. Page 14, after line 20 by inserting:
10 <__. By striking page 1, line 32, through page 7, line 1.>
11 3. By renumbering as necessary.

COLLINS of Des Moines

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Senate File 2284

H-8364

1 Amend Senate File 2284, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 23 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 321P.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding
5 the following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. *"Automatic registration plate reader"* or
7 *"plate reader"* means a camera or other optical device designed
8 to detect a registration plate or vehicle and capture an image
9 of the registration plate or vehicle independent of a person
10 exercising control of the camera or other optical device
11 when the image is captured. *"Plate reader"* includes a device
12 designed to work in conjunction with a camera or optical device
13 to store images of registration plates or vehicles captured
14 by the camera or optical device and a computer program or
15 application that can be used to search for or copy an image of a
16 registration plate or vehicle, with or without an algorithm.>

17 2. Page 3, after line 4 by inserting:

18 <Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 321P.20 **Use of automatic**
19 **registration plate readers — local ordinance required — facial**
20 **recognition prohibited.**

21 1. A person shall not use an automatic registration plate
22 reader in a local authority unless the governing body of the
23 local authority adopts an ordinance authorizing the use of
24 plate readers.

25 2. If the governing body of a local authority authorizes
26 the use of plate readers, the ordinance must include all of the
27 following:

28 a. All vendors who provide plate readers, and any related
29 services, in the local authority.

30 b. The employment classification of persons who are
31 authorized to access a plate reader to search for a
32 registration plate or vehicle.

33 3. A person shall not use and the governing body of a local
34 authority shall not authorize the use of a plate reader that is
35 not approved by the department of public safety.

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1 4. Notwithstanding section 331.302, subsection 6, and
2 section 380.3, the governing body of a local authority that
3 is considering an ordinance to authorize the use of a plate
4 reader shall not suspend the requirements of section 331.302,
5 subsection 6, or section 380.3, as applicable.

6 5. A person shall not use a plate reader that is enabled
7 to recognize or identify a person based on an image of the
8 person's face captured by the plate reader. A person who uses
9 a plate reader shall not use software to recognize or identify
10 a person based on an image of the person's face captured by the
11 plate reader.

12 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. **321P.21 Plate reader searches and**
13 **alerts.**

14 1. A person shall not access an automatic registration plate
15 reader to search for a registration plate or vehicle unless
16 authorized.

17 2. a. A person shall not access a plate reader to search
18 for a registration plate or vehicle unless the search is
19 related to a call for service or case and the call for service
20 or case is identified by an assigned specific number.

21 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", if exigent circumstances
22 exist and a specific number has not been assigned to a call
23 for service or case, a person authorized to access a plate
24 reader may search for a registration plate or vehicle without
25 providing a call for service number or case number at the time
26 of the search. The person shall add the call for service
27 number or case number, as applicable, after the number is
28 assigned.

29 3. If a plate reader is programmed to create an alert when
30 the plate reader recognizes a particular registration plate or
31 vehicle, a law enforcement officer shall verify that reasonable
32 suspicion exists to stop the vehicle prior to taking any
33 further action relating to the alert.

34 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. **321P.22 Search logs, reports, and**
35 **audits.**

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1 1. An entity that employs a person who is authorized to
2 access an automatic registration plate reader to search for a
3 registration plate or vehicle shall maintain a search log and
4 retain the search log records for at least one year. A search
5 log is not subject to the deletion requirement under section
6 321P.23, subsection 1.

7 2. When accessing a plate reader to search for a
8 registration plate or vehicle, the person performing the search
9 shall record the search in the search log required under
10 subsection 1. The record must include the person's name, the
11 reason for the search, and the associated call for service
12 number or case number.

13 3. An entity that maintains a search log shall audit the
14 search log at least every four months. The entity shall report
15 the results of the audit on the entity's internet site, if it
16 has one.

17 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 321P.23 Deletion requirement —
18 **copies excepted — dissemination.**

19 1. Every image of a registration plate or vehicle captured
20 by an automatic registration plate reader, and any other
21 accompanying data, shall be deleted no later than thirty days
22 after the image was captured.

23 2. Prior to deletion under subsection 1, an image of a
24 registration plate or vehicle captured by a plate reader, and
25 any other accompanying data, may be copied and saved on a
26 device that is not a plate reader if the image and data are
27 relevant to an ongoing criminal case or investigation. Copied
28 images and data are not subject to deletion under subsection 1,
29 but shall be maintained in accordance with applicable evidence
30 retention policies.

31 3. A person who copies an image or data from a plate reader
32 shall record the fact that copies were made in the search log
33 under section 321P.22, subsection 1. The person shall include
34 the reason for making copies and the related call for service
35 number or case number, as applicable.

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1 4. Except as provided in subsection 5, a person shall not
2 disseminate a copy of an image or data from a plate reader to a
3 third party unless the third party is one of the following:

4 *a.* A peace officer or law enforcement agency.

5 *b.* A person who has a contract with a law enforcement agency
6 for the sole purpose of protecting public safety, conducting
7 criminal investigations, or ensuring compliance with federal,
8 state, or local law.

9 *c.* The national insurance crime bureau or its successor
10 organization, an insurance carrier, or an insurance support
11 organization, solely for the purpose of investigating insurance
12 fraud, assisting in vehicle recovery, or adjudicating insurance
13 claims.

14 5. Subsection 4 shall not be construed to prohibit a person
15 from sharing copied images and data from a plate reader under
16 any of the following circumstances:

17 *a.* As evidence in a proceeding if the images and data are
18 otherwise admissible pursuant to the Iowa rules of evidence.

19 *b.* With a potential witness to the extent necessary
20 to investigate a crime or identify a person suspected of
21 committing a crime.

22 *c.* With legal counsel, an insurer, or another person to
23 obtain legal advice, defend a claim, or otherwise comply with a
24 lawful obligation.

25 *d.* With the plate reader vendor for use, after processing
26 anonymized or redacted derivatives of images or data pursuant
27 to a written agreement, solely in conjunction with operating,
28 securing, testing, or improving the vendor's services.

29 6. A person shall not use an image of a registration
30 plate or data collected by a plate reader in this state for
31 marketing, profiling, or commercial purposes. This subsection
32 shall not be construed to prohibit a person's use of an image
33 or data captured by a plate reader in a manner authorized under
34 this section.

35 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. **321P.24 Approved plate readers,**

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1 vendors, and state entities.

2 1. The department of public safety shall develop and
3 maintain a list of approved automatic registration plate
4 readers and vendors.

5 2. a. A state agency, department, division, board,
6 commission, institution, or authority may use an automatic
7 registration plate reader notwithstanding section 321P.20,
8 subsections 1 and 2, only if such use is approved by the
9 commissioner of public safety.

10 b. If the commissioner of public safety approves such a
11 state entity's use of a plate reader, the commissioner shall
12 also approve, in accordance with the applicable state entity's
13 classification designations, the employment classification
14 of persons who are authorized to access a plate reader to
15 search for a registration plate or vehicle. The commissioner's
16 approval is valid for one year and the commissioner may
17 reapprove the continued use of a plate reader for additional
18 terms not to exceed one year.

19 3. The department of public safety shall adopt rules
20 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section. The rules
21 must include a list of approved plate readers, vendors, and
22 state entities.

23 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **321P.25 Criminal penalty.**

24 A person who does an act forbidden or fails to perform an act
25 required by sections 321P.20 through 321P.23 commits a simple
26 misdemeanor.

27 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **321P.26 Applicability.**

28 Sections 321P.20 through 321P.23 do not apply to a person
29 who uses an automatic registration plate reader at the person's
30 private property or business.

31 Sec. _____. Section 692.1, subsections 14 and 16, Code 2026,
32 are amended to read as follows:

33 14. "Intelligence data" means information on identifiable
34 individuals, including but not limited to historical location
35 information collected by an automatic registration plate

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1 reader, as defined in section 321P.1, compiled in an effort to
2 anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity.

3 16. *"Surveillance data"* means information on individuals,
4 pertaining to participation in organizations, groups, meetings,
5 or assemblies, including but not limited to historical location
6 information collected by an automatic registration plate
7 reader, as defined in section 321P.1, where there are no
8 reasonable grounds to suspect involvement or participation in
9 criminal activity by any person.

10 Sec. ____ . REPEAL. Section 321P.4, Code 2026, is repealed.>

11 3. Title page, by striking line 3 and inserting <providing
12 penalties.>

13 4. By renumbering as necessary.

JONES of Clay

YOUNG of Dallas

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House Study Bill 778 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MOHR)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations to the education
2 system, including the funding and operation of the
3 department for the blind, department of education, state
4 board of regents, and department of workforce development,
5 and modifying provisions related to the Iowa special
6 education council, the school budget review committee,
7 and the calculation of basic enrollment, and including
8 applicability provisions.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 DIVISION I
2 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND
3 Section 1. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS —
4 ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated from the general
5 fund of the state to the department for the blind for the
6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
7 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
8 used for the purposes designated:
9 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
10 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
11 equivalent positions:
12 \$ 3,207,190
13 FTEs 103.74

14 DIVISION II
15 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
16 Sec. 2. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated
17 from the general fund of the state to the department of
18 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
19 ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof
20 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
21 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
22 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
23 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
24 equivalent positions:
25 \$ 7,073,808
26 FTEs 71.87
27 2. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION
28 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
29 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
30 equivalent positions:
31 \$ 721,779
32 FTEs 10.80
33 3. PUBLIC BROADCASTING DIVISION
34 For salaries, support, maintenance, capital expenditures,
35 and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following

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1 full-time equivalent positions:
2 \$ 8,165,236
3 FTEs 53.20
4 4. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
5 For reimbursement for career and technical education
6 expenditures made by regional career and technical education
7 planning partnerships in accordance with section 256.136:
8 \$ 2,952,459
9 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE
10 For use as state matching moneys for federal programs that
11 shall be disbursed according to federal regulations, including
12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and
13 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
14 \$ 2,176,797
15 FTEs 27.83
16 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES
17 a. For expansion of the federal Individuals with
18 Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Pub. L. No.
19 108-446, as amended to January 1, 2018, birth through age three
20 services due to increased numbers of children qualifying for
21 those services:
22 \$ 1,721,400
23 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection,
24 \$383,769 shall be allocated to the child health specialty
25 clinics administered by the state university of Iowa in order
26 to provide additional support for infants and toddlers who are
27 born prematurely, drug-exposed, or medically fragile.
28 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS
29 a. For early head start projects:
30 \$ 574,500
31 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
32 used for implementation and expansion of early head start
33 pilot projects addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social,
34 emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to
35 age three, including prenatal support for qualified families.

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1 The projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and
2 healthy family functioning, and strengthen the development of
3 infants and toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be
4 given to those organizations that have previously qualified for
5 and received state funding to administer an early head start
6 project.

7 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

8 For purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality
9 program established pursuant to [chapter 284](#), and for not more
10 than the following full-time equivalent positions:

11	\$	2,990,467
12	FTEs	5.83

13 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

14 a. For distribution to the Iowa testing program by the
15 department of education on behalf of school districts and
16 accredited nonpublic schools to offset the costs associated
17 with a statewide student assessment administered in accordance
18 with [section 256.7, subsection 21](#), paragraph "b":

19	\$	3,000,000
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20 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more
21 than \$300,000 shall be distributed to the Iowa testing programs
22 within the state university of Iowa college of education
23 to offset the costs of administering the statewide student
24 assessment at accredited nonpublic schools.

25 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

26 For support costs associated with the creation of a
27 statewide clearinghouse to expand work-based learning:

28	\$	300,000
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29 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
30 PROGRAM

31 For support costs associated with the creation of a program
32 to provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils
33 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college
34 for college-level classes or attend a class taught by a
35 community college-employed instructor during the summer and

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1 outside of the regular school year through a contractual
2 agreement between a community college and a school district:
3 \$ 600,000

4 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
5 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
6 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
7 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
8 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
9 fiscal year.

10 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

11 For school districts to reinforce collaborative efforts and
12 regional initiatives that accelerate work-based learning and
13 credential attainment, and to provide direct career education
14 services to identified middle school or high school students
15 enrolled in school districts through direct instruction by a
16 jobs for America's graduates specialist:

17 \$ 9,946,450

18 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
19 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
20 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
21 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
22 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
23 fiscal year.

24 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND
25 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

26 For administration of a process for school districts to
27 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the
28 performance of each attendance center operated by the district
29 in order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and
30 report card for each attendance center, for internet site
31 and data system support, and for not more than the following
32 full-time equivalent positions:

33 \$ 250,000

34 FTEs 1.60

35 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

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1 For distribution to school districts for implementation
2 of [section 279.68, subsection 2](#), relating to successful
3 progression for early readers:

4 \$ 7,824,782

5 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

6 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an
7 early warning assessment and administering the early warning
8 system for literacy established in accordance with section
9 279.68 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7,
10 subsection 31:

11 \$ 1,915,000

12 b. The department shall administer and distribute to school
13 districts and accredited nonpublic schools the early warning
14 assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor
15 student literacy skills from prekindergarten through grade
16 six. The department may charge school districts and accredited
17 nonpublic schools a fee for the system not to exceed the actual
18 costs to purchase a statewide license for the early warning
19 assessment minus the moneys received by the department under
20 this subsection. The fee shall be determined by dividing the
21 actual remaining costs to purchase the statewide license for
22 the school year by the number of pupils assessed under the
23 system in the current fiscal year. School districts may use
24 moneys received pursuant to [section 257.10, subsection 11](#), and
25 moneys received for purposes of implementing section 279.68,
26 subsection 2, to pay the early warning assessment system fee.

27 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

28 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in
29 order to implement, in collaboration with the area education
30 agencies, the provisions of [section 256.9, subsection 49](#),
31 paragraph "c":

32 \$ 1,500,000

33 b. From moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more
34 than \$250,000 shall be used for collaborations with the state
35 board of education relating to the approval of practitioner

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1 preparation programs pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 3](#),
2 paragraph "c", and with the board of educational examiners for
3 the establishment and continuing oversight of the advanced
4 dyslexia specialist endorsement pursuant to [section 256.146](#),
5 subsection 21. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
6 ending June 30, 2027, the center shall submit a report to the
7 general assembly detailing the expenditures of moneys used for
8 purposes of this paragraph "b".

9 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys received by the
10 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
11 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
12 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
13 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
14 fiscal year.

15 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE
16 FUND

17 For deposit in the computer science professional development
18 incentive fund established in [section 284.6A](#):

19 \$ 500,000

20 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND
21 SUPPORT

22 a. For distribution to area education agencies for
23 school-based children's mental health services, including
24 mental health awareness training for educators:

25 \$ 1,899,682

26 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection for
27 distribution to area education agencies, \$200,000 shall be
28 used for purposes of implementing a children's grief and loss
29 rural pilot program to serve Iowa children in rural school
30 districts or accredited nonpublic schools. The pilot program
31 shall be administered by, and the moneys allocated pursuant to
32 this paragraph shall be distributed to, an existing statewide
33 not-for-profit health care organization that currently provides
34 grief and loss services to children. For the fiscal year
35 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the health

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1 care organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph
2 shall prepare a report, in collaboration with the department
3 of education, detailing the expenditures of moneys used for
4 the purposes of this program and its outcomes, which shall be
5 submitted to the general assembly by September 30, 2027.

6 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

7 a. For school districts to create opportunities for
8 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership
9 development for students with intellectual and developmental
10 disabilities:

11 \$ 35,000

12 b. The department of education shall establish criteria for
13 the distribution of moneys appropriated under this subsection
14 and shall require an organization receiving moneys under this
15 subsection to annually report student identifying data for
16 students participating in the program to the department in the
17 manner prescribed by the department as a condition of receiving
18 such moneys.

19 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

20 For distribution to the midwestern higher education compact
21 to pay Iowa's member state annual obligation:

22 \$ 118,450

23 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated pursuant
24 to this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
25 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
26 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
27 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

28 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO
29 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

30 For payments to community colleges for the concurrent
31 enrollment of accredited nonpublic school students under
32 section 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b":

33 \$ 1,000,000

34 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys received by the
35 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered

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1 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
2 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
3 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

4 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

5 For general state financial aid to merged areas, as defined
6 in [section 260C.2](#), in accordance with section 260C.18C:

7 \$247,008,533

8 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

9 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
10 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
11 equivalent positions:

12 \$ 12,813,313

13 FTEs 102.85

14 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY
15 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

16 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
17 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
18 equivalent positions:

19 \$ 5,112,412

20 FTEs 68.72

21 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS
22 (STEM) COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

23 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and
24 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established in
25 section 256.111, and for not more than the following full-time
26 equivalent positions:

27 \$ 6,310,409

28 FTEs 5.00

29 a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
30 moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be expended for
31 salaries, staffing, institutional support, activities directly
32 related to recruitment of kindergarten through grade 12
33 mathematics and science teachers, and for ongoing mathematics
34 and science programming for students enrolled in kindergarten
35 through grade 12.

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1 b. The department shall work with the community colleges to
2 develop STEM professional development programs for community
3 college instructors and STEM curriculum development.

4 c. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not less
5 than \$500,000 shall be used to provide technology education
6 opportunities to high school, career academy, and community
7 college students through a public-private partnership, as
8 well as opportunities for students and faculties at these
9 institutions to secure broad-based information technology
10 certification. The partnership must provide all of the
11 following:

- 12 (1) A research-based curriculum.
- 13 (2) Online access to the curriculum.
- 14 (3) Instructional software for classroom and student use.
- 15 (4) Certification of skills and competencies in a broad base
16 of information technology-related skill areas.
- 17 (5) Professional development for teachers.
- 18 (6) Deployment and program support, including but not
19 limited to integration with current curriculum standards.

20 d. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), of the moneys appropriated
21 in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
22 the close of the fiscal year, an amount equivalent to not more
23 than 5 percent of the amount appropriated in this subsection
24 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for
25 summer programs for students until the close of the succeeding
26 fiscal year.

27 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

28 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund
29 established in [section 256.25](#):

30 \$ 2,351,382

31 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

32 For purposes of administering an online state job posting
33 system that allows the department of education, school
34 districts, charter schools, area education agencies, and
35 accredited nonpublic schools to post job openings on an

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1 internet site:
2 \$ 265,000
3 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM
4 For purposes of developing guidelines for a comprehensive
5 family support mentoring program that meets the language and
6 communication needs of families pursuant to section 256.106:
7 \$ 200,000
8 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
9 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee
10 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes
11 within the area education agency regions and the department
12 of education main office, and for not more than the following
13 full-time equivalent positions:
14 \$ 10,000,000
15 FTEs 60.00
16 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
17 For purposes of providing required professional development
18 to public and nonpublic schools:
19 \$ 1,676,458
20 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION
21 a. Administration
22 For general administration salaries, support, maintenance,
23 and miscellaneous purposes, and for the administration of the
24 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
25 program in accordance with section 256.228, including salaries,
26 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes related to the
27 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
28 program, and for not more than the following full-time
29 equivalent positions:
30 \$ 591,533
31 FTEs 4.95
32 b. National guard service scholarship program
33 For purposes of providing national guard service
34 scholarships under the program established in section 256.210:
35 \$ 6,600,000

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- 1 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program
2 (1) For deposit in the all Iowa opportunity scholarship fund
3 created in section 256.212:
4 \$ 3,229,468
5 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, if the
6 moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,
7 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,
8 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, include
9 accredited private institutions as defined in section 256.183.
10 d. Teach Iowa scholar program
11 For deposit in the teach Iowa scholar fund established in
12 section 256.218:
13 \$ 1,041,361
14 e. Health care professional incentive program
15 For deposit in the health care professional incentive
16 program fund created in section 256.222:
17 \$ 7,985,911
18 f. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program
19 For deposit in the rural veterinary care trust fund created
20 in section 256.226:
21 \$ 700,000
22 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar
23 scholarship program
24 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce
25 last-dollar scholarship fund created in section 256.228:
26 \$ 23,927,005
27 h. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program
28 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant
29 fund created in section 256.229:
30 \$ 425,000
31 i. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program
32 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive
33 program fund created in section 256.230:
34 \$ 6,500,000
35 j. Court reporter equipment grant program

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1 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program
2 fund created in section 256.231:
3 \$ 50,000

4 Sec. 3. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND
5 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled
6 worker and job creation fund created in [section 8.57J](#) to the
7 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July
8 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or
9 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
10 designated:

11 1. For purposes of providing skilled workforce shortage
12 tuition grants in accordance with section 256.227:
13 \$ 5,000,000

14 2. For deposit in the workforce training and economic
15 development funds created pursuant to section 260C.18A:
16 \$ 15,100,000

17 From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not
18 more than \$100,000 shall be used by the department for
19 administration of the workforce training and economic
20 development funds created pursuant to [section 260C.18A](#).

21 3. a. For capital projects at community colleges that meet
22 the definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section
23 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":
24 \$ 6,000,000

25 b. Moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
26 disbursed pursuant to [section 260G.6, subsection 3](#). Projects
27 that qualify for moneys appropriated in this subsection must
28 include at least one of the following:

- 29 (1) Workforce infrastructure program capital projects.
- 30 (2) Major renovations and major repair needs, including
31 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with
32 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

33 4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and
34 employment fund created in [section 260H.2](#):
35 \$ 4,800,000

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1 5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund
2 established in [section 260I.2](#):
3 \$ 2,000,000

4 6. For support costs associated with administering a
5 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose
6 of collecting and reporting data relating to the educational
7 and employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs
8 receiving moneys pursuant to this section:
9 \$ 75,000

10 7. For STEM best:
11 \$ 700,000

12 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
13 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
14 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
15 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
16 succeeding fiscal year.

17 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section
18 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan
19 revolving fund created in section 256.204 for the fiscal year
20 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, may be used
21 for purposes of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program
22 established in section 256.205.

23 Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS. The department of
24 administrative services shall pay the Iowa school for the deaf
25 and the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually
26 impaired program the moneys collected from the counties during
27 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, for expenses relating
28 to prescription drug costs for students attending the Iowa
29 school for the deaf and the Iowa educational services for the
30 blind and visually impaired program.

31 DIVISION III

32 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

33 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated
34 from the general fund of the state to the state board of
35 regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending

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1 June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
2 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

4 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
5 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
6 equivalent positions:

7	\$	764,642
8	FTEs	2.48

9 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June
10 30, 2027, the state board of regents shall submit a quarterly
11 financial report to the general assembly in a format agreed
12 upon by the state board of regents office and the legislative
13 services agency. The report submitted for the quarter ending
14 December 31, 2026, must include the five-year graduation rates
15 for the regents universities.

16 b. For distribution to the western Iowa regents resource
17 center:

18	\$	268,297
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19 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
20 June 30, 2027, the state board of regents and the institutions
21 of higher learning governed by the state board of regents
22 shall not reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the
23 institutions' police departments.

24 d. For allocation in equal parts by the state board of
25 regents to the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state
26 university of science and technology, and the university
27 of northern Iowa to support the John Pappajohn centers for
28 entrepreneurship:

29	\$	125,000
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30 The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph shall be
31 used to supplement, not supplant, any other funding received by
32 the John Pappajohn centers for entrepreneurship.

33 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

34 a. General university

35 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial

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1 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the
2 following full-time equivalent positions:

3 \$223,496,355
4 FTEs 5,058.32

5 b. Oakdale campus

6 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
7 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
8 equivalent positions:

9 \$ 2,103,819
10 FTEs 38.25

11 c. State hygienic laboratory

12 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
13 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
14 equivalent positions:

15 \$ 4,822,610
16 FTEs 102.51

17 d. Family practice program

18 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with
19 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants
20 to carry out the provisions of [chapter 148D](#) for the family
21 practice residency education program, including salaries
22 and support, and for not more than the following full-time
23 equivalent positions:

24 \$ 2,220,598
25 FTEs 2.71

26 e. Child health care services

27 For specialized child health care services, including
28 childhood cancer diagnostic and treatment network programs,
29 rural comprehensive care for hemophilia patients, and the
30 Iowa high-risk infant follow-up program, including salaries
31 and support, and for not more than the following full-time
32 equivalent positions:

33 \$ 634,502
34 FTEs 4.16

35 f. Statewide cancer registry

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1 For the statewide cancer registry, and for not more than the
2 following full-time equivalent positions:

3 \$ 143,410
4 FTEs 2.10

5 g. Substance abuse consortium

6 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse
7 research and evaluation, and for not more than the following
8 full-time equivalent positions:

9 \$ 53,427
10 FTEs .99

11 h. Center for biocatalysis

12 For the center for biocatalysis, and for not more than the
13 following full-time equivalent positions:

14 \$ 696,342
15 FTEs 6.28

16 i. Primary health care initiative

17 For the primary health care initiative in the college
18 of medicine, and for not more than the following full-time
19 equivalent positions:

20 \$ 624,374
21 FTEs 6.22

22 From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
23 \$254,889 shall be allocated to the department of family
24 practice at the state university of Iowa college of medicine
25 for family practice faculty and support staff.

26 j. Birth defects registry

27 For the birth defects registry, and for not more than the
28 following full-time equivalent positions:

29 \$ 36,839
30 FTEs .38

31 k. Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center

32 For the Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center,
33 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
34 positions:

35 \$ 156,389

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1 FTEs 2.75
2 1. Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
3 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative
4 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
5 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established
6 in [section 263.8A](#):
7 \$ 463,616
8 m. Iowa flood center
9 For the Iowa flood center for use by the university's college
10 of engineering pursuant to [section 466C.1](#):
11 \$ 1,205,593
12 n. College of nursing
13 For employing additional instructors in the college of
14 nursing to increase the number of students who graduate from
15 the college of nursing:
16 \$ 2,800,000
17 o. Pediatric cancer research
18 For purposes of pediatric cancer research, including but
19 not limited to laboratory research and clinical trials at the
20 university of Iowa hospitals and clinics:
21 \$ 3,000,000
22 p. Center for intellectual freedom
23 For purposes of supporting the center for intellectual
24 freedom established in [section 263C.2](#):
25 \$ 1,000,000
26 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
27 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
28 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the
29 following full-time equivalent positions:
30 \$229,864,938
31 FTEs 4,062.34
32 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
33 a. General university
34 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
35 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the

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1 following full-time equivalent positions:

2 \$101,894,146

3 FTEs 1,250.28

4 b. Real estate education program

5 For purposes of the real estate education program, and for
6 not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

7 \$ 123,523

8 FTEs .86

9 c. Educators for Iowa

10 For purposes of recruiting additional students to
11 participate in educational opportunities that lead to teacher
12 licensure:

13 \$ 1,500,000

14 d. Center for civic education

15 For purposes of establishing and operating a center for
16 civic education that promotes the values of free speech,
17 civic leadership, public service, and citizenship, and
18 that enhances civic education among students enrolled in
19 colleges and universities in this state, students enrolled
20 in prekindergarten through grade twelve in schools in this
21 state, teachers, and the public by developing and implementing
22 effective civic learning strategies, encouraging respectful
23 dialogue, and offering educational resources related to free
24 speech and civic knowledge:

25 \$ 1,000,000

26 Sec. 7. ENERGY COST-SAVINGS PROJECTS — FINANCING. For
27 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
28 2027, the state board of regents may use notes, bonds, or
29 other evidences of indebtedness issued under [section 262.48](#) to
30 finance projects that will result in energy cost savings in an
31 amount that will cause the state board to recover the cost of
32 the projects within an average of six years.

33 DIVISION IV

34 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

35 Sec. 8. AT-RISK CHILDREN. Notwithstanding the standing

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1 appropriation in section 279.51 for the fiscal year beginning
2 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated
3 from the general fund of the state to the department of
4 education for programs for at-risk children under section
5 279.51 shall not be more than \$10,524,389. The amount of any
6 reduction in this section shall be prorated among the programs
7 specified in section 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b",
8 and "c".

9 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section
10 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
11 ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated from the general
12 fund of the state to the college student aid commission of
13 the department of education for the work-study program under
14 section 256.209 shall be zero.

15 DIVISION V

16 IOWA TUITION GRANTS

17 Sec. 10. Section 256.183, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 3. "*Eligible institution*" means an institution of higher
20 learning located in Iowa which is operated privately and
21 not controlled or administered by any state agency or any
22 subdivision of the state, which is not exempt from taxation
23 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and
24 which meets all of the criteria in subsection 1, paragraphs
25 "d" through "k", and is a school of barbering and cosmetology
26 arts and sciences licensed under chapter 157 and is accredited
27 by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United
28 States department of education. ~~For the fiscal year beginning~~
29 ~~July 1, 2017, such a school of barbering and cosmetology arts~~
30 ~~and sciences shall provide a matching aggregate amount of~~
31 ~~institutional financial aid equal to at least seventy-five~~
32 ~~percent of the amount received by the institution's students~~
33 ~~for Iowa tuition grant assistance under section 256.191.~~
34 ~~For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the school of~~
35 ~~barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall provide a~~

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1 ~~matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal~~
2 ~~to at least eighty-five percent of the amount received in~~
3 ~~that fiscal year.~~ Commencing with the fiscal year beginning
4 July 1, 2019, and each succeeding fiscal year, the school of
5 barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall provide a
6 matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid ~~shall~~
7 ~~be that is~~ at least equal to the match provided by eligible
8 institutions under [section 261.9, subsection 3](#), paragraph "a",
9 Code 2023.

10 Sec. 11. Section 256.192, subsections 1, 2, 4, and 5, Code
11 2026, are amended to read as follows:

12 1. A vocational-technical tuition grant may be awarded to
13 any resident of Iowa who establishes financial need and who is
14 admitted and in attendance as a full-time or part-time student
15 in a any of the following:

16 a. A vocational-technical or career option program at a
17 community college in the state, ~~and who establishes financial~~
18 ~~need.~~

19 b. An eligible institution.

20 2. All classes, including liberal arts classes, identified
21 by the community college or eligible institution as required
22 for completion of the student's vocational-technical or
23 career option program, or barbering and cosmetology arts
24 and sciences program, shall be considered a part of the
25 student's vocational-technical or career option program
26 or barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences program for
27 the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for a
28 grant. Notwithstanding [subsection 3](#), if a student is making
29 satisfactory academic progress but the student cannot complete
30 a vocational-technical or career option program or barbering
31 and cosmetology arts and sciences program in the time frame
32 allowed for a student to receive a vocational-technical tuition
33 grant as provided in [subsection 3](#) because additional classes
34 are required to complete the program, the student may continue
35 to receive a vocational-technical tuition grant for not more

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1 than one additional enrollment period.

2 4. a. (1) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition
3 grant to a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in a
4 vocational-technical or career option program at a community
5 college shall not exceed the lesser of one thousand two hundred
6 dollars per year or the amount of the student's established
7 financial need.

8 ~~b.~~ (2) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition
9 grant to a qualified part-time student who is enrolled in a
10 vocational-technical or career option program at a community
11 college in a course of study including at least three semester
12 hours but fewer than twelve semester hours or the trimester
13 or quarter equivalent shall be equal to the amount of a
14 vocational-technical tuition grant that would be paid to a
15 full-time student, except that the commission shall prorate
16 the amount in a manner consistent with the federal Pell grant
17 program proration.

18 b. (1) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition
19 grant to a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in an
20 eligible institution for the fall and spring semesters, or the
21 equivalent, shall be the amount of the student's financial need
22 for that period not to exceed six thousand dollars.

23 (2) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition grant to
24 a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in an eligible
25 institution for the summer semester or equivalent shall be
26 one-half the amount of the vocational-technical tuition grant
27 the student receives under subparagraph (1).

28 (3) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition grant to
29 a qualified part-time student who is enrolled in an eligible
30 institution in a course of study including at least three
31 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the
32 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the equivalent, shall be
33 equal to the amount of a tuition grant that would be paid to a
34 full-time student times a number which represents the number
35 of hours in which the part-time student is actually enrolled

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1 divided by twelve semester hours, or the equivalent.

2 (4) If a qualified student receives financial aid under any
3 other program, the full amount of such financial aid shall be
4 considered part of the student's financial resources available
5 in determining the amount of the student's financial need
6 for that period. In no case may the state's total financial
7 contribution to the student's education, including financial
8 aid under any other state or federal program, exceed the
9 tuition and mandatory fees at the eligible institution the
10 student attends.

11 5. A vocational-technical tuition grant shall be awarded
12 on an annual basis, requiring reapplication by the student for
13 each year. Payments under the grant shall be allocated equally
14 among the semesters or quarters of the year upon certification
15 by the ~~institution~~ community college or eligible institution
16 that the student is in full-time or part-time attendance
17 in a vocational-technical or career option program or a
18 barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences program, as defined
19 under rules of the department. If the student discontinues
20 attendance before the end of any term after receiving payment
21 of the grant, the entire amount of any refund due that student,
22 up to the amount of any payments made under the annual grant,
23 shall be paid by the ~~institution~~ community college or eligible
24 institution to the state.

25 Sec. 12. Section 256.194, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
26 amended by striking the subsection.

27 Sec. 13. Section 256.194, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
28 amended to read as follows:

29 3. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025,
30 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
31 the commission for deposit in the vocational-technical tuition
32 grants fund established in [section 256.192, subsection 8](#), the
33 ~~sum of one million seven hundred fifty thousand one hundred~~
34 ~~eighty-five~~ one million eight hundred sixty-three thousand
35 ninety-nine dollars.

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1 Sec. 14. REPEAL. Section 256.191, Code 2026, is repealed.

2 Sec. 15. TRANSFER OF MONEYS. Any moneys appropriated to
3 the college student aid commission for purposes of the Iowa
4 tuition grants for-profit institutions fund established in
5 section 256.191, subsection 8, that remain unencumbered or
6 unobligated as of July 1, 2026, shall be transferred to the
7 vocational-technical tuition grants fund established in section
8 256.192, subsection 8.

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DIVISION VI

10

STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION

11 Sec. 16. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph a,
12 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
14 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department, the amount of
15 five hundred eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the
16 issuance of national board certification awards in accordance
17 with [section 256.44](#). Of the amount allocated under this
18 paragraph, not less than eighty-five thousand dollars shall
19 be used to administer the ambassador to education position in
20 accordance with [section 256.45](#).

21 Sec. 17. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, e,
22 f, and g, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

23 *b.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
24 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, up to seven hundred twenty-eight
25 thousand two hundred sixteen dollars to the department for
26 purposes of implementing the professional development program
27 requirements of [section 284.6](#), assistance in developing model
28 evidence for teacher quality committees established pursuant to
29 section 284.4, subsection 1, paragraph "b", and the evaluator
30 training program in [section 284.10](#). A portion of the funds
31 allocated to the department for purposes of this paragraph may
32 be used by the department for administrative purposes and for
33 not more than four full-time equivalent positions.

34 *c.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026,
35 and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, an amount up to one million

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1 seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ten dollars to the
2 department for the establishment of teacher development
3 academies in accordance with [section 284.6, subsection 10](#). A
4 portion of the funds allocated to the department for purposes
5 of this paragraph may be used for administrative purposes.

6 *e.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
7 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department an amount up to
8 fifty thousand dollars for purposes of the fine arts beginning
9 teacher mentoring program established under [section 256.34](#).

10 *f.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
11 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department an amount up
12 to six hundred twenty-six thousand one hundred ninety-one
13 dollars shall be used by the department for a delivery system,
14 in collaboration with area education agencies, to assist in
15 implementing the career paths and leadership roles considered
16 pursuant to [sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17](#), including but
17 not limited to planning grants to school districts and area
18 education agencies, technical assistance for the department,
19 technical assistance for districts and area education agencies,
20 training and staff development, and the contracting of external
21 expertise and services. In using moneys allocated for purposes
22 of this paragraph, the department shall give priority to school
23 districts with certified enrollments of fewer than six hundred
24 students. A portion of the moneys allocated annually to the
25 department for purposes of this paragraph may be used by the
26 department for administrative purposes and for not more than
27 five full-time equivalent positions.

28 *g.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, and
29 for each subsequent fiscal year, to the department, ten
30 million dollars for purposes of implementing the supplemental
31 assistance for high-need schools provisions of [section 284.11](#).
32 Annually, of the moneys allocated to the department for
33 purposes of this paragraph, up to one hundred thousand dollars
34 may be used by the department for administrative purposes and
35 for not more than one full-time equivalent position.

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DIVISION VII

IOWA SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNCIL — REPEAL

Sec. 18. REPEAL. Section 256.35B, Code 2026, is repealed.

DIVISION VIII

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR A MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT

Sec. 19. Section 257.38, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

Boards of school districts, individually or jointly with boards of other school districts, requesting to use a modified supplemental amount for costs in excess of the amount received under [section 257.11, subsection 4](#), for programs for at-risk students, secondary students who attend alternative programs and alternative schools, and returning dropouts and dropout prevention, shall annually approve, by resolution, comprehensive program plans for the programs and budget costs, including ~~annual~~ requests for a modified supplemental amount for funding the programs. The program plans shall include:

Sec. 20. Section 257.40, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The school budget review committee and the department of education shall not decrease a school district's modified supplemental amount that was approved in a prior budget year due to the failure of the board of directors of a school district to annually approve the school district's program plan for dropout prevention.

Sec. 21. ASSESSMENTS OF NEGATIVE MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT. The school budget review committee and the department of management shall reverse any negative modified supplemental amounts that were assessed against a school district from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, due to the failure of the board of directors of the school district to approve the school district's program plan for dropout prevention in accordance with section 257.38.

DIVISION IX

FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE

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DEVELOPMENT

1
2 Sec. 22. CAREER TRAINING PHYSICAL EXPANSION PROGRAM.

3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
4 to the department of workforce development for the fiscal year
5 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
6 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
7 purposes designated:

8 For deposit in the career training physical expansion
9 program fund created in section 84J.3, if enacted by 2026 Iowa
10 Acts, House File 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026
11 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2168, or successor legislation:
12 \$ 9,500,000

13 2. Moneys appropriated in this section are contingent on
14 the career training physical expansion program fund created
15 in section 84J.3, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts, House File
16 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate
17 File 2168, or successor legislation, receiving no other moneys
18 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in any Act of the
19 general assembly.

20 DIVISION X

21 BASIC ENROLLMENT — CORRECTION

22 Sec. 23. Section 257.6, subsection 2, as amended by 2026
23 Iowa Acts, chapter 1001, section 12, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 2. *Basic enrollment.*

26 a. Basic enrollment for a budget year is the average of
27 a district's actual enrollment for the base year, determined
28 on the date specified under subsection 1, and the district's
29 adjusted enrollment for the base year, determined on the date
30 specified under subsection 7. Basic enrollment for the base
31 year is the average of a district's actual enrollment for the
32 year preceding the base year, determined on the date specified
33 under subsection 1, and the district's adjusted enrollment
34 for the year preceding the base year, determined on the date
35 specified under subsection 7.

