

## The Ninth Week

Here are some highlights from the week:

### IDPH Legislative Package

- [Senate File 202](#) and [HF 392](#), the IDPH technical bills are both on the debate calendars for each chamber. They may be voted on by the full chambers as early as this week.
- To understand how a bill moves through the legislative process, click [here](#).

### First Funnel Survivors

- The first funnel week ended on Friday, March 8. This was the first major deadline for bills to continue moving through the process. A bill must pass out of a committee to be considered a live bill after this date. There are exceptions to this rule but it is an attempt to begin to narrow the focus of the General Assembly's work for this session.

The following are selected bills that IDPH is still monitoring:

- [SF 294/HF 486](#): A licensure bill that fixes language from the 2012 session for three professions that were added under the Board of Podiatry.
- [HF 569](#): Requires licensure of professionals practicing addiction counseling or providing addiction prevention services by the [Iowa Board of Behavioral Science](#).
- [HF 581](#): Requires the Department of Inspections and Appeals to license ambulatory surgical centers.
- [SF 346](#): Established an Emergency Management Services interim task force to be administered by IDPH.
- [SF 419/HF 548](#): Requires the parent or guardian of a child to be enrolled in a public or accredited nonpublic elementary school to ensure that the child is screened for vision impairment at least once before enrollment in kindergarten and again before enrollment in grade three. The bill does not prohibit a child from being enrolled if the screening is not conducted.
- [SF 393](#): Combines provisions of [SSB 1001](#) and [SF 196](#). The bill requires hospitals to provide a critical congenital heart disease screening for newborns as part of the state's newborn screening panel, provides for data-collection requirements related to the screening, and directs IDPH to convene a task force on prenatal care.
- [SF 354](#): Relates to the adoption of dietary guidelines by cafeterias located at the capitol complex, in buildings in this state in which an executive branch agency has an office, and in public collegiate institutions.
- [SF 269](#): Directs IDPH to develop, administer and provide for state-level coordination of a comprehensive Alzheimer's disease response strategy. IDPH is directed to establish an Alzheimer's disease coordinator within the department and to convene a multidisciplinary advisory council. A Fiscal Note was published by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency. To read it, please click [here](#).
- [SF 296](#): Provides various directives relating to the Affordable Care Act. Major provisions that impact IDPH relate to expansion of the [I-Smile](#) Program to adult populations.
- [SF 204/HF 492](#): Relates to the process that a person can use to voluntarily ban themselves from gambling facilities. Currently, Iowa's self-exclusion option is for life. The first time a person considers self-exclusion, they will have the option of a ban for a five-year period or to ban themselves for life. After the first five years they will have the same options to consider. After the second five-year period is up, the only option the requestor will have is for life.
- [SF 337](#): Directs the Department of Education to collaborate with IDPH to convene an advisory group to select qualified suicide prevention and trauma-informed care trainings for professionals licensed by the [Iowa Board of Educational Examiners](#).
- [SF 350](#): Relates to mandatory child abuse and dependent adult abuse reporter training.
- [SF 427/HF 587](#): Streamlines the licensing structure under the Iowa Board of Plumbing and Mechanical Systems.
- [SF 366](#): Relates to radon education, prevention, and control in residential properties and school buildings in Iowa.

- [SF 415](#): This is the major mental health bill that focuses on the recommendations from the transition committee workgroup's report. To view the report, please click [here](#). Components that impact IDPH include membership in the Children's Cabinet starting on page 10, line 31 and the establishment of a center for child health innovation and excellence (formerly [HF 366](#)) starting on page 14, line 33.

### Appropriations Process

- On Thursday, March 14, the Senate members of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee passed their budget spreadsheet out. To view the spreadsheet, please click [here](#). The annual appropriations bill will begin in the Senate Chamber. The bill has not been introduced yet but the numbers provide an indicator of what will be included in the bill once it is out.

IDPH received the following increases compared to FY 2013:

- \$4.1 million for tobacco use, prevention, and control activities.
- \$2.3 million to begin to expand the [First Five Program](#) statewide. Details to come in the bill.
- \$2.0 million to expand the I-Smile Program to adults should [SF 296](#) pass the General Assembly and be signed into law by the Governor.
- \$100,000 for the [Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control](#).
- \$410,000 for brain injury services.
- \$140,000 for the provisions relating to the Alzheimer's disease response strategy should [SF 269](#) pass the General Assembly and be signed into law by the Governor.
- \$50,000 for epilepsy education.
- \$25,000 for an IDPH wellness initiative as recommended by the Governor.
- \$300,000 for a Direct Care Professionals licensure board within IDPH.
- \$50,000 for Prevent Blindness Iowa.
- \$1.6 million for various [safety net collaborative](#) grants and initiatives that are administered by the Iowa Primary Care Association.
- \$368,000 to maintain various environmental health programs as recommended by the Governor.
- \$29,000 for IDPH to convene an Emergency Medical Services Task Force should [SF 346](#) pass the General Assembly and be signed into law by the Governor.
- \$28,000 to implement licensure of the new professionals that were placed under the [Iowa Board of Podiatry](#). These provisions were passed in the 2012 session however funding was never provided. The Governor recommended this increