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Client Newsletter

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Week in Review

The Legislature is two weeks past their targeted adjournment date, April 19, which was also the date their per diem ran out. Progress has been made on a few policy priorities, but school choice remains at the forefront of the log-jam. The Senate has also not released any of their budget targets. As a reminder, the Legislature is required by law to pass a budget before adjourning. This week, the Senate met on Monday and cleared eight bills out of the chamber. Six were sent to Governor Reynolds for her signature and two bounced back to the House. The Legislature did not meet Tuesday or today, and plan to gavel-in on Thursday morning, but are not expected to do any floor or committee work. There are still no predictions on when a compromise will be met and the legislature will adjourn.

Bills Signed by Governor Reynolds

[HF 364](#) **SPORTS AGENT ACTIONS** - Strikes prohibitions against an agent furnishing anything of value to a student athlete before the athlete enters into a contract with the agent unless doing so could result in the loss of eligibility for the athlete. Makes an exception if the athlete acknowledges receipt of the item of value and the agent informs the athletic director of the school where the athlete intends to enroll. Prohibits an agent from encouraging another person to take this actions that would be prohibited for agents. Makes changes to

[HF 825](#) **CONSENT AGREEMENTS** - Strikes requirements that a court make of finding of sexual abuse or domestic abuse before approving a consent agreement.

[HF 2079](#) **BAILABLE OFFENSES** - Adds certain sex abuse offenses to the list of offenses that require a person to appear before a magistrate before the person can be released on bail.

[HF 2097](#) **BAIL FORFEITURE** - Extends the period of notice before bail is forfeited to 30 days' notice to the defendant and sureties.

[HF 2126](#) **ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS** - Changes references to the annual state comprehensive financial report.

[HF 2154](#) **PENSION RECORDS** - Strikes language that the records of pension system that have information on members and beneficiaries are not public records and deems records with SS numbers, addresses, balances or payments or information on investments as not public records.

[HF 2155](#) **CEMETERY/FUNERAL SERVICES** - Prohibits the transfer of sale agreements for funeral services until the seller has transferred copies of all the agreements and certain other information to the buyer. Requires disclosures to the Insurance Commissioner. Includes requirements on annuities used to fund such agreements, on written plans and on other matters.

[HF 2172](#) **HEALTH CARE FACILITY VIOLATIONS** - Updates rule citations for self-reported violations by health care facilities.

[HF 2201](#) **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** - Controlled Substances: Updates provisions on controlled substances to conform with the federal provisions. PMAC: Authorizes the BOP to appoint the members of the Prescription Monitoring Advisory Council and makes other changes to the powers and composition of the PMAC. Directs the BOP to adopt rules.

[HF 2217](#) **INSURANCE FILINGS** - Requires the person with ultimate control over an insurer to file certain group capital calculations and information with the lead state commissioner. Defines such calculations. Requires filings of liquidity stress tests with the lead commissioner. Includes requirements for such filings. Deems various supporting documentation as regulatory tools and not as a means to rank insurers. Prohibits public announcements of such results, except to rebut the falsity of certain other announcements.

[HF 2258](#) **IOWA HOMELESS COUNCIL** - Reduces the number of members of the Iowa Council on Homelessness to 11 voting public members appointed by the Governor and 9 non-voting agency directors. Makes related procedural changes and changes to the duty of the Council to use existing resources to keep people from becoming homeless. States the intent of the Legislature that at least eight current members should be reappointed to the Council.

[HF 2300](#) **CAP & COAST GUARD MEMBERS** - Deems that a CAP (civil air patrol) member

who is covered as a dependent under an under-25 health insurance policy and who is on duty when the policy terminates is considered to have been continuously insured when returning to coverage as a dependent. Excludes CAP members and Coast Guard members from provisions which exclude coverage for line-of-duty injuries from group insurance coverage. Extends various protections from discrimination, health care coverage and leaves of absence to Coast Guard members.

[HF 2330](#) **ELECTRONIC INSURANCE POLICIES** - Allows an employer to consent to the electronic delivery to group health plan documents to the employee-members, unless there is a federal requirement specifying modes of delivery. Requires the employees to receive paper notice prior to the start of electronic delivery. Requires notice each time a document is posted on the internet as to what is in the document. Requires that employees who request paper copies receive a copy without charge. Makes definitions.

[HF 2378](#) **RACEHORSE AFTER CARE** - Increases the amount of purse money for thoroughbred racehorse organization for an aftercare program for racehorses. Requires the money be distributed to non-profits that retrain and rehome retired racehorses and have been in existence for at least three years.