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1 degree program designated by an institution as a degree program
2 of three years or less in duration.

3 5. a. Annually, the center for cyclone civics at the Iowa
4 state university of science and technology and the center
5 for civic education at the university of northern Iowa shall
6 designate courses at their respective institutions that satisfy
7 the requirements of this section.

8 b. The center for intellectual freedom at the state
9 university of Iowa shall be the sole academic unit at the
10 state university of Iowa responsible for offering courses that
11 satisfy the requirements of this section.

12 Sec. 25. NEW SECTION. **262.105 Lecture and debate series.**

13 By December 31, 2026, the center for intellectual freedom at
14 the state university of Iowa, the center for cyclone civics at
15 the Iowa state university of science and technology, and the
16 center for civic education at the university of northern Iowa
17 shall each establish an ongoing lecture and debate series. The
18 series must promote civil dialogue and debate on the issues
19 most important to the American republic.

20 Sec. 26. Section 263C.3, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 27. NEW SECTION. **266.8 Annual report — center for
23 cyclone civics.**

24 The director of the center for cyclone civics at the Iowa
25 state university of science and technology shall submit an
26 annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and the
27 state board of regents by December 31. The report must provide
28 a full account of the center's achievements and must identify
29 any opportunities, challenges, and obstacles in the development
30 of the center.

31 Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. **268.6 Annual report — center for
32 civic education.**

33 The director of the center for civic education at the
34 university of northern Iowa shall submit an annual report
35 to the governor, the general assembly, and the state board

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1 of regents by December 31. The report must provide a full
2 account of the center's achievements and must identify any
3 opportunities, challenges, and obstacles in the development of
4 the center.

5 Sec. 29. REVIEW OF GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND CORE
6 CURRICULA. By the semester beginning fall 2028, the board of
7 regents shall conduct a review of all undergraduate general
8 education requirements and core curricula at institutions of
9 higher education governed by the board.

10 Sec. 30. APPLICABILITY. The section of this division of
11 this Act enacting section 262.100 applies to undergraduate
12 students beginning enrollment at institutions of higher
13 education governed by the board of regents in academic years
14 beginning on or after July 1, 2028.

15 DIVISION XII

16 HIGHER EDUCATION — TUITION

17 Sec. 31. Section 262.9, subsection 19, Code 2026, is amended
18 by adding the following new paragraph:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Limit any increase in the amount of
20 tuition charged by an institution of higher education under
21 the board's control to a resident undergraduate student to the
22 average of the increases in the higher education price index
23 in the previous three years. This paragraph does not apply
24 to a resident undergraduate student in an academic year if
25 the tuition amount that can be charged to the student in the
26 academic year is limited pursuant to subsection 43.

27 Sec. 32. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
28 following new subsection:

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. *a.* Direct each institution of higher
30 education governed by the board to establish a policy whereby
31 the tuition amount charged to students classified as residents
32 that is charged to an undergraduate student in the student's
33 first academic year of enrollment, commencing with a first
34 academic year of enrollment beginning in or after 2027, will
35 not increase in the student's subsequent academic years of

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1 undergraduate enrollment.

2 *b.* This subsection only applies to an undergraduate student
3 if, upon enrollment, the student pays a fee to the institution
4 in an amount established by the board not to exceed ten percent
5 of the base resident undergraduate tuition amount for the
6 student's first academic year of enrollment.

7 *c.* For a student who begins the student's first academic
8 year of undergraduate enrollment with sufficient academic
9 transfer credits that the student can complete a baccalaureate
10 degree program in less than four academic years, this
11 subsection only applies for the number of academic years
12 necessary for the student to complete a degree program with the
13 student's academic transfer credits, rounded up.

14 *d.* If an undergraduate student transfers to another
15 institution of higher education governed by the board after the
16 student's first academic year of enrollment, and the tuition
17 amount that would have been charged to the student during that
18 first academic year by the institution to which the student
19 transfers is greater than the amount charged to the student
20 by the institution from which the student transferred, the
21 institution to which the student transfers may charge the
22 student the greater tuition amount.

23 *e.* This subsection does not apply to any academic years
24 beyond three consecutive academic years of undergraduate
25 enrollment after a student's first academic year of enrollment.

26 DIVISION XIII

27 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
28 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING

29 Sec. 33. Section 279.51A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 5. *a.* Each school district shall report to the department
32 of education, in a manner prescribed by the department, an
33 annual count of all incidents of violence that result in
34 injury or property damage or assault by a student in a school
35 building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function,

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1 and any time a student is referred for the use of or transfer
2 to a therapeutic classroom. The report shall include but not
3 be limited to demographic information on students reported as
4 victims and reported as perpetrators of incidents of violence
5 that result in injury or property damage or assault, including
6 but not limited to disaggregated information on race, gender,
7 national origin, age, grade level, and disability, along with
8 any other data required for the department to implement the
9 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by
10 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95,
11 with appropriate safeguards to ensure student privacy. The
12 department shall compile the reports.

13 b. ~~The department shall compile and summarize the reports,~~
14 ~~categorized by behavior, and shall submit the summary an annual~~
15 report to the general assembly by on or before November 1
16 annually each year that contains all of the following:

17 (1) A summary of the annual reports compiled pursuant to
18 paragraph "a".

19 (2) A description of the department's antibullying
20 programming and current and projected expenditures for the
21 antibullying programming for the immediately preceding fiscal
22 year.

23 c. A teacher or administrator who submits a report in
24 accordance with [this section](#) and who meets the requirements of
25 section 280.27 or [section 613.21](#) shall be immune from civil
26 or criminal liability relating to such action, as well as for
27 participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding
28 resulting from or relating to the report pursuant to the
29 provisions of [sections 280.27](#) and [613.21](#). The provisions of
30 section 70A.29 shall apply to a teacher or administrator who
31 submits a report in accordance with [this section](#) or who reports
32 an incident of violence or assault to a local law enforcement
33 agency in good faith and without fraudulent intent or the
34 intent to deceive. Personal information regarding a student
35 in a report submitted pursuant to [this section](#) shall be kept

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1 confidential as required under the federal Family Educational
2 Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and in the same
3 manner as personal information in student records maintained,
4 created, collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation
5 or educational institution in accordance with section 22.7,
6 subsection 1.

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EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill relates to and makes appropriations to the
11 education system. The bill appropriates moneys for FY
12 2026-2027 from the general fund of the state and other funds
13 to the department for the blind, department of education,
14 state board of regents and its institutions, and department of
15 workforce development. The bill is organized by divisions.

16 DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND. The bill appropriates moneys to
17 the department for the blind for its administration.

18 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. The bill appropriates moneys to
19 the department of education for purposes of the department's
20 general administration and for purposes of supporting the
21 department's various entities, programs, funds, and duties,
22 including but not limited to the public broadcasting division,
23 community colleges, the Iowa school for the deaf and Iowa
24 educational services for the blind and visually impaired
25 program, the division of special education, and the college
26 student aid commission.

27 The bill also appropriates moneys from the Iowa skilled
28 worker and job creation fund to the department of education for
29 various purposes.

30 STATE BOARD OF REGENTS. The bill appropriates moneys to
31 the state board of regents for the board office, universities'
32 general operating budgets, the western Iowa regents resource
33 center, the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state university
34 of science and technology, and the university of northern Iowa.

35 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS. For FY 2026-2027, the bill limits

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1 the appropriation associated with programs for at-risk children
2 under Code section 279.51 and eliminates the appropriation
3 associated with the work-study program under Code section
4 256.209.

5 IOWA TUITION GRANTS. Current Code section 256.191
6 establishes a tuition grants program for students attending
7 for-profit institutions, and current Code section 256.192
8 establishes a tuition grants program for students attending a
9 vocational-technical or career option program at a community
10 college. The bill modifies current Code section 256.192 to
11 allow students attending for-profit institutions to apply for
12 a vocational-technical tuition grant. The bill repeals Code
13 section 256.191 and transfers any moneys appropriated for
14 purposes of the Iowa tuition grants for-profit institutions
15 fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated as of July 1,
16 2026, to the vocational-technical tuition grants fund.

17 The bill increases the standing appropriation for tuition
18 grants for qualified students under the vocational-technical
19 tuition grants program.

20 STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION. Code section 284.13 establishes
21 how moneys appropriated for purposes of the student achievement
22 and teacher quality program are to be allocated. The bill
23 extends such allocations to FY 2026-2027. The bill provides
24 that beginning in FY 2027-2028, of the moneys appropriated
25 for purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality
26 program, the final priority for the allocation is \$10 million
27 for purposes of implementing the supplemental assistance for
28 high-need schools provisions of Code section 284.11.

29 IOWA SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNCIL — REPEAL. Current Code
30 section 256.35B establishes an Iowa special education council
31 to act in an advisory capacity to the department of education
32 in promoting, directing, and supervising education for
33 children requiring special education in the schools under the
34 supervision and control of the department. The bill repeals
35 Code section 256.35B.

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1 APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR A MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT.

2 The bill modifies provisions related to what the boards of
3 directors of school districts must approve in order to request
4 to use a modified supplemental amount for costs in excess of
5 the amount received under Code section 257.11(4).

6 The bill prohibits the school budget review committee and
7 the department of education from decreasing a school district's
8 modified supplemental amount that was approved in a prior
9 budget year due to the failure of the board of directors of
10 a school district to annually approve the school district's
11 program plan for dropout prevention.

12 The bill requires the school budget review committee and
13 the department of management to reverse any negative modified
14 supplemental amount that was assessed against a school district
15 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, due to the failure
16 of the board of directors of the school district to properly
17 approve the school district's program plan for dropout
18 prevention.

19 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
20 DEVELOPMENT. The bill appropriates \$9.5 million from the
21 general fund of the state to the department of workforce
22 development for FY 2026-2027 for deposit in the career training
23 physical expansion program fund created in Code section 84J.3,
24 if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2466, section 16,
25 or successor legislation. Moneys appropriated pursuant to
26 this provision are contingent on the career training physical
27 expansion program fund receiving no other moneys for the
28 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in any Act of the general
29 assembly.

30 BASIC ENROLLMENT — CORRECTION. The bill changes a
31 reference from "basic" enrollment to "actual" enrollment to
32 reflect the proper enrollment terminology used to determine
33 basic enrollment under Code section 257.6(2) following
34 enactment of 2026 Iowa Acts, chapter 1001.

35 HIGHER EDUCATION — CIVIC PROFICIENCY. The bill provides

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1 that the state board of regents must require each institution
2 of higher education to establish as a requirement for the
3 completion of any general education requirements or core
4 curricula that an undergraduate student complete introductory
5 survey courses in American history and American government.
6 The requirement applies to undergraduate students beginning
7 enrollment at institutions in academic years beginning on or
8 after July 1, 2028. An institution shall assign a value of
9 at least three semester hours of credit to each course. A
10 required course shall be a comprehensive survey of all American
11 history and American government.

12 A required course shall fulfill the general education or
13 core curriculum requirement for social sciences or humanities,
14 as designated by the institution, that a student is required to
15 complete as a condition of graduation.

16 The bill requires an institution of higher education
17 to provide equivalent credit toward the required courses
18 to a student transferring to the institution for previous
19 substantially similar coursework.

20 The division does not apply to a student completing a degree
21 program designated by an institution as a degree program of
22 three years or less in duration.

23 The bill requires the center for cyclone civics at Iowa
24 state university and the center for civic education at the
25 university of northern Iowa to annually designate courses at
26 their respective institutions that satisfy these requirements.
27 The bill provides that the center for intellectual freedom at
28 the state university of Iowa shall be the sole academic unit at
29 the state university of Iowa responsible for offering courses
30 that satisfy these requirements.

31 The bill strikes a requirement that the center for
32 intellectual freedom at the university of Iowa offer at least
33 one three-semester credit hour course in American history and
34 civil government.

35 The bill requires the state board of regents to conduct a

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1 review of all undergraduate general education requirements and
2 core curricula at institutions by the semester beginning fall
3 2028.

4 The bill requires the center for intellectual freedom at
5 the university of Iowa, the center for cyclone civics at
6 Iowa state university, and the center for civic education at
7 the university of northern Iowa to each establish an ongoing
8 lecture and debate series by December 31, 2026. The series
9 must promote civil dialogue and debate on the issues most
10 important to the American republic.

11 The bill requires the directors of the center for cyclone
12 civics at Iowa state university and the center for civic
13 education at the university of northern Iowa to each submit
14 an annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and
15 the board of regents by December 31. The report must provide
16 a full account of the respective center's achievements and
17 identify any opportunities, challenges, and obstacles in the
18 development of the center.

19 HIGHER EDUCATION — TUITION. The bill requires the
20 state board of regents to direct each regents institution
21 to establish a policy whereby the tuition amount charged
22 to students classified as residents that is charged to an
23 undergraduate student in the student's first academic year
24 of enrollment will not increase in the student's subsequent
25 academic years of undergraduate enrollment. This requirement
26 applies to a student's first academic year of enrollment that
27 begins in or after 2027. The bill provides limitations on this
28 requirement.

29 The bill requires the state board of regents to limit any
30 increase in the amount of tuition charged by an institution of
31 higher education to a resident undergraduate student to the
32 average of the increases in the higher education price index
33 in the previous three years; provided, however, that this
34 provision does not apply to a resident undergraduate student in
35 an academic year if the tuition amount that can be charged to

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1 the student is limited pursuant to the bill's provisions.
2 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
3 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING. The bill requires the department of
4 education to submit an annual report to the general assembly
5 that contains, in part, information related to the department's
6 antibullying programming.

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House Amendment to
Senate File 2379

S-5178

- 1 Amend Senate File 2379, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:
- 3 1. Page 12, after line 8 by inserting:
4 <Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act takes
5 effect July 1, 2027.>
 - 6 2. Page 12, line 19, by striking <federal>
 - 7 3. Page 12, line 23, by striking <state>
 - 8 4. Page 12, line 27, by striking <state>
 - 9 5. Page 12, line 30, by striking <federal>
 - 10 6. Page 13, line 2, by striking <federal>
 - 11 7. Title page, line 4, after <rights> by inserting <, and
12 including effective date provisions>

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SENATE FILE 2489
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3194)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act related to the periods of time to bring civil actions
2 for injuries that result from sex offenses against minors
3 for the purpose of filing claims against the bankruptcy
4 estate of a congressionally chartered organization.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1089, section 3, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 SEC. 3. FUTURE REPEAL. This Act is repealed ~~December 31,~~
4 2026 upon the conclusion of the bankruptcy proceeding described
5 in section 2 of this Act, including all appeals thereto.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1089, establishes a limited
10 exception to the statute of limitations for civil actions
11 arising from injuries resulting from sex offenses against
12 children. The exception applies only to actions brought for
13 the purpose of making a claim against the bankruptcy estate
14 of a congressionally chartered organization in a bankruptcy
15 proceeding initiated on February 18, 2020. Under current law,
16 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1089, is repealed on December 31, 2026.
17 This bill modifies the repeal provision to provide that 2024
18 Iowa Acts, chapter 1089, is repealed upon the conclusion of the
19 bankruptcy proceeding described in the 2024 Act, including any
20 appeals thereto.

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Senate File 2490 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2490
BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2449)
(SUCCESSOR TO SF 546)
(SUCCESSOR TO SF 268)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to oil and gas production, including filing
2 requirements, the authority of the department of natural
3 resources, confidential information, pooling orders,
4 negotiation of surface damage, imposition and distribution
5 of a tax, and jurisdiction.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 8.57A, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. A severance tax account is created in
4 the environment first fund. Moneys in the account in a fiscal
5 year shall be used as appropriated by the general assembly for
6 purposes of supporting water quality projects.

7 Sec. 2. Section 22.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
8 following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 78. Records received, collected, or
10 created in the administration of severance tax for oil and gas
11 production pursuant to section 458A.29, subsection 3.

12 Sec. 3. Section 458A.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
13 following new subsections:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 01. "*Casing*" means the practice of
15 providing structural integrity, stability for unstable geologic
16 formations, and formation isolation, allowing for pressure
17 control via blowout preventer equipment, and allowing for
18 flowback if applicable.

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "*Correlative rights*" means the
20 opportunity afforded to the owner of each property in a pool
21 to produce, so far as it is reasonably practicable to do so
22 without waste, a just and equitable share of the oil or gas, or
23 both, in the pool.

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. "*Exploratory well*" means a well drilled
25 beyond the known producing limits of a pool.

26 NEW SUBSECTION. 20A. "*Well log*" means a record of geologic
27 formations penetrated by the borehole with respect to both time
28 and depth during drilling operations.

29 Sec. 4. Section 458A.4, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
30 by adding the following new paragraph:

31 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0b. Every person acting as a principal or
32 agent for another or independently engaged in the production,
33 storage, transportation, except by railroad, refining,
34 reclaiming, treating, marketing, or processing of oil or gas,
35 or engaged in the exploration for or production of metallic

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1 minerals to file the following with the department on or before
2 April 1 of each year:

3 (1) The name under which the business is being operated.

4 (2) The name and contact information of the person,
5 business, or businesses engaged in the activity.

6 (3) The plan of organization.

7 (4) For a corporation, the following filings apply:

8 (a) The law under which the corporation is chartered.

9 (b) The names and contact information for any person acting
10 as a trustee.

11 (c) The names of the manager, agent, or executive.

12 (d) The names and contact information of all officers.

13 (5) The names and contact information of all owners if the
14 business is conducted under an assumed name.

15 Sec. 5. Section 458A.4, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
16 2026, is amended to read as follows:

17 b. The making and filing of all mechanical well logs and
18 the filing of directional surveys if taken, and the filing of
19 reports on well location, drilling, and production, and the
20 filing free of charge of samples and core chips and of complete
21 cores less tested sections when requested in the department
22 within six months after the completion or abandonment of the
23 well, unless otherwise extended pursuant to section 458A.6A;

24 Sec. 6. Section 458A.4, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
25 following new subsection:

26 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. To allow for variances to any of the
27 department's rules, regulations, or orders. A variance shall
28 be granted in writing by the director without a hearing upon
29 written request of an owner or applicant. The owner or the
30 applicant requesting the variance shall demonstrate that it has
31 made a good faith effort to comply or is unable to comply with
32 the specific requirements contained in the rules, regulations,
33 or orders from which it seeks a variance, and that the
34 requested variance will not violate the basic intent of this
35 chapter. Upon proper submission to the director, the director

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1 shall approve or deny the variance request within fourteen days
2 of receipt. The director shall report any variance granted at
3 the subsequent hearing or otherwise make public any variance
4 granted.

5 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. **458A.6A Confidential information.**

6 If an owner seeks to submit information that is listed
7 as confidential, the owner will confer with the department
8 prior to submitting the information to verify it qualifies
9 as confidential pursuant to the department's rules or
10 otherwise under law. If the information is determined to
11 be confidential, the owner will submit hard copies of the
12 information in nonredacted form but labeled confidential in a
13 conspicuous location on the document. Confidential information
14 shall be maintained as confidential and held without public
15 access for a period of five years, unless otherwise extended
16 by the director for good cause. Confidential information may
17 include the following:

18 1. Monetary amounts, payment terms, drilling obligations,
19 or personal information listed on surface use agreements, oil
20 and gas leases, or rights-of-way agreements.

21 2. Information concerning ongoing commercial negotiations
22 regarding potential or planned routing and location of
23 off-lease midstream gathering systems or infrastructure.

24 3. Confidential geological or geophysical well records
25 pertaining to exploratory wells.

26 4. Information about a proposed transfer of permits and
27 assets.

28 5. Proprietary stimulation or completion chemicals that
29 qualify as trade secrets.

30 6. Personal medical information.

31 7. Commercial information that, if disclosed, would be
32 likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of
33 the person providing the information.

34 Sec. 8. Section 458A.7, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2026, are
35 amended to read as follows:

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1 3. An order establishing spacing units for a pool shall
2 specify the size and shape of each unit and the location and
3 number of the permitted ~~well thereon~~ wells in accordance with
4 a reasonably uniform spacing plan. Upon application, if the
5 director finds that a well drilled at the prescribed location
6 would not produce in paying quantities, or that surface
7 conditions would substantially add to the burden or hazard
8 of drilling such well, the director is authorized to enter
9 an order permitting ~~the~~ a well to be drilled at a location
10 other than that prescribed by such spacing order; however, the
11 director shall include in the order suitable provisions to
12 prevent the production from the spacing unit of more than its
13 just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the pool.

14 4. An order establishing units for a pool shall cover all
15 lands determined or believed to be underlaid by the pool, and
16 may be modified by the director from time to time to include
17 additional areas determined to be underlaid by the pool. When
18 found necessary for the prevention of waste, or to avoid the
19 drilling of unnecessary wells or to protect correlative rights,
20 an order establishing spacing units in a pool may be modified
21 by the director to increase the size of spacing units in the
22 pool or any zone of the pool, or to permit the drilling of
23 additional wells within a spacing unit on a reasonable uniform
24 plan in the pool, or any zone of the pool. Orders of the
25 director may be appealed to the department within thirty days.

26 Sec. 9. Section 458A.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
27 following new subsection:

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. If the department is unable to determine
29 the existence of a pool and the appropriate acreage to be
30 embraced within a spacing unit and the shape thereof based
31 on the evidence introduced at hearing, the department may
32 establish an exploratory spacing unit for the purpose of
33 drilling one or more exploratory wells in order to establish
34 the existence of a pool and the appropriate size and shape of
35 the spacing unit to be applied for future development of the

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1 pool. In establishing the size and shape of the exploratory
2 spacing unit, the department may consider the size and shape
3 of spacing units established by the department for the same
4 pool or formation in other areas, the size and shape of units
5 for similar development in other basins, reservoir modeling or
6 other preliminary data on the pool or formation, and any other
7 information the department deems relevant.

8 Sec. 10. Section 458A.8, Code 2026, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **458A.8 Integration of fractional tracts.**

11 1. When two or more separately owned tracts are embraced
12 within a spacing unit, or when there are separately owned
13 interests in all or a part of the spacing unit, then the owners
14 and royalty owners of the tracts may pool their interests
15 for the development and operation of the spacing unit. ~~In~~
16 ~~the absence of voluntary pooling, the department, upon the~~
17 ~~application of any interested person, shall enter an order~~
18 ~~pooling all interests in the spacing unit for the development~~
19 ~~and operations of the unit. Each pooling order shall be~~
20 ~~made after notice and hearing, and shall be upon terms and~~
21 ~~conditions that are just and reasonable, and that afford to~~
22 ~~the owner of each tract or interest in the spacing unit the~~
23 ~~opportunity to recover or receive, without unnecessary expense,~~
24 ~~a just and equitable share. Operations incident to the~~
25 ~~drilling of a well upon any portion of a spacing unit covered~~
26 ~~by a pooling order shall be deemed for all purposes to be the~~
27 ~~conduct of the operations upon each separately owned tract in~~
28 ~~the drilling unit by the several owners of the unit. That~~
29 ~~portion of the production allocated to each tract included in a~~
30 ~~spacing unit covered by a pooling order shall, when produced,~~
31 ~~be deemed for all purposes to have been produced from the tract~~
32 ~~by a well drilled on it.~~

33 2. ~~Each pooling order shall make provision for the drilling~~
34 ~~and operation of a well on the spacing unit, and for the~~
35 ~~payment of the reasonable actual cost of the well by the owners~~

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~~1 of interests in the spacing unit, plus a reasonable charge for
2 supervision. In the event of any dispute as to such costs,
3 the department shall determine the proper costs. If an owner
4 shall drill and operate, or pay the expenses of drilling and
5 operating the well for the benefit of others, then, the owner
6 so drilling or operating shall, upon complying with the terms
7 of [section 458A.10](#), have a lien on the share of production
8 from the spacing unit accruing to the interest of each of
9 the other owners for the payment of a proportionate share of
10 the expenses. All the oil and gas subject to the lien shall
11 be marketed and sold and the proceeds applied in payment of
12 the expenses secured by the lien as provided for in section
13 458A.10.~~

14 2. In the absence of voluntary pooling pursuant to
15 subsection 1, the director, upon the application by the owner
16 or owners of not less than twenty-five percent of the area of
17 the spacing unit, shall enter an order pooling all interests
18 in the spacing unit for the development and operation thereof.
19 Any such pooling order may authorize cost recovery and risk
20 penalties against nonconsenting owners for a specific well.
21 Each such pooling order shall be made after notice and hearing
22 and with terms and conditions that are just and reasonable.
23 Operations incident to the drilling of a well upon any portion
24 of a spacing unit covered by a pooling order shall be deemed
25 for all purposes to be the conduct of such operations upon
26 each separately owned tract in the unit by the several owners
27 thereof. When produced, that portion of the production
28 allocated or applicable to each tract included in a unit
29 covered by a pooling order shall be deemed for all purposes to
30 have been produced from such tract by a well drilled thereon.

31 3. Each pooling order shall provide for the drilling and
32 operation of a well in the spacing unit, and for the payment of
33 the cost thereof, as provided in this subsection. The director
34 is specifically authorized to provide that the producer shall
35 be entitled to all production from the well that would be

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1 received by the owner or owners, for whose benefit the well
2 was drilled or operated, after payment of royalty as provided
3 in the lease, if any, applicable to each tract or interest or
4 after payment of the royalty if required under subsection 4,
5 and obligations payable out of production, until the producers
6 have been paid the amount due under the terms of the pooling
7 order or order settling the dispute. In the event of any
8 disputed cost, the director shall determine the proper cost.
9 The pooling order shall determine the interest of each owner
10 in the unit, and may provide that each owner who agrees with
11 the producer for the payment by the owner of the owner's share
12 of the costs, unless the owner has agreed otherwise, shall be
13 entitled to receive, subject to royalty or similar obligations,
14 the share of the production of the well applicable to the tract
15 of the nonconsenting owner. Each owner who does not agree
16 shall be entitled to receive from the producer the owner's
17 share of the production applicable to the owner's interest
18 after the producer has recovered the following, subject to the
19 provisions of subsection 4:

20 a. One hundred percent of the nonconsenting owner's share
21 of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond
22 the wellhead connections, including stock tanks, separators,
23 treaters, or pumping equipment and piping, plus one hundred
24 percent of the nonconsenting owner's share of the cost of
25 operating the well commencing with first production and
26 continuing until the nonconsenting owner's relinquished
27 interest reverts under other provisions in this section.

28 b. Up to two hundred percent of that portion of the costs
29 and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging
30 back, testing, and completing, after deducting any cash
31 contributions received, and up to two hundred percent of that
32 portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well,
33 up to and including the wellhead connections, which would have
34 been chargeable to the nonconsenting owner if the owner had
35 participated therein, if the nonconsenting owner's tract or

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1 interest is subject to a lease or other contract for oil and
2 gas development.

3 4. During the time the producer is recovering costs from
4 a nonconsenting owner as authorized in a pooling order issued
5 pursuant to subsection 2, a nonconsenting owner of a tract or
6 interest in a spacing unit that is not subject to a lease or
7 other contract for oil and gas development shall be entitled
8 to a cost-free royalty interest equal to twelve and one-half
9 percent.

10 5. Upon full payment of the recoverable costs as specified
11 in subsection 3, the following shall occur:

12 a. Within thirty days the producer shall notify the
13 nonconsenting owner to offer to the nonconsenting owner the
14 opportunity to participate under the pooling order as a working
15 interest owner. The notice shall state that the nonconsenting
16 owner may elect to participate in the pooling order or may
17 elect to continue receiving the royalty specified in subsection
18 4.

19 b. Within sixty days after receiving notice, the
20 nonconsenting owner shall inform the producer whether the
21 nonconsenting owner wishes to make an election to participate
22 under the pooling order as a working interest owner or continue
23 receiving the royalty specified in subsection 4.

24 c. If the nonconsenting owner fails to respond to the notice
25 within the time specified in paragraph "b", the nonconsenting
26 owner shall be deemed to elect to continue receiving the
27 royalty specified in subsection 4.

28 d. Within five business days after receiving notice of
29 election from a nonconsenting owner or upon expiration of the
30 time specified in paragraph "b", the producer shall notify the
31 director regarding the nonconsenting owner's election or lack
32 thereof.

33 6. An application for pooling shall provide at least the
34 following:

35 a. A certificate of service containing all persons that

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1 have a royalty interest or are owners inside the drilling and
2 spacing unit.

3 b. The applicant's interest type in the drilling and spacing
4 unit.

5 c. The legal description of the lands and the department
6 docket number establishing the drilling and spacing unit sought
7 to be pooled.

8 d. A statement that two or more separately owned tracts or
9 separately owned interests in the drilling and spacing unit
10 have not voluntarily pooled their interests and any valid
11 pooling order for the drilling and spacing unit.

12 e. The American petroleum institute well number of the well
13 subject to the application, if requesting cost recovery or risk
14 penalties.

15 f. A list of all nonconsenting owners in the well that the
16 applicant is seeking cost recovery and risk penalties against
17 at the time of filing the application.

18 g. The cost recovery and risk penalties the applicant is
19 requesting, if any.

20 7. An applicant shall provide at hearing at least the
21 following:

22 a. A copy of the election letter, well proposal, and
23 authorization for expenditure sent to the owners in the
24 drilling and spacing unit.

25 b. The names and interests of all nonconsenting owners and
26 unleased nonconsenting owners in the well.

27 c. Evidence to justify the application of a risk penalty.

28 **Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 458A.26 Negotiation of surface**
29 **damages — appraisers, report, and exceptions — compensation**
30 **commission.**

31 1. Before entering a site that is subject to a pooling order
32 under section 458A.8, or that is within an exploratory spacing
33 unit, with heavy equipment for the purpose of drilling, an
34 operator shall negotiate with the surface owner for the payment
35 of any damages that may be caused by the drilling operation.

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1 If the parties agree and execute a written contract for payment
2 of damages, the operator may enter the site to drill.

3 2. If the parties do not agree to a contract pursuant
4 to subsection 1, or if the operator is not able to contact
5 all surface owners, the operator shall petition the district
6 court in the county in which the drilling site is located
7 for appointment of appraisers to make recommendations to the
8 parties and to the court concerning the amount of damages,
9 if any. After the operator has petitioned for appointment
10 of appraisers, the operator may enter the site to drill.

11 Unless otherwise provided, an operator shall give notice of
12 the petition at least ten days prior to the appointment of
13 appraisers, to each surface owner by personal service or by
14 delivery to the surface owner's address of record with the tax
15 assessor. If a surface owner is not a resident of the state of
16 Iowa, there is no known heir, or a surface owner's whereabouts
17 cannot be ascertained, the operator shall publish notice in one
18 issue of a newspaper having general circulation in the county
19 in which the drilling site is located and the ten-day notice
20 requirement shall begin on the date of publication.

21 3. The operator shall select one appraiser, the surface
22 owners shall select one appraiser, and the two selected
23 appraisers shall select a third appraiser, for appointment by
24 the district court. All appointed appraisers shall be real
25 estate appraisers certified or registered under chapter 543D.
26 The three appraisers shall be appointed within twenty days of
27 service or publication of the notice of the petition, unless
28 the court, for good cause, allows additional time. If either
29 party fails to select an appraiser or if the two appraisers
30 cannot agree on the selection of the third, the remaining
31 required appraisers shall be appointed by the district court
32 upon application of either party. Before entering upon
33 their duties, each appraiser shall take and subscribe an oath
34 that the appraiser will perform their duties faithfully and
35 impartially to the best of their ability. The appraisers shall

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1 inspect the real property and the damage that is observed or
2 expected due to entry upon the land and drilling or maintenance
3 of oil or gas wells on the land. The appraisers shall file
4 a written report within thirty days after appointment with
5 the clerk of court. The report shall set forth the acreage,
6 boundaries, and value of the property entered on or to be
7 utilized for drilling, and the amount of damage done or
8 expected. The appraisers shall make a valuation and determine
9 the amount of compensation to be paid by the operator to the
10 surface owners and the manner in which the compensation shall
11 be paid. The appraisers shall then make a report of their
12 proceedings to the court. The compensation of the appraisers
13 shall be fixed by the court. The operator and the surface
14 owners shall share equally in the payment of the appraisers'
15 fees and court costs.

16 4. a. Within ten days after the report of the appraisers
17 required under subsection 3 is filed, the clerk of the court
18 shall forward to each attorney of record, if any, and each
19 party a copy of the report and a notice stating the time limits
20 for filing an exception or a request for formation of a county
21 compensation commission pursuant to section 6B.4. The operator
22 shall provide the clerk of court with the names and last known
23 addresses of the parties to whom the notice and report shall
24 be mailed, sufficient copies of the notice and report to be
25 mailed, and preaddressed, postage-paid envelopes. The notice
26 shall be on a form prescribed by the department by rule.

27 b. If a surface owner has been served by publication, the
28 clerk shall forward a copy of the report of the appraisers
29 required under subsection 3 and the notice of time limits for
30 filing either an exception or a request for appointment of
31 a compensation commission to the last known mailing address
32 of each surface owner, if any, and shall cause a copy of
33 the notice of time limits to be published in one issue of a
34 newspaper qualified to publish legal notices in the county in
35 which the drilling site is located.

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1 c. After issuing the notice required under this subsection,
2 the clerk shall make appropriate record of the notice and
3 service.

4 d. The time for filing an exception to the report or a
5 request for determination by a county compensation commission
6 shall commence upon the filing of the report of the appraisers
7 with the court.

8 5. Upon written exception filed with the court by a party
9 within thirty days after the filing of the report of the
10 appraisers required under subsection 3, the court shall review
11 the report. If the court finds any disputed issue warranting a
12 hearing, the court shall schedule such hearing with notice to
13 the parties. After the hearing, the court shall enter an order
14 confirming, rejecting, or modifying the report, or, upon a
15 showing of good cause, ordering a new appraisal. If the court
16 orders a new appraisal, the operator shall have a continuing
17 right of entry to the property subject to the posting of a bond
18 under section 458A.4 for the benefit of the surface owners. A
19 party may file an exception to appraisers' fees and court costs
20 that shall be subject to determination by the court.

21 6. A party may, within sixty days after the filing of
22 the report of the appraisers required under subsection 3,
23 file a request for a determination of damages by the county
24 compensation commission formed pursuant to section 6B.4. Such
25 request shall be filed with the chief judge of the judicial
26 district of the county in which the land is located, and shall
27 set forth a description of the property, its location, and the
28 damages alleged, and shall attach the report of the appraisers.
29 The court and the commissioners shall proceed in the manner
30 provided by sections 6B.3 and 6B.4 for the assessment and award
31 of damages. If the damages awarded do not exceed the amount of
32 compensation recommended in the report of the appraisers, the
33 court shall assess the operator's court costs and reasonable
34 attorney fees to the surface owners. If the damages awarded
35 exceed the compensation recommended in the report of the

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1 appraisers, the operator shall be assessed the court costs and
2 reasonable attorney fees of the surface owner.

3 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 458A.27 Imposition of tax — tax rate
4 — valuation taxpayers.

5 1. For the privilege of severing or extracting oil or gas
6 from the lands within the state, there is levied a severance
7 tax on the value of the oil and gas extracted, which shall be in
8 addition to any other taxes imposed by law.

9 2. The severance tax shall be six percent of the fair market
10 value of the oil or gas upon extraction at the wellhead.

11 3. Expenses incurred by the producer prior to valuation are
12 not deductible from taxable value.

13 4. When ownership of oil or gas produced is shared, each
14 owner shall be responsible for payment of its proportionate
15 share of severance tax. A taxpayer paying severance tax on oil
16 or gas production may deduct the taxes paid from any royalty
17 or other amounts due or to become due to the interest owners of
18 such production, in proportion to the interest ownership, in
19 which case the person receiving the royalty or other payment
20 shall not be liable for severance tax.

21 5. The department of revenue may adopt rules pursuant to
22 chapter 17A to administer this section.

23 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 458A.28 Revenue distribution.

24 1. Revenues received from the severance tax collected
25 pursuant to section 458A.27 shall be distributed as follows:

26 a. (1) The severance tax revenues shall be distributed to
27 counties as follows:

28 (a) Nine and nine-tenths percent of severance tax revenue
29 each year shall be distributed to each county in the state in
30 proportion to the county's share of total state population
31 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

32 (b) Five percent of severance tax revenue each year shall be
33 distributed to the counties in which land is located from which
34 oil or gas is produced in proportion to each county's share of
35 the value of oil and gas production for that year.

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1 (2) Distributions to counties under this paragraph shall be
2 used exclusively for any of the following purposes:

3 (a) To construct and maintain county roads.

4 (b) To offset county property tax collections. For
5 distributions used for purposes of this subparagraph division,
6 the county shall adopt a corresponding levy rate reduction.

7 *b.* Five percent of severance tax revenue each year shall be
8 deposited in the road use tax fund established under section
9 312.1.

10 *c.* (1) Ten percent of severance tax revenue each year
11 shall be deposited in the severance tax account within the
12 environment first fund established under section 8.57A
13 for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative
14 administered by the division pursuant to section 466B.42,
15 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
16 purposes, including as provided in this paragraph,
17 notwithstanding section 8.57A, subsection 3.

18 (2) (a) The moneys deposited pursuant to this paragraph
19 shall be used to support demonstration projects in
20 subwatersheds as designated by the department of agriculture
21 and land stewardship that are part of high-priority watersheds
22 identified by the water resources coordinating council.

23 (b) The moneys deposited pursuant to this paragraph shall be
24 used to support demonstration projects in watersheds generally,
25 including regional watersheds, as designated by the division,
26 and high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources
27 coordinating council.

28 (3) In supporting projects in watersheds and subwatersheds
29 as provided in subparagraph (2), all of the following apply:

30 (a) The demonstration projects must utilize water quality
31 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy
32 as defined in section 455B.171.

33 (b) The division shall implement demonstration projects
34 as provided in subparagraph division (a) by providing
35 for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in

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1 agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical,
2 the division shall provide for collaborative participation by
3 such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land
4 located within the same subwatershed.

5 (c) The division shall implement demonstration projects on
6 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. Except for
7 edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the amount shall
8 not exceed fifty percent of the estimated cost of establishing
9 the practice as determined by the division or fifty percent
10 of the actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is
11 less.

