

WEEKLY BILL TRACKING

Thurs. Jan. 28 – Wed. Feb.3, 2021

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC RESEARCH STAFF

Agriculture

[HSB 4](#) **School Permits for Farm Employment.** The bill allows students with school permits to drive to farms for farm work as long as it isn't more than 50 miles from their home. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Calendar

Commerce

[HF 235](#) **Consumer Credit Transactions.** Allows \$30 or 10% fee on non-bearing interest loans. (passed House floor 86-2) to Senate.

[HF 236](#) **Repurchase Agreements.** Allows life insurance companies to reinvest in repurchase agreements secured by US Treasury beyond 270 days. (passed House floor 88-0) to Senate.

[HF 84](#) **Fluoride Notification.** Requires public water utilities to notify consumers if discontinue fluoride within the water system. (passed Committee 19-0) to House Calendar.

[HSB 90](#) **Alcohol Beverage Division.** Division bill that clarifies sealing requirements within Code chapter. (passed Committee 19-0) to House Calendar.

Economic Growth

[HF 2](#) **Tax Credits for Childcare Center Development.** The bill allows developers to receive tax credits for building or renovating childcare centers. (passed Committee 16-1) to Ways and Means Committee

[HF 3](#) **High Quality Jobs for Childcare Centers.** The bill expands the High Quality Jobs program to allow companies to receive tax credits and grants to build on-site, low-cost childcare centers. (passed Committee 16-1) to Ways and Means Committee

Education

[HF 228](#) **Eliminates Voluntary Diversity Plans.** Under open enrollment, the bill eliminates voluntary diversity plans, and thus, a student could not be denied open enrollment for outside the district for a school district having such a plan. Davenport, Des Moines, Postville, Waterloo and West Liberty currently have the plans to provide a more ethnic and income balanced district. (passed House, 56-32) to Senate Education Committee

[HF 315](#) **At-Risk Funding.** Two out of three funding streams under Iowa statute 256A go to At-Risk kids and this bill would add the third. The bill also codifies current practice that prevents At-Risk funding dollars for students in a combination of preschool and Kindergarten classes. (passed Committee 22-0) to House calendar

- [HF 316](#) **Open Enrollment Funding Date.** The date for which a student is counted to be in a particular district for open enrollment purposes, would be the school count date of Oct. 1. (passed Committee 22-0) to House Calendar
- [HF 317](#) **Children Living Facilities Funding Allocation.** Changes the funding allocation to Child Living Facilities from months to days that the child has lived in the school district. (passed Committee 22-0) to House Calendar
- [HF 318](#) **Preschool Allowed for 5-Year Olds.** Expands Iowa's voluntary preschool program to include 5-year olds. A preference would be given to 4-year olds for seating. (passed Committee 22-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 107](#) **School Board Report on Nonprofit School Organizations.** Eliminates the report required by school districts on their nonprofit school organization to the Department of Education (DE), and in turn, it eliminates the requirement that DE include such information in their annual report. (passed Committee 19-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 108](#) **Child Development Council Duties.** Eliminates the duties that the Child Development Council that they no longer do, including recommending to the General Assembly, appropriate curricula and staff qualifications and training for early elementary education. It also eliminates the board duty of evaluating the degree as to which programs compliment existing programs and services for at-risk three-year olds and four-year olds. (passed Committee 19-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 109](#) **Open Enrollment Deadline and Good Cause Exceptions.** Matching Kindergartners, the bill changes the deadline to open enroll for preschoolers enrolled in special education to September 1 of the current school year. For those that do not meet the deadline to open enrollment, the bill adds to the list of circumstances for a good cause exception, the change of address of a different parent, and the placement of a child in preschool in special education. (passed Committee 19-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 110](#) **Concurrent Enrollment Assessment.** To take concurrent enrollment classes right now, a student needs to pass at proficiency level in Math, Science and in English on the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISAP). This bill keeps ISAP's as an option and adds a list of options for home schoolers, such as a written recommendation from a teacher, achievement scores from annual home school evaluation, writing skills assessment, ACT test, and a critical reading and math test. If the student is still not proficient, the school district and the community college can jointly agree on measures. Those could include a community college placement test such as Accuplacer or Aleks. (passed Committee 22-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 144](#) **Elimination of the Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Fund and Transfers Funds.** Eliminates the Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Fund and transfers the unobligated funds to the Teach Iowa Scholar Program fund. (passed Committee 19-0) to House Calendar
- [SF 160](#) **In-Person Instruction Requirement.** All schools are required to provide an option for full-time 100% in-person instruction unless this requirement is explicitly waived in a proclamation by the Governor for emergency health disaster related to COVID-19. A school

district or accredited nonpublic school that is not providing an opportunity for full-time in-person instruction, will be required to provide to parents and guardians of students enrolled in the school a notice of the opportunity to select full-time in-person instruction. It will allow the parent or guardian at least five-days to decide whether to select the full-time in-person option for their child. (passed House 59-39) Signed by Governor, effective January 29th, implementation February 15th.

Human Resources

- [HSB 74](#) **Controlled Substances.** Conforms the state chemical designation list to the federal Controlled Substances Act. (passed House Human Resources Committee 17-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 121](#) **Birth Control-Standing Order.** Governor's birth control bill from 2019 that creates a standing order from the Medical Director of the Department of Public Health (IDPH) that allows pharmacists to dispense birth control to women (18 years and older) without a prescription under clearly defined circumstances. (passed House Human Resources Committee 15-2) to House Calendar
- [HF 53](#) **Medication Abortion Reversal.** Forces facilities where abortions are performed to post a sign in their office stating the effectiveness and the potential of reserving a medication-induced abortion. Also makes doctors provide false information to their patients. (passed House Human Resources Committee 11-6) to House Calendar
- [HF 88](#) **Audio-Only Telemedicine.** Directs the state's health-related boards to write rules allowing for the use of audio-only telemedicine for their various professions. (passed House Human Resources Committee 17-0) to House Calendar

Judiciary

- [HF 11](#) **Child Support for Certain High Schoolers.** Changes support payments for children still completing high school. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HF 199](#) **Replacing "Visitation" with "Parenting Time."** Replaces the term "visitation" in Iowa Code with "parenting time." (passed House 88-0) to Senate
- [HF 201](#) **Sex Offender Registry Duration and Sexually Motivated Extortion.** Creates a new sex offender status for extortion that is sexually motivated and requires a sex offender who must register in another jurisdiction to register in Iowa for a period equal to the Iowa requirement or the other jurisdiction's requirement.. (passed House 88-0) to Senate
- [HF 232](#) **Disorderly Conduct Intent.** Adds the requirement for unreasonable distress to be done intentionally or recklessly to be disorderly conduct. (passed House 88-0) to Senate
- [HF 360](#) **Probate Costs.** Standardizes probate court costs across the state. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar

- [HF 361](#) **Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem for Child Prosecution Witnesses.** Expands the ages that a prosecuting witness who is a child is entitled to a guardian ad litem in certain cases. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HF 364](#) **Athlete Agent Updates.** Updates the activities of athlete agents related to the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HF 365](#) **Notice of Garnishment.** Allows for service of notice of garnishment in the same manner as the original notice by personal service. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HF 366](#) **Probate Successor Actions.** Clarifies representation in certain actions involving deceased individuals. Amendment 35.44 requires a personal representative to be appointed for a deceased if an action is continued. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HJR 5](#) **Abortion Constitutional Amendment.** Amends the Iowa Constitution to not recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or require public funding of abortion. (passed House 55-44) to Senate Calendar
- [HSB 16](#) **Sexual Abuse Expansion.** Expands sexual abuse in the 2nd degree, a class “B” felony, from sexual abuse involving a child under the age of 12 to under the age of 14. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 24](#) **Rape Kit Automated Collection.** Establishes a collection and tracking system for sexual abuse evidence collection kits. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 68](#) **Forfeiture of Bail.** Extends the amount of time a court may set aside a forfeiture of bail. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 78](#) **Recording Adoption Hearings and Shorthand Reporters.** Allows for adoption hearings to be electronically recorded and extends the allowance for uncertified shorthand reporters from six months to one year. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Calendar

Public Safety

- [HSB 87](#) **Corrections Confidential Records.** Allows Corrections employees to access certain records with Director authorization. (passed Committee 16-0) to House Calendar.
- [HSB 98](#) **Drug Control Policy.** Drug Control Policy department bill that updates Code section. (passed Committee 16-0) to House Calendar.
- [HSB 134](#) **Department of Defense.** DOD bill amending their Code chapter to extend armory leases and allow internal discipline relating certain acts committed while on duty. (passed Committee 16-0) to House Calendar.
- [HSB 136](#) **Emergency Contact Database.** Requires DOT to create an emergency contact information database for law enforcement use relating to vehicle accidents. (passed Committee 16-0) to House Calendar.

[HSB 142](#) **Disorderly Conduct.** Creates new actions and penalties under Disorderly Conduct Code chapter. (passed Committee 13-3) to House Calendar.

[HF 192](#) **Child Sex Assault Awareness.** Requires school districts to provide child abuse/awareness prevention instruction. (passed Committee 16-0) to House Calendar.

State Government

[HF 313](#) **Minor Business.** Expands the lemonade stand law from last year that prohibits any local government from imposing registration or fees for a business operated by a minor. (passed Committee 21-2) to the House Calendar.

[HF 314](#) **Government Leases.** Requires and establishes notice requirements relating leases or purchases of property by DAS or an executive branch authority. (passed Committee 22-0) to the House Calendar.

[HF 311](#) **Game Nights.** Expands the amount of game nights from one a year to one a month for licensed qualified organizations. (passed Committee 20-2) to the House Calendar.

[HF 358](#) **Campaign Finance.** Requires a delineation between in state and out of state contributions for candidates running for office. Also creates another filing report. (passed committee 20-2) to House Calendar.

[HF 357](#) **Massage Therapists.** This puts licensed massage therapist in the mandatory reporter for child abuse and dependent adult abuse. (passed Committee 21-0)

[HF 359](#) **Promotional Savings Account.** Allows for a bank or credit union to do a promotional savings account. (passed Committee 17-5) to House Calendar.

[HSB 54](#) **411 Pension.** Makes a change to a member's benefit and brings them closer to what those who are in IPERS protected class receive. (passed Committee 21-0) to House Calendar.

[HSB 127](#) **Lottery Bill.** This is a lottery department bill that updates definitions and code to reflect common and current practice. (Passed Committee 21-0) to House Calendar.

[HSB 155](#) **Pledge of Allegiance.** This legislation requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to offer the pledge of allegiance daily to students. A student can not be required to say the pledge or not partake due to religious reasons. (Passed Committee 20-1) to House Calendar.

[HSB 160](#) **ABATE.** A resolution that allows for ABATE to do their toy drive on the Capitol Complex and sell merchandise. (Passed Committee 21-0) to House Calendar.

Transportation

- [HSB 81](#) **Salvaged Vehicles.** The bill increases the threshold for when a car is deemed salvaged to 70%. (passed Committee 15-5) to House Calendar
- [HSB 82](#) **Driver's Education.** The bill adds distracted driving instruction as part of driver's education. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 83](#) **Chauffeur's license.** The bill eliminates the class D-2 chauffeur's license and exempts from the definition of chauffeur, firefighters and ambulance attendants. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 86](#) **License Plates, Registration Fees, and Franchise Obligations.** The bill allows people to return license plates to any county treasurer, strikes the documentary fee rollback and keeps the documentary fees for tax, title, and license at \$180, and proscribes the manner in which warranty reimbursement rates and parts are determined for work performed by dealers for manufacturers. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 100](#) **Fleet Permits During Presidential Disasters.** The bill allows entire fleets of divisible loads to apply for special permits through the DOT during times of presidential declared major disasters for the purpose of transporting goods needed. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Calendar
- [HF 75](#) **Electronic Devices While Driving.** The bill prohibits any use of an electronic device while driving except when using the device in hands-free mode, voice commands, or technology built into the car. The fine for violating the law is \$100 and it is a moving violation. (passed Committee 18-2) to House Calendar

Veterans Affairs

- [HSB 42](#) **Veterans Organizations-Property Tax Exemption.** Strikes the requirement that an organization who receives a property tax exemption be made with only veterans of any war. Now, organizations can apply for this exemption if they are composed of veterans. (passed House Veterans Affairs Committee 16-0) to House Calendar
- [HSB 45](#) **Appropriation-County Veterans Affairs Offices-Training.** Increases the appropriation to the county veteran affairs by \$300,000 (for a total of \$1.3 million) annually. Currently, each county receives \$10,000, and this would increase that amount to \$13,000. That extra \$3,000 is to be used for national training for the county officers and staff. (passed House Veterans Affairs Committee 15-1) to House Appropriations Committee

Ways & Means Committee

- [HF 367](#) **Burial Trust Fund Tax Exemption.** Exempts from state individual income tax interest and earnings from a burial trust fund. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Ways & Means Calendar
- [HF 370](#) **Business Child Care Tax Credit.** Creates a tax credit for businesses providing child care benefits to employees. (passed Committee 18-2) to House Ways & Means Calendar

[HF 368](#)

Transfer of Rent Reimbursement Program. Transfers the elderly and disabled rent reimbursement program from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Human Services. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Ways & Means Calendar

[HF 369](#)

Adoption Tax Credit Increase. Increases the tax credit for adoption expenses. (passed Committee 20-0) to House Ways & Means Calendar

[HSB 40](#)

Out of County Driver's License Fee. Allows counties to collect an additional convenience fee for issuing driver's licenses or nonoperator's identification cards to nonresidents of the county. (passed Committee 16-2) to House Ways & Means Calendar

[HSB 93](#)

Multiresidential Reclassification. Reclassifies multiresidential property as residential property starting in Tax Year 2022. (passed Committee 18-0) to House Ways & Means Calendar