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State Policy Update

Adjournment

The state legislature adjourned for the year over the weekend. Bills passed by the legislature now move to the Governor's desk who has 30 days to either sign or veto legislation.

Check out the sections below for updates on the bills that passed and highlights on this year's appropriations. Looking for more detailed analysis on this year's budget bills? Click [here](#) for information.

Legislation

[House File 681](#) Permits qualified entities to request national criminal history checks of certain covered individuals.

Passed House on April 9th and passed Senate on April 23rd. Governor signed the bill into law on May 1st.

[Senate File 245](#) Relates to eligibility and reporting requirements for the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program. Passed Senate on March 20th and passed House on April 3rd. The Governor signed the bill into law on April 16th.

[Senate File 567](#) Relates to disqualifications from holding certain professional licenses for persons convicted of certain felonies. Passed Senate on April 17th with amendment and returned to House for vote. Passed House on April 22nd. The bill will now be sent to the Governor.

Appropriations

[House File 758](#) Department of Education Appropriations. Also funds the College Student Aid Commission, the Department for the Blind, and the State Board of Regents. Awaiting Governor's signature. Highlights of the budget include:

- An **increase** of \$14.7 million to the College Student Aid Commission.
 - A **new** appropriation of \$13.0 million for the Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship Program and \$130,000 to administer the program.
 - An increase of \$1.1 million for the Iowa Tuition Grant Program.
- An **increase** of \$11.8 million to the Department of Education.
 - An **increase** of \$322,000 for Career and Technical Secondary.

- An **increase** of \$1.0 million for the Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates (iJAG) program.
- An **increase** of \$6.0 million for General Aid for Community Colleges.
- A **new** appropriation of \$500,000 for Adult Education and Literacy to reduce waiting lists at community colleges for instruction in English as a Second Language.
- **GAP Tuition Assistance:** Reduces the period of time for which family income is considered from six months to three months, and removes limitation of one eligible certificate program per individual.

[House File 766](#) Department of Human Services

Appropriations. Awaiting Governor's signature. Highlights of the budget include:

- A **decrease** of \$35.7 million to the Department of Human Services.
 - A **decrease** of \$1,000 for the Family Investment Program
- Appropriates \$130.5 million for various DHS programs from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (**TANF**) Federal Block Grant.

[Senate File 608](#) Economic Development Appropriations.

Awaiting Governor's signature. Highlights of the budget include:

- A **new** appropriation of \$1.2 million for the Iowa Employer Innovation Fund.
- A **new** \$100,000 appropriation to the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services for the Volunteer Mentoring Program.
- A **new** \$300,000 appropriation for supporting innovative rural projects.
- A **new** \$1.0 million for the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Grant Fund.
- A **new** \$150,000 appropriation to Iowa Workforce Development for an employee to coordinate Future Ready Iowa efforts.
- An **increase** of \$50,000 for the Offender Reentry Program.
- A **decrease** of \$2.0 million for the High Quality Jobs Program.

Important Dates

May 27 **Deadline for Governor to sign bills into law**

This update is a bi-weekly publication intended to share information and resources regarding legislative activities, events, and bills related to workforce issues in Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Britney Samuelson at bsamuelson@sppg.com or 515-237-0340.