12 (d) The demonstration projects shall be used to educate
13 other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing
14 similar water quality practices. The division shall promote
15 field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to
16 establish water quality practices on such persons' agricultural
17 land.

18 (e) The division shall conduct water quality evaluations
19 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period
20 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the
21 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality
22 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a
23 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural
24 land shall be a confidential record.

25 (4) The moneys deposited pursuant to this paragraph shall
26 be used to support education and outreach in a manner that
27 encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural
28 land used for farming to implement water quality practices,
29 including the establishment of such practices in watersheds
30 generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority
31 watersheds.

32 (5) The moneys deposited pursuant to this paragraph may be
33 used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation
34 of efforts provided in this paragraph.

35 (6) The moneys deposited pursuant to this paragraph may be

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1 used by the department of agriculture and land stewardship to
2 support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may
3 include but are not limited to management practices related to
4 bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious
5 pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be
6 allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

7 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
8 contrary, the department of agriculture and land stewardship
9 may use moneys deposited pursuant to this paragraph to carry
10 out the provisions of this paragraph on a cost-share basis
11 in combination with other moneys available to the department
12 of agriculture and land stewardship from a state or federal
13 source.

14 (8) Not more than ten percent of the moneys deposited
15 pursuant to this paragraph may be used for costs of
16 administration and implementation of the water quality
17 initiative administered by the division.

18 *d.* Seventy and one-tenth percent of severance tax revenue
19 each year shall be deposited in the taxpayer relief fund
20 established under section 8.57E.

21 *e.* Distributions to the counties and to the funds under
22 this subsection shall be made quarterly in an amount equal
23 to one-fourth of the estimate of annual total severance tax
24 revenues estimated for the current fiscal year by the revenue
25 estimating committee. The share for producing counties shall
26 be calculated using county production data from the prior
27 fiscal year's severance tax returns.

28 2. By September 15 of each year, the department of
29 revenue shall report actual earnings for the months of
30 the preceding fiscal year for which estimates were used in
31 computing distributions. The department of revenue shall make
32 adjustments to distributions during the current fiscal year in
33 an amount equal to the difference between revenues earned and
34 actual distributions for the preceding fiscal year.

35 3. For purposes of this section, "*division*" means the

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1 division of soil conservation and water quality created within
2 the department of agriculture and land stewardship pursuant to
3 section 159.5.

4 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. **458A.29 Administration**
5 **confidentiality.**

6 1. The department of revenue shall annually value and
7 assess oil or gas production for taxation, in appropriate unit
8 measures, at the fair market value of the product, after the
9 mining is completed or the oil or gas is extracted at the
10 wellhead.

11 2. Annually, on or before June 1, or as soon thereafter
12 as the fair market value is determined under subsection 1,
13 the department of revenue shall certify the valuation of the
14 product to the county assessor of the county from which the oil
15 or gas was produced, and such valuation shall be entered upon
16 the assessment rolls of the county.

17 3. Records received, collected, or created in the
18 administration of the severance tax shall be confidential as
19 follows:

20 a. All taxpayer returns and return information shall be
21 confidential and, except as authorized below, no current or
22 former official, officer, employee, or agent of the state or
23 any political subdivision thereof shall disclose any such
24 information obtained in the course of service as an official,
25 officer, employee, or agent. Taxpayer returns and return
26 information shall include without limitation all statements,
27 reports, summaries, and all other data and documents under
28 audit or provided by the taxpayer in accordance with the
29 provisions of this chapter regarding severance tax.

30 b. Without written authorization from the taxpayer, no
31 current or former official, officer, employee, or agent of
32 the state or any political subdivision thereof shall release
33 taxpayer returns and return information pertaining to taxes
34 imposed by this chapter, except for any of the following
35 reasons:

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1 (1) Information may be released to employees of the
2 department of revenue and employees of the department of
3 justice for official purposes.

4 (2) Upon prior notice to the taxpayer, information may
5 be released by the department of revenue, upon written
6 application, to any other governmental entity if the entity
7 shows sufficient reason to obtain the information for official
8 business, subject to execution of a confidentiality agreement.

9 (3) Information shall be admissible in court or
10 administrative proceedings related to the severance tax or
11 other taxes on oil or gas production or on income of producers
12 or owners, or royalties.

13 c. Units of production reported by the taxpayer and the
14 taxpayer's taxable value are not confidential and may be
15 released.

16 4. Violations of this section shall be subject to the same
17 prohibitions and penalties that apply to other violations of
18 confidentiality requirements applicable to data and records
19 in the custody of the department of revenue for purposes of
20 carrying out its duties.

21 Sec. 15. NEW SECTION. 458A.30 Exclusive jurisdiction and
22 express preemption.

23 1. For purposes of this section:

24 a. "*Commercially reasonable*" means a condition that would
25 allow a reasonably prudent operator to fully, effectively, and
26 economically exploit, develop, produce, process, and transport
27 oil and gas, as determined based on the objective standard of
28 a reasonably prudent operator and not on an individualized
29 assessment of an actual operator's capacity to act.

30 b. "*Oil and gas operation*" means an activity associated
31 with the exploration, development, production, processing,
32 and transportation of oil and gas, including drilling,
33 testing, geological sampling, boring, excavation, hydraulic
34 fracture stimulation, completion, maintenance, reworking,
35 recompletion, disposal, plugging and abandonment, secondary and

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1 tertiary recovery, geophysical surveys related to oil and gas
2 development, and remediation activities.

3 2. An oil and gas operation is subject to the exclusive
4 jurisdiction of this state. Except as provided in subsection
5 3, a county, city, or other political subdivision shall not
6 enact or enforce an ordinance or other measure, or an amendment
7 or revision of an ordinance or other measure, that bans,
8 limits, or otherwise regulates an oil and gas operation within
9 the boundaries or jurisdiction of the respective county, city,
10 or political subdivision.

11 3. The authority of a county, city, or other political
12 subdivision to regulate an oil and gas operation is expressly
13 preempted, except that a county or city may enact, amend, or
14 enforce an ordinance or other measure if the ordinance or other
15 measure does all of the following:

16 a. Only regulates activity related to an oil and gas
17 operation that occurs at or above the surface of the ground
18 and concerns governing fire and emergency response, traffic,
19 lights, or noise, or imposes notice or reasonable setback
20 requirements.

21 b. (1) Is commercially reasonable.

22 (2) An ordinance or other measure is considered prima facie
23 to be commercially reasonable if the ordinance or other measure
24 has been in effect for at least five years and has allowed the
25 oil and gas operations at issue to continue during that period.

26 c. Does not prohibit or effectively prohibit an oil and gas
27 operation conducted by a reasonably prudent operator.

28 d. Is not otherwise preempted by state or federal law.

29 Sec. 16. REPEAL. Section 458A.6, Code 2026, is repealed.

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EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill relates to oil and gas production, including
34 filing requirements, the authority of the department of
35 natural resources (department), confidential information,

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1 pooling orders, negotiation of surface damage, imposition and
2 distribution of a tax, and jurisdiction.

3 The bill provides the director of the department the
4 authority to require yearly filings from every person acting as
5 a principal or agent for another or independently engaged in
6 the production, storage, transportation, except by railroad,
7 refining, reclaiming, treating, marketing, or processing of
8 oil or gas, or engaged in the exploration for or production of
9 metallic minerals that includes names, contact information, and
10 certain organizational details.

11 The bill grants the director the authority to issue
12 variances to any of the department's rules, regulations, or
13 orders. A variance shall be granted without a hearing. The
14 application for a variance must demonstrate a good faith effort
15 or inability to comply with specific requirements. A variance
16 request must be approved within 14 days and shall be made
17 public.

18 The bill allows an owner to make information submitted to
19 the department confidential for five years, unless otherwise
20 extended by the director for good cause. The bill provides
21 procedures to make information confidential and includes
22 examples of types of information that may be determined
23 confidential.

24 The bill allows the department to establish an exploratory
25 spacing unit to drill one or more exploratory wells to
26 establish the existence of a pool and the appropriate size and
27 shape of the spacing unit if it is unable to determine the
28 existence of a pool and the appropriate acreage and shape to be
29 embraced within a spacing unit based on the evidence introduced
30 at hearing.

31 Under current law, in the absence of voluntary pooling, the
32 director must enter an order pooling all interests upon the
33 application of an interested person. The bill requires the
34 application be submitted by the owner or owners of at least 25
35 percent of the area of the spacing unit.

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1 The bill requires each pooling order to provide for the
2 drilling and operation of a well in the spacing unit and
3 for payment of the cost incurred. The bill authorizes
4 the director to ensure the producers are entitled to all
5 production from the well after payment of royalties and other
6 obligations. The bill requires the director to determine costs
7 if there is a dispute. The bill provides that the pooling
8 order must determine the interest of each owner in the unit,
9 including the owner's share of the costs, unless otherwise
10 agreed, and entitles the owners the share of production of
11 the well applicable to the tract of the nonconsenting owner,
12 subject to royalties and other obligations. Owners who do
13 not agree to the pooling order are entitled to a share of
14 the production applicable to the owner's interest after the
15 producer has recovered a certain amount specified in the bill,
16 which includes costs attributed to newly acquired surface
17 equipment beyond the wellhead connections, operation, drilling,
18 reworking, deepening or plugging back, testing, and completing,
19 and newly acquired equipment in the well, up to and including
20 the wellhead connections.

21 The bill provides that a nonconsenting owner of a tract or
22 interest in a spacing unit that is not subject to a lease or
23 other contract for oil and gas development shall be entitled to
24 a cost-free royalty interest equal to 12.5 percent during the
25 time of drilling or operating a well pursuant to the pooling
26 order.

27 After the producer has fully recovered costs as described
28 in the bill, the producer must send a notice within 30 days to
29 any nonconsenting owner to offer participation as a working
30 interest owner under the pooling order. The nonparticipating
31 owner has 60 days after receipt of the notice to accept
32 the offer or may elect to continue receiving the default
33 royalty. If the nonparticipating owner does not respond,
34 the nonparticipating owner will be deemed to have elected to
35 continue receiving the default royalty. The producer must

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1 inform the director of the nonparticipating owner's decision
2 within five business days of receiving an answer or the
3 expiration of time allowed to respond.

4 The bill provides minimum requirements for an application
5 for compulsory pooling and any associated hearing.

6 The bill requires an operator to negotiate with the surface
7 owner for payment of damages caused by drilling operations
8 prior to entering a drilling site with heavy equipment that is
9 subject to a pooling order or within an exploratory spacing
10 unit. If the parties execute a written agreement, the operator
11 may enter the site. If the parties do not reach an agreement
12 or the operator cannot contact all of the surface owners, the
13 bill requires the operator to petition the district court
14 for appointment of licensed real estate appraisers to assess
15 damages. After filing the petition, the bill allows the
16 operator to enter the site to drill. The bill establishes
17 notice requirements to surface owners, including personal
18 service or publication, if necessary.

19 The bill provides that one appraiser is selected by the
20 operator, one by the surface owners, and a third by the other
21 selected appraisers, subject to court appointment, and provides
22 appointment procedures. The bill requires the appraisers to
23 inspect the property and file a report with the court within 30
24 days that includes the acreage, boundaries, and value of the
25 property entered on or to be utilized for drilling, and the
26 amount of damage done or expected. The appraisers shall make
27 a valuation and recommended compensation. The bill provides
28 that compensation of the appraisers is fixed by the court, with
29 costs shared equally between the operator and surface owners.

30 The bill establishes procedures for providing notice of the
31 appraisers' report and for filing exceptions. The bill allows
32 a party to file an exception with the court within 30 days
33 after the report is filed, and the court may confirm, reject,
34 modify, or order a new appraisal after a hearing. The bill
35 also allows a party to request a determination of damages by

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1 a county compensation commission within 60 days. The bill
2 provides that court costs and reasonable attorney fees shall
3 be assessed against a party depending on whether the final
4 award exceeds or is less than the amount recommended in the
5 appraisers' report.

6 The bill levies a severance tax on oil and gas production in
7 this state. The bill sets the tax at a rate of 6 percent of
8 the fair market value of the oil or gas upon extraction at the
9 wellhead and provides that expenses incurred prior to valuation
10 are not deductible. When ownership is shared, each owner
11 is responsible for a proportionate share of the tax, and a
12 taxpayer paying the tax may deduct the amount from the royalty
13 or other payments due to other interest owners. The bill
14 allows the department of revenue to adopt rules to administer
15 the tax.

16 The bill provides for the distribution of severance tax
17 revenues. A portion of the revenues shall be distributed
18 to counties based on population and to counties based on
19 production, which distributions must be used to construct
20 and maintain county roads or offset property taxes. The
21 bill also provides for distributions to the road use tax
22 fund, the environment first fund for support of water quality
23 projects, and the taxpayer relief fund. The bill requires
24 distributions to be made quarterly based on revenue estimates,
25 with subsequent adjustments as needed.

