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### Week in Review

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This Friday was the last day for individual legislators to request bill drafts. While bills can still be filed in the coming weeks, we are fast approaching the first funnel when bills (excluding tax and spending legislation) must pass out of committee to “stay alive.” The first funnel is March 5.

Senator Adrian Dickey (R-Packwood) was sworn in on Monday after the canvassing board certified the special election results. Dickey won a special election in January to fill the seat for Senate District 41 which was left vacant when Marinette Miller-Meeks won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional seat. Senator Dickey was assigned the Labor and Ways and Means committees and is Vice Chair of Transportation. Read more [here](#).

Governor Reynolds announced new funds available to small rural cities for housing. \$300,000 was allocated for the Rural Innovation Grant Program for ideas on community investment and \$100,000 for the Rural Housing Assessment Grant Program to analyze data and make changes to codes, ordinances, and incentives. Applications for the programs are due April 16 and are open to cities with population under 20,000. Read more [here](#).

The House passed 6 childcare bills Wednesday night fulfilling their promise stating that childcare would be a top priority for the session. The bills passed with mostly unanimous support with one bill, [HF 260](#), passing 70-24. Read more [here](#).

Governor Reynolds announced appointments to Iowa’s boards and commissions. A list of all the appointments can be found [here](#).

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### Education Funding

The Legislature began meeting this week to determine funding for K-12 education. Each chamber has a slightly different bill for funding Iowa schools, but both have an increase in the base funding for state aid. The Senate passed their version, [SF 269](#), containing an increase of 2.2% to state aid to about \$7,218 per student on Tuesday with Senator Bisignano voting with Republicans to pass it. The House version passed the Senate language Thursday night. The current funding rate is \$7,048 per student which accounts for roughly 87.5% of school funding with the remaining coming mostly from local property taxes.

- [SF 269 Fiscal Note](#)
- [Iowa Senate passes 2.2 percent K-12 school funding increase](#)



### Bills on the Move

Below are bills of interest. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

- [HF 294](#). Successor to HF 89. Requires reimbursements for telehealth services to be the same as in-person. Passed House Human Resources and is eligible for floor debate in the House with Rep. Fry as floor manager. Fiscal Note: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FN/1211014.pdf>
- [HF 270](#). *Medical Residency Interviews*. Requires University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics to offer a residency interview to any applicant who graduated from an Iowa college or medical college. Passed committee 13-7. Floor manager Ann Meyer.
- [HSB 168](#). *Dental & Medical School Admissions*. Requires Regents to create a policy that 75% of admission to University of Iowa medical & dental schools be Iowans or attended an Iowa college. Passed committee 13-7. Floor manager Ann Meyer.
- [SF 129](#). *Rural Primary Care Loans*. Adds OB-GYNs to eligibility for loan repayment in the Rural Primary Care Loan Repayment program and strikes the exceptional circumstances requirement for a participant to have a part-time practice. Passed committee 20-0. Floor manager Tom Moore.
- [SF 81](#). *Primary Care Pilot Project*. Requires Medicaid to create a program to allow recipients to enter a primary care arrangement with outside providers with Medicaid as the payor and includes childless adults and pregnant women in the eligibility. Passed committee 8-5. Floor manager Garrett.
- [SF 125](#). *Child Immunization Information*. Requires medical examiners investigation form to request vaccinations for children ages 0-3. Passed committee 8-5. Floor manager Carlin.
- [SSB 1095](#). *Pharmacy Shots*. Allows pharmacists to test and treat flu, strep, and COVID. Allows pharmacists to give patients over the age of 3 federally recommended vaccinations. Strikes authority of pharmacists to administer nicotine replacement, TDAP vaccinations, and the last 2 doses of HPV vaccinations to patients over 11. Allows pharmacists to give flu and other shots to patients at least 6 months old in a public emergency. Passed committee 13-0. Floor manager Edler.
- [HSB 46](#). *Drug Reports*. Require drug manufactures to file annual reports on wholesale costs to the Insurance Commissioner and requires the Commissioner to publish that information on the internet. Requires manufacturers to report on drugs with monthly cost of more than \$100 if the price increases more than 15% in a year or 40% over 3 years. Passed committee 21-0. Floor manager Lundgren.

### In the News

Below are articles of interest from the week. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

- [Bill would protect financial advisors reporting elder abuse](#)
- [Another Push At Statehouse To Limit Co-pays For Insulin](#)
- [Statewide competition looking for Iowa small businesses wanting to expand](#)
- [Bill would ditch Iowa's requirement for front bumper license plates](#)
- [Nearly 150 Iowa National Guard Soldiers deploying after Camp Dodge send-off ceremony](#)
- [Auditor, legislator at odds over changing law to avoid federal fine](#)



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## 2021 Legislative Update

### Next Week Capitol Schedules

#### IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 6, February 15-19, 2021

\*\*\*Subject to Change\*\*\*

Monday, February 15	Tuesday, February 16	Wednesday, February 17	Thursday, February 18	Friday, February 19
	<b>9:00 SESSION</b>  <b>10:00 Local Government</b> Senate Chamber  <b>11:00 Commerce</b> Senate Chamber	<b>9:00 SESSION</b>	<b>9:00 SESSION</b>  <b>10:00 Transportation</b> Senate Chamber  <b>11:00 Appropriations</b> Senate Chamber	
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>1:00 SESSION</b>  <b>2:00 Veterans Affairs</b> Senate Chamber  <b>3:00 Human Resources</b> Senate Chamber	<b>1:00 Agriculture</b> Senate Chamber  <b>2:00 Natural Resources and Environment</b> Senate Chamber  <b>3:00 Judiciary</b> Senate Chamber	<b>2:00 Education</b> Senate Chamber  <b>3:00 State Government</b> Senate Chamber	<b>1:00 Ways and Means</b> Senate Chamber	All committees on call

House of Representatives Schedule for *Week 6, February 15 - 19, 2021*  
Prepared in the Office of House Speaker Pat Grassley

Monday, February 15	Tuesday, February 16	Wednesday, February 17	Thursday, February 18	Friday, February 19
<b>11:00 Subcommittee Block</b> Reserve Subcommittee space with the clerk's office	<b>7:30 Subcommittee Block</b> Reserve Subcommittee space with the clerk's office  <b>8:30 SESSION</b>  <b>9:00 Budget Sub</b>  Admin/Reg - Rm. 19  Eco Devo- Rm 103  Education - Rm. 102  <b>10:30 Budget Subs</b>  Ag- Rm 15  HHS- Rm 103  Justice Systems - Rm 19  Tran/Infra/Caps - Rm. 102	<b>7:30 Subcommittee Block</b> Reserve Subcommittee space with the clerk's office  <b>8:30 SESSION</b>  <b>9:00 Budget Subs</b>  Admin/Reg - Rm. 103  Education - Rm. 102  Justice Systems - Rm 19  <b>10:30 Human Resources</b> Law Library  <b>11:30 Education</b> Law Library  <b>Commerce</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	<b>7:30 Subcommittee Block</b> Reserve Subcommittee space with the clerk's office  <b>8:30 SESSION</b>  <b>9:30 State Government</b> Law Library  <b>Public Safety</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber  <b>10:30 Human Resources</b> Law Library  <b>Local Government</b> RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult  <b>Agriculture</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber  <b>11:30 Transportation</b> Law Library  <b>InfoTech</b> RM 19  <b>Environmental Protection</b> RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult  <b>Veterans Affairs</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>1:00 SESSION</b> Reserve Subcommittee space with the clerk's office  <b>2:00 Judiciary</b> Law Library  <b>Natural Resources</b> RM 19  <b>Labor</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber  <b>3:00 Education</b> Law Library  <b>Commerce</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber  <b>4:00 Ways and Means</b> Law Library  <b>Appropriations</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	<b>12:00 Subcommittee Block</b> Reserve Subcommittee space with the clerk's office  <b>2:00 State Government</b> Law Library  <b>Economic Growth</b> RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult  <b>Public Safety</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	<b>12:30 Subcommittee Block</b> Reserve Subcommittee space with the clerk's office  <b>2:00 Judiciary</b> Law Library  <b>3:00 Ways and Means</b> Law Library  <b>Appropriations</b> RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		

### Key Dates for 2021 Session

The new Iowa Legislative Session Timetable has been published. Here is the [link](#) and included below is important dates as we approach the 2021 Iowa legislative session.

<b>January 11</b>	First Day of Legislative Session
<b>January 12</b>	Governor's Budget Released Governor gives her Condition of the State Address to Joint Session
<b>February 12</b>	Final day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests
<b>March 5</b>	First Funnel. All Senate and House bills must be out of one full committee
<b>April 2</b>	Second Legislative Funnel. Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain "alive"
<b>April 12</b>	Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate
<b>April 30</b>	110 <sup>th</sup> Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end.



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