

		IACCT Bill Watch	April 12, 2019
Category	Bill #	Bill Explanation	Comments
Appropriations	HF 758	Relating to the funding of, the operations of, and appropriation of moneys to the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, and the state board of regents.	Introduced and placed on Appropriations calendar on 4/1. Approved 58 to 53 with two amendments: H-1125 and H-1127. Assigned to Appropriations subcommittee of Kraayenbrink, Koelker, Quirnbach, Sinclair, and Wahls on 4/9.
Elections	HF 652 (Previously HSB 48 and 1480 DP)	School elections changes to combined city and school elections changing the time to withdraw as a candidate; changing canvas and recount deadlines; and requires boards to organize following the canvas.	Committee report, approving bill on 3/11. Referred to State Government on 4/4.
Elections	SF 575 (Previously SSB 1241)	Makes numerous adjustments to state and local elections including: dates for special elections; bond issue disclosure language on the ballot; board vacancies and board elections.	Introduced and placed on calendar; committee report, approving bill on 3/11. Smith added much of this bill into HF692 on 4/2. Referred to State Government on 4/4.
K12	HF 119	Deems that the statewide maximum adjusted property tax rate shall not be less than the lowest such rate among all Iowa school districts.	Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Hein, Jacoby, and Windschitl on 1/29.
K12	HF 306	Relating to public school funding by establishing the state percent of growth beginning July 1, 2019, modifying provisions relating to the property tax replacement payments.	Substituted for SF 172; passed house on 2/11 and passed senate on 2/13. Signed by Governor on 2/19.

K12	HF 307	Relating to public school funding by modifying provisions relating to the regular program state cost per pupil, making appropriations to the transportation equity fund.	Substituted for SF 171; passed house on 2/11 and passed senate on 2/13. Signed by Governor on 2/19.
K12	SF 21	FYI Bill: increasing approved tax credits for school tuition organization tax credit.	Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Feenstra, Jochum, and Smith on 1/15.
K12	SF 139 (Previously SSB 1029)	Requires high school students to complete personal finance literacy unit in order to graduate.	Passed Senate on 2/18 and passed file on to the House on 2/19. Placed on calendar under unfinished business on 3/14.
K12	SF 159	Authorizes DOE to set minimum passing scores for completing a teacher preparation program in order to receive the initial license.	Passed Senate on 3/28. Passed House 4/1. Sent to Governor 4/1.
K12	SF 394	Allows schools to meet course requirements by using distance learning through the Iowa online initiative or through an online course developed by the school or through a private provider approved by the DOE.	Passed Senate on 3/26. Committee report, recommending amendment and passage on 4/4. Amendment H-1133 filed on 4/4. Placed on calendar under unfinished business on 4/11.
K12	SF 445 (Previously SF 29)	Provides additional weighting for limited English proficient students and increases the time for the weighting to five years.	Introduced and placed on calendar; committee report approving bill on 3/4. Fiscal note on 3/5. Assigned to Appropriations subcommittee of Breitbach, Celsi, and Kraayenbrink on 3/12.
K12	SF 577 (Previously SSB 1233)	Establishes the criminal offense of sexual exploitation of a 4+ services student.	Introduced and placed on calendar; committee report approving bill on 3/11. Passes Senate 4/1. Filed as Unfinished Business 4/2.

K12	SF 603 (Previously SF 488 and SSB 1163)	Authorizes school districts to utilize concurrent enrollment classes to meet math and science requirements under educational standards; allows nonpublic schools to enter into concurrent enrollment contracts with community colleges; provides additional exceptions to offer and teach requirements; revised supplemental weighting for liberal arts and sciences classes; addresses the 23-hour rule with the provision that the student must pay for any coursework over 23 hours per year.	Read for the first time; committee report, approving bill on 3/25.
Operations	HF 238	Creates a legislative tax credit review committee.	Assigned to Ways & Means subcommittee of Hein, Jacoby, and Windschitl on 2/5.
Operations	HF 437	Prohibits state licensing boards from the suspension or revocation of a license based on a student loan default or delinquency repayment or a service obligation.	Assigned to State Government subcommittee of Anderson, Deyoe, and Sorensen who recommended passage on 3/6. Companion bill to SF 304. Withdrawn on 3/26.
Operations	HF 531	Strikes wage computations for certain workers whose employer goes out of business that credit the worker with 1/2 the covered wage instead of 1/3.	Assigned to Labor and Business Relations subcommittee of Brown, Carlin, and Dotzler on 3/26. Subcommittee meeting on 4/2. Recommended passage 4/3. Placed on calendar under unfinished business on 4/11.