26 The bill provides for administration of the severance tax
27 by the department of revenue, including annual valuation and
28 certification of oil and gas production to county assessors.
29 The bill establishes confidentiality requirements for taxpayer
30 information, including returns and return information, with
31 certain exceptions allowing disclosure to specified government
32 entities in identified instances. The bill also provides that
33 units of production and taxable value are not confidential
34 and may be released, and that violations of confidentiality
35 requirements are subject to existing penalties.

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1 The bill provides that oil and gas operation is subject
2 to the exclusive jurisdiction of this state. Except for
3 certain exceptions, the bill prohibits a county, city, or other
4 political subdivision from enacting or enforcing any ordinance
5 or other measure that bans, limits, or otherwise regulates oil
6 and gas operation within its jurisdiction.

7 The bill establishes a limited exception allowing a county
8 or city to enact or enforce an ordinance regulating activities
9 of an oil and gas operation that occurs at or above the surface
10 of the ground and concerns fire and emergency response,
11 traffic, lighting, noise, notice requirements, or reasonable
12 setbacks. The bill provides that such ordinance must be
13 commercially reasonable, must not effectively prohibit oil and
14 gas operation conducted by a reasonably prudent operator, and
15 must not otherwise be preempted by state or federal law.

16 The bill further provides that an ordinance is presumed to be
17 commercially reasonable if it has been in effect for at least
18 five years and has allowed the oil and gas operations at issue
19 to continue during that time.

20 Under current law, the department has the authority to
21 determine market demand for oil and gas for each marketing
22 district and to regulate the amount of production. The bill
23 eliminates this authority from the department.

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Senate Resolution 113 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Tom Shipley for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Tom Shipley was first elected in
4 November 2014 and has proudly served in the Senate ever
5 since; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley was born and raised in
7 Adams County, and is the fifth generation of his family
8 to be involved in agriculture in Adams County; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley earned a bachelor of
10 science degree in agricultural education from Iowa
11 State University of Science and Technology and devoted
12 much of his life to agriculture, including working as
13 a livestock production specialist for Land O'Lakes, a
14 feed department manager at United Farmers Mercantile
15 Coop, and director of issues and policy management for
16 the Iowa Cattlemen's Association; and

17 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator
18 Shipley proudly worked on promoting and protecting
19 agriculture in Iowa, strengthening rural public schools
20 and communities, and making the state a better place
21 for families, as well as being a continuing voice for
22 rural people of Iowa; and

23 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator
24 Shipley strongly advocated for the needs of rural
25 schools by ensuring continued funding for operational
26 sharing and transportation equity, was instrumental in
27 the process of building the new veterinary diagnostic
28 lab at Iowa State University of Science and Technology,

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1 helped increase railroad responsiveness and cooperation
2 throughout this state, and supported historic tax cuts
3 to give the state a competitive edge; and

4 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator Shipley
5 has served on the Agriculture, Appropriations,
6 Education, Ethics (chair), Human Resources, Judiciary,
7 Labor and Business Relations (ranking member), Local
8 Government (chair), Natural Resources and Environment
9 (vice chair), and Transportation (vice chair)
10 committees; the Agriculture and Natural Resources
11 Appropriations Subcommittee (chair); and the Iowa
12 Commission on Interstate Cooperation, Flood Mitigation
13 Board, Prescription Pain Medication Study Committee,
14 and Sex Offender Research Council; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley has further demonstrated
16 his commitment to civic engagement by serving his
17 community on the Villisca school board, the Villisca
18 volunteer ambulance service, the First Presbyterian
19 Church, and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley is grateful to the citizens
21 of his district for placing their trust in him, and
22 looks forward to his next endeavors; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
24 Senator Tom Shipley for his years of public service to
25 his community and to the state of Iowa and wishes him
26 all the best in the years to come.

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Senate Resolution 114 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Julian Garrett for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Julian Garrett was first elected
4 to the House of Representatives in November 2011 where
5 he served until winning a special election in November
6 2013 for the Senate where he has served ever since; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett earned a bachelor of arts
8 degree from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and a Juris
9 Doctor from the University of Iowa College of Law; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett is a retired attorney and
11 farmer living in Warren County with his wife, Nancy,
12 and has three children; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett thoroughly enjoyed his
14 time as a volunteer coach for Little League and
15 soccer, serving on the Indianola Little League Board of
16 Directors, and coaching middle school mock trial teams,
17 taking two of those teams to the state tournament; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett takes great pride in being
19 a long-time Farm Bureau member and raising his purebred
20 Charolais cattle on the farm; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett has been an active member
22 of the Warren County Republican Central Committee for
23 over 40 years, and twice served as Ronald Reagan's
24 campaign chairman in Iowa's former fifth congressional
25 district; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett previously served for 12
27 years as Iowa's assistant attorney general in charge
28 of consumer protection; and

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1 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator
2 Garrett served on the Justice Systems Appropriations
3 Subcommittee (chair and ranking member); the
4 Appropriations, Education, Local Government (chair),
5 Government Oversight (ranking member), International
6 Relations, Judiciary (vice chair), Transportation,
7 and Health and Human Services committees; the Elder
8 Abuse Prevention and Intervention Study Committee, the
9 Civil and Criminal Forfeiture Study Committee, the
10 Prescription Pain Medications Study Committee, and the
11 Violence in Iowa Study Committee; and the Investment
12 Board of the Iowa Public Employee's Retirement System,
13 the Iowa Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and the
14 Commission on Tobacco Use Prevention and Control; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Senator Garrett has
16 championed efforts to overhaul the nomination process
17 for judges and supported historic tax cuts for Iowans,
18 welfare reform, and the protection of fetal life; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett is grateful to his
20 constituents for their faith in him over the last
21 several years and allowing him to be their voice in the
22 Iowa Senate since 2013; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
24 Senator Julian Garrett for his 15 years of service in
25 the Iowa General Assembly and wishes him all the best
26 in the years to come.

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Senate Resolution 115 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Cherielynn Westrich for
2 her service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Cherielynn Westrich was first
4 elected to serve in the House of Representatives in
5 November 2020, and soon after she ran for the Senate
6 and was elected in November 2022; and

7 WHEREAS, prior to being elected, Senator Westrich
8 showed her remarkably versatile talents as a vocalist,
9 songwriter, comedian, actress, golfer, fisher, welder,
10 and mechanic, even releasing the hit song "Life of P"
11 with her band The Rentals; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Westrich spent her time in the
13 Senate working to lower taxes, reduce regulations,
14 decrease government spending, promote on-the-job
15 training for college students, protect second amendment
16 rights, and help the small businesses of Iowa grow; and

17 WHEREAS, the efforts of Senator Westrich have led
18 to several impactful pieces of legislation, including
19 ensuring the privacy and safety of children in school
20 restrooms and changing areas, strengthening penalties
21 for human trafficking, and protecting children from
22 sexual exploitation; and

23 WHEREAS, during her tenure in the House of
24 Representatives and the Senate, Senator Westrich
25 served as a member of the Commerce, Judiciary,
26 Local Government, Public Safety (vice chairperson),
27 Education, Ethics, Natural Resources and Environment,
28 and State Government committees; the Justice System

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1 Appropriations Subcommittee (vice chairperson); and the
2 Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Study Committee and the
3 Child Care Advisory Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Westrich continues her commitment
5 to her community as a small business owner and through
6 her involvement with the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra,
7 the Midwest Ford Show, the Friends of the National
8 Rifle Association, the Izaak Walton League, and the
9 Heartland Humane Society; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
11 Senator Cherielynn Westrich for her service in the
12 Senate, and wishes her all the best in the years to
13 come.

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Senate Resolution 116 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY KLIMESH

1 A Resolution deferring action on the confirmation of
2 certain appointments.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate, under
4 the provisions of section 2.32, subsections 5 and 7,
5 defers the consideration of the confirmation of all
6 appointments that have been or are submitted by the
7 Governor or by an appointing authority other than the
8 Governor by, on, or after April 15, 2026, and that have
9 not yet been confirmed by the Senate by April 15, 2026.

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Senate Resolution 117 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Ken Rozenboom for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Ken Rozenboom was first elected in
4 November 2012 and has proudly served in the Senate ever
5 since; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Rozenboom has worked for years on
7 the family farm, and previously worked in agricultural
8 supplies sales and production management, allowing
9 him to bring a significant depth and breadth of
10 agricultural knowledge to the Senate; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Rozenboom has also served his
12 community as an elder in his church, as a member of the
13 Mahaska County Board of Supervisors and as a member
14 of numerous other community boards, councils, and
15 commissions, including Farm Bureau, the Eighth Judicial
16 District Department of Correctional Services, the
17 Ten-Fifteen Transit Board, the Central Iowa Juvenile
18 Detention Center, the Area 15 Regional Planning
19 Commission, the AHEAD Regional Housing Trust Fund, the
20 Human Services Resource Council, and the Christian
21 Opportunity Center; and

22 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator
23 Rozenboom has worked tirelessly to protect Iowa
24 farmers, cut taxes, improve water quality, ensure
25 school choice, and preserve life for all Iowans; and

26 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator Rozenboom
27 has served on the Appropriations, Natural Resources
28 and Environment (ranking member, chair), Rules and

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1 Administration, Veterans Affairs (ranking member,
2 vice chair), Agriculture (vice chair), Education
3 (chair), State Government (chair), Transportation,
4 and Ethics (vice chair) committees; the Agricultural
5 and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
6 (ranking member, vice chair, chair); the All-terrain
7 and Off-road Utility Vehicle Study Committee, the Local
8 Government Mandates Study Committee, and the Small City
9 Clean Water Standards Compliance Study Committee; the
10 Statewide Fire and Police Retirement System Board of
11 Trustees, the Watershed Improvement Review Board, the
12 Flood Mitigation Board, and the Education Commission
13 of the States; the School Finance Formula Review
14 Committee, the State Government Efficiency Review
15 Committee (co-chair), the Studies Committee of the
16 Legislative Council, and the Legislative Council;
17 and has also served as President Pro Tempore of the
18 Senate; and

19 WHEREAS, in recognition of his dedication to
20 public service, Senator Rozenboom received the Herbert
21 Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award from the Hoover
22 Presidential Foundation in 2019; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
24 Senator Ken Rozenboom for his years of service in the
25 Iowa Senate and wishes him a long and happy retirement.

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Jack Whitver for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, in 2011 Senator Jack Whitver was first
4 elected to the Iowa Senate where he served in multiple
5 leadership roles representing his constituents; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver is a proud lifelong Iowan,
7 having grown up in Grinnell and then graduating from
8 the Iowa State University of Science and Technology
9 where he started as a wide receiver on the Cyclones
10 football team and finished his playing career ranked in
11 the team's top 10 for all-time career receptions and
12 receiving yards; and

13 WHEREAS, immediately following his graduation from
14 Iowa State University having earned both a Bachelor
15 of Science and a Master of Business Administration,
16 Senator Whitver started his first small business that
17 he grew into various other businesses, relying on both
18 the values with which he was raised and his experience
19 founding and growing a small business to shape his
20 political philosophy; and

21 WHEREAS, shortly after his first election to the
22 Senate, Senator Whitver earned his Juris Doctor from
23 Drake University Law School where he was named to the
24 Drake Law Review; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver was elected President of
26 the Senate by his colleagues in November 2016 and then
27 in March 2018, Senator Whitver was first elected as
28 the Senate Majority Leader, a position to which he was

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1 reelected after the 2020 election, the 2022 election,
2 and the 2024 election; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver led one of the most
4 conservative, productive, and largest chamber
5 majorities in Iowa history, eventually gaining a
6 Republican supermajority in the Senate under his
7 leadership, which was the first time either party
8 held such a majority in over half a century, all
9 while prioritizing conservative legislative goals
10 including simplifying the regulatory structure in
11 Iowa, historically reducing income tax, and strongly
12 protecting life and the Second Amendment, while
13 also focusing on solutions to critical issues like
14 protecting girls' sports and private spaces, welfare
15 reform, tort reform, and election integrity; and

16 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator Whitver
17 has served on the Appropriations, Commerce, Economic
18 Growth, Government Oversight, Human Resources,
19 Judiciary, Labor and Business Relations, Rules
20 and Administration (chair), and State Government
21 committees; the Legislative Council (chair and vice
22 chair), the Administration Committee (chair and vice
23 chair), the Service Committee (chair and vice chair),
24 the Studies Committee (chair and vice chair), and
25 the Capital Projects Committee; the Council on Human
26 Services, the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki)
27 Board, the Iowa Innovation Council, the Iowa Law
28 Enforcement Academy Council, the Medical Assistance
29 Projections and Assessment Council; and the State
30 Government Efficiency Review Committee; and

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1 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver is a faithful member of the
2 Lutheran Church of Hope and continues to enjoy his work
3 as an entrepreneur and attorney; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver looks forward to spending
5 more time with his wife Rachel and three children,
6 pursuing his next endeavors, and will be forever
7 grateful to the citizens of his district for placing
8 their trust in him; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
10 Senator Jack Whitver for his dedicated service to the
11 people of Iowa and wishes him all the best in the years
12 to come.