[HF 2399](#) **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION** - Prohibits a Utilization Review Committee from limiting or revoking a prior authorization after the health care service has been provided. Requires the provider to be reimbursed at the contracted rate. Makes the prior authorization good for at least 90 days. Excludes prescription drugs and dental services. Includes exceptions if the provider or covered person has committed fraud or submitted inaccurate information/failure of timely submission from the provider, that the patient/service was not covered, that the provider no longer had a contract or that the carrier is not liable for the service.

[HF 2462](#) **SELLING HEROIN** - Increases the penalties for the manufacture or delivery, or possession with intent, for heroin: Class B felony (over 100 grams); Class C (under 100 grams).

[HF 2469](#) **MODEL CORPORATE LANGUAGE** - Updates the Iowa Business Corporation Act with model legislation on e-mails, shareholder lists and records, and makes corrective and terminology changes.

[HF 2515](#) **DISASTER FUNDS** - Allows the DHS/ED to use the interest from flood recovery funds to reimburse the expenses of voting board members and for other costs. Effective on enactment.

[HF 2516](#) **APPOINTING ATTORNEYS** - Allows a court to appoint two attorneys for an indigent defendant if one of the attorneys is an assistant state public defender in the Wrongful

Conviction Division after a private attorney has been appointed to represent the indigent defendant.

[HF 2552](#) **DOR BILL** - Enacts various changes related to administrative procedures on record retention, electronic filings, fees for copies of returns, electronic communications with taxpayers, tax remittances to the DOR, reviews by the Property Tax Board, increases the salary range for the board, appeals, wage assignments, pass-through tax credits, publication of interest rates, aviation and marine fuel taxes, reporting dates, makes changes to out-of-state collections and the inheritance tax, and changes to the Business Property Tax Credit and other matters.

[SF 2080](#) **STUDENT HEALTH SCREENINGS** - Prohibits public schools from doing invasive physical exams, or screenings not required by law, of students without written permission. Makes exceptions for emancipated minors, emergent care situations and child abuse assessments. Makes definitions.

[SF 2233](#) **LAND SURVEYING SYSTEM** - Allows the Iowa Plane Coordinate System to be used in land surveying and makes conforming and other changes. Defines the Iowa Plane Coordinate System as defined by the US National Geodetic Survey, or successor.

[SF 2310](#) **HOUSING COOPERATIVES** - Allows establishing a non-agricultural co-op for the purpose of owning multiple housing properties.

[SF 2322](#) **COPYING RECORDS COSTS** - Requires copying costs for public records to be reasonable. Allows for appeals of the costs. Does not allow costs for legal counsel for the review or redaction of records to be included.

[SF 2324](#) **REAL ESTATE TEAMS** - Requires real estate teams that are assigned to the same broker to display the name of the broker on advertising materials.

Appropriations Bill Tracker

| 2022 Appropriations Bills Tracker | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| HF 2650 | Agriculture and Natural Resources | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 3.23 | In Senate Approps 3.29 | |
| HF 2565 | Administration and Regulation | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 3.24 | In Senate Approps 3.29 | |
| HF 2564 | Economic Development | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 3.24 | In Senate Approps 3.29 | |
| HF 2578 | Health and Human Services | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 4.5 | In Senate Approps 4.12 | |
| HF 2575 | Education | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 3.29 | In Senate Approps 3.31 | |
| HF 2558 | Judicial Branch | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 3.22 | In Senate Approps 3.24 | |
| HF 2559 | Justice System | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 3.22 | In Senate Approps 3.24 | |
| HF 2579 | Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 4.5 | In Senate Subcommittee 4.12 | |
| HF 2557 | Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals | NOBA | Amended & Passed House 3.22 | Passed Senate Committee 4.13 | In Senate 4.14 |

All NOBA's can be Read Here

In The News

- [Iowa Legislators to Compete in Softball Game for Charity](#)
- [Iowa Legislature Remains At Standstill Over School Voucher Issue](#)
- [The Soul Of Iowa](#)
- [May Is Mental Health Awareness Month: Increase Understanding, Reduce Stigma](#)
- [Drafted SCOTUS decision opens door for abortion access limitations in Iowa](#)
- [AP: Fed to fight inflation with fastest rate hikes in decades](#)

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2022 Session Timeline

The full 2022 legislative calendar can be found [here](#).

Below are the key dates of interest.

JANUARY 10 – First day of session (Iowa Code Sec. 2.1)

JANUARY 11 - Governors Condition of the State Address

FEBRUARY 18 – Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of Senate committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of House committees (First Funnel)

MARCH 18 – Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of House committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of Senate committees (Second Funnel)

APRIL 19 – 100th calendar day of the session (Per diem expenses end)

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