Operations	HF 597 (Previously HSB 166)	Requests the establishment of an interim study committee to evaluate the impact of state assistance program income restriction guidelines.	Placed on calendar on 3/4. Amendment H-1014 filed on 3/11. Referred to Human Resources on 4/4.
Operations	HF 715 (Previously HSB 160)	Iowa Public Information Board bill regarding public notice requirements under the open meetings law.	Introduced and placed on calendar on 3/12. Referred to Local Government on 4/4.
Operations	SF 186 (Previously SF 43)	Excludes certain 11-passenger vehicles as school buses and limits their use to transporting students to events or to/from home in unusual situations.	Assigned to Transportation subcommittee of Breitbach, Kinney, and Koelker on 1/23. Reported out of committee as SF 186. Committee report, approving bill on 2/5. Attached to similar HF 499 on 3/25. Placed on calendar under unfinished business.
Operations	SF 197 (Previously SF 58)	Requires Iowa DE to adopt rules to allow 9-passenger pick up for schools; excludes 12-passenger vehicles as a school bus limiting their use to transporting students to events or to/from home in unusual situations.	Introduced, placed on calendar, committee approving bill on 2/6. (See SF 43). Passed senate and read to the house; passed on file. Placed on calendar under unfinished business on 3/14.

Operations	SF 272 (Previously SSB 1066)	Adds parties involved in serving intermediaries for educational loans; expands requirements for intermediaries; debtor's rights to cancel loan contracts.	Introduced, placed on calendar, committee approving bill on 2/14. Passed senate and read to the house; passed on file. Placed on calendar under unfinished business on 3/14.
Operations	SF 274 (Previously SSB 1099)	The bill requires that public postsecondary institution boards adopt a policy describing the function and roles of institutions in regards to speech - including bounds, freedom to assemble, spontaneous expression, public forums, and reasonable time, place and manner restrictions.	Passed Senate on 3/11 and passed House on 3/14. Signed by Governor on 3/27.
Operations	SF 275 (Previously SSB 1009)	Makes it a Class D felony to threaten to cause serious injury or death to person in a school, public place, or occupied structure that is not a single-family home.	Introduced on 2/14. Passed Senate. Referred to Judiciary subcommittee of Bergan, Kaufmann, and B. Meyer on 3/20. Subcommittee on 3/25. Committee report, recommending passage on 4/4; amendment H-1135 filed. Placed on calendar under unfinished business on 4/11.
Operations	SF 278	Requires community colleges and regents to provide financial literacy programing for student loan borrowers.	Assigned to Education subcommittee of Rozenboom, Sweeney, and Wahls on 2/18. Subcommittee recommends indefinite postponement 2/25.
Operations	SF 283	Increases the threshold amounts to \$6,000 for certain contracts between local governments/schools and employees before such contracts are covered under conflict of interest provisions.	Introduced and placed on calendar on 2/18. Passed Senate on 4/1. Read first time, passed on file on 4/2.

Operations	SF 319 (Previously SF 207)	Allows qualified peace officers and retired peace officers to provide street or highway driving instruction.	Education Committee approved 2/20. Passed Senate on 3/12. Assigned to Transportation subcommittee of A. Meyer, Thorup, and Williams on who recommend passage on 3/20. House Committee recommends passage 4/1. Placed on calendar under unfinished business on 4/11.
Operations	SF 329 (Previously SSB 1016)	Expert witness testimony in child sexual abuse and child endangerment cases; may impact campus daycares and fitness facilities open to the public.	Introduced and placed on calendar. Committee report, approving bill on 2/20. See HSB 19. Placed on calendar as Unfinished Business on 4/4. Passed Senate 48-0 on 4/9. Sent to House; read first time and passed on file on 4/9.
Operations	SF 334 (Previously SSB 1131)	Provides for a verification of a public assistance program applicant's eligibility (including food stamps).	Introduced, placed on calendar, committee approving bill on 2/20. Fiscal note on 2/28. Amendment filed on 3/21. Bill deferred on 3/28. Passed Senate 4/1. Referred to House Human Resources 4/2.
Operations/ Political	SF 336 (Previously SF 53)	Makes it a serious misdemeanor for an Iowa employer to prohibit, limit, or require approval for political contributions by employees.	Introduced, placed on calendar, committee approving bill on 2/20. Referred to State Government 4/4.
Operations/ Political	SF 341 (Previously SF 63)	Defines assistance and service animals, their uses, owner liability, and provides penalties.	Introduced, placed on calendar, committee approving bill on 2/21. Passed Senate on 3/19. Assigned to Commerce subcommittee of Judge, Landon, and Sorensen on 3/20. Committee report, recommending passage on 3/26. Passed House 99-0 on 4/10.
Operations	SF 367	Eliminates the Education Technology Council and the Regional Telecommunications Councils and makes conforming changes.	Passed Senate on 3/11. Passed House on 3/12. Signed by Governor on 3/21.

Operations	SF 438 (Previously SSB 1190)	The bill strikes certain mandates from code that K12, Regents and Community Colleges must abide by. The section pertaining CCs is about Green Cleaning Products.	The Education Committee approved the bill for the Calendar with A487. This amendment excludes CCs and Regents from Green Cleaning requirements. Passed Senate on 3/20 and assigned to Education subcommittee of Dolecheck, Matson, T. Moore, R. Smith, and Wheeler. House subcommittee recommends passage and amendment 4/1.
Operations	SF 502	Specifically authorizes public employees to disclose information to the human resources division and seek injunctive relief to enforce Code provisions against reprisals against employees	Passed Senate on 3/26. House Subcommittee recommends passage 4/1.
Operations	SF 516	Relating to the employment of unauthorized aliens and providing penalties	Introduced and placed on calendar; committee report, approving bill on 3/6. Passed Senate 33-14 on 4/2. Read for the first time and referred to Public Safety on 4/3.
Operations	SF 573 (Previously SSB 1229)	Prohibits the use of state funds for lobbying activities by governmental entities, including community colleges and the regents.	Assigned to State Government Subcommittee of Chapman, Jochum and R. Smith on 3/4. Subcommittee approved 3/5, with amendment. Committee approved for calendar; committee report approving bill on 3/11. Referred to Judiciary 4/4.

Operations	SF 574	Establishes requirements for all appointive boards, commission, committees and councils of the state to conduct comprehensive reviews over each five-year period, beginning July 1, 2019.	State Government Committee report on 3/11. Placed on calendar; committee report approving bill on 3/11. Referred to State Government 4/4.
Operations	SF 608 (Previously SSB 1250)	Making appropriations to the department of cultural affairs, the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the public employment relations board, the department of workforce development, the college student aid commission, and the state board of regents and certain regents institutions.	Introduced and placed on Appropriations calendar; committee report, approving bill on 3/28. Placed on file as unfinished business 4/4. Amendments filed on 4/4, 4/8, and 4/9.
Programming/ Students	HF 418 (Previously HSB 43)	Requires CDL applicants to complete required training before CDL testing.	Introduced, placed on calendar on 2/18. (Companion SF 226) House passed 4/3. Sent to Senate. Placed on Calendar as Unfinished Business 4/4. Substituted for SF 226; passed Senate 50-0 on 4/8.
Programming/ Students	SF 245 (Previously SSB 1051 and 1178 DP)	Allows students to finish programs even if skilled job is no longer in high demand. Strikes reference to the quarterly report by IWD when identifying eligible shortage areas.	Introduced, placed on calendar, and committee approving bill on 2/12. Passed Senate on 3/20. (Companion bill HF290). House passed 4/3. Sent to Governor.
Programming/ Students	SF 246 (Previously SSB 1052)	Removes the age requirements for All-Iowa scholarships for: foster children and surviving child of parent who was fire fighter, peace officer, sheriff.	Introduced, placed on calendar, and committee approving bill on 2/12. Companion bill to HF 560. Committee report approving bill on 2/12. Passed Senate unanimously on 3/18. Read first time and passed on file on 3/19. Passed House 4/3. Sent to Governor

State Related	SF 304 (Previously SSB 1133)	Eliminates code provisions that require state licensing boards to suspend or revoke a license issued to a person who is in default or is delinquent in repayment on a federal or state student loan or private services assistance program.	Assigned to Labor subcommittee of Brown, T. Taylor, and Whiting who recommend passage on 2/13. Passed the Senate 3/12. Substituted for HF 660; passed house on 3/26. Signed by President and Speaker, and sent to Governor; signed by Governor on 4/8.
State Related	SF 539 (Previously SF 318)	Establishes the office of student loan ombudsman within the college student aid commission.	Introduced and placed on calendar on 3/7; committee report approving bill. Fiscal note on 3/11. Referred to Education 4/4.
State Related	SJR 2	Amendment proposal to the Constitution of the State of Iowa pertaining to state budget by limiting the amount of annual carry over of state general funds.	Assigned to Appropriations subcommittee of Bolckcom, Costello, and Koelker who recommend passage on 2/5. Placed on Calendar 3/4.
Tax Related	HF 2	Limits the tax exemption for postsecondary instructional materials purchased by a student for a course where profits are used by or donated to such institutions.	Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Jacoby, Kaufmann, and Osmundson who recommend passage on 2/6.
Tax Related	HF 12	Future repeal of certain tax credits.	Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Hein, Jacoby, and Windschitl on 1/22.
Tax Related	HF 546 (Previously HF 425 and HSB 18)	Imposes a state sales tax of 6%. Moves funds to SAVE and allows for transfer of funds to use for Career Academies.	Introduced and placed on Ways and Means calendar. Passed House on 3/13. Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Dawson, Feenstra, and Quirnbach on 3/19. Subcommittee reassigned to Dawson, Quirnbach, and R. Smith on 3/26. Subcommittee Approved on 4/4.

Tax Related	SF 74	Extends the SAVE Fund for school districts to 2051; and establishes a new formula for transfer to the property tax relief fund and for the equity transfer by DE for foundation base supplements, and for a new career academy transfer.	Referred to Ways and Means subcommittee of Dawson, Feenstra, and Jochum on 2/6. Fiscal note on 2/8. (See HSB 18).
Tax Related	SF 133	Creates a new resident tax credit against individual income tax. Available to a new resident to the state of Iowa.	Assigned to Ways & Means subcommittee of Behn, Dawson, and Jochum on 2/19. Fiscal note on 3/4.
Tax Related	SF 164	Requires city or county to petition area community college to designate up to 10 high demand job categories that are exempt from taxes during a five year period of time. Bill is limited to cities with a population of less than 15,000 and the 10 least populated counties in the state.	Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Brown, Dotzler, and Feenstra on 2/4. Fiscal note on 2/19.
Tax Related	SF 214	Establishes a new deduction for employees of any income resulting in the payment by an employer on a qualified student loan.	Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Bolkom, Feenstra, and R. Smith on 2/12.
Tax Related	SF 598 (Previously SF 321 and SSB 1156)	Tax credits awarded by the economic development authority for equity investments in a qualifying business or innovation fund.	Read for the first time; committee report, approving bill on 3/20.
Tax Related	SF 481 (Previously SF 297)	Provides for a high-demand occupation tax credit to promote an increase in the number of Iowans prepared to enter into high-demand occupational fields.	Introduced and placed on calendar; committee report approving bill on 3/5. Assigned to Ways and Means subcommittee of Behn, Quirnbach, and Sweeney who recommend passage on 3/19.
Weapons	HF 636 (Previously HF 259)	Allows a person with Non-professional weapons permit to go armed on school grounds (parking lot) for purpose of delivery or person/item to school.	Introduced and placed on calendar on 3/6. Rereferred to Public Safety on 4/4.

Weapons	SF 115 (Previously SF 7)	Allows a peace officer or reserve peace officer, whether certified or not, and federal peace officers whose duties include carrying a gun, to carry a gun on school grounds, whether the officer is in performance of official duties or not.	Passed Judiciary Committee and placed on Senate calendar on 1/28. Referred to Judiciary 4/4.
Weapons	SF 116 (Previously SSB 1017)	Allows a person with Non-professional weapons permit to go armed on school grounds (parking lot) for purpose of delivery or person/item to school.	Passed Judiciary Committee and placed on Senate calendar on 1/28. Fiscal note on 2/27. Amendment filed on 3/27. Referred to Judiciary on 4/4.
Weapons	SF 188 (Previously SF 120)	Prohibits a public college/university from prohibiting a person from carrying, transporting, or possessing a Taser-like weapon in buildings or on college grounds.	Introduced on 2/5. Passed Senate on 3/13. Read for first time and assigned to Public Safety subcommittee of Kerr, Thede, and Windschitl on 3/20. Subcommittee meeting on 3/26. Committee recommends passage 4/3. Placed on calendar as unfinished business on 4/11.
Weapons	SF 459 (Previously SF 213)	Provides an employer shall not prohibit an employee from having a weapon on the property if the employee has a permit and had the firearm and ammunition out of sight and inside a locked motor vehicle.	Introduced and placed on calendar on 3/4; committee report approving bill. (Similar to HF 636) Amendment filed on 3/27. Referred to Judiciary 4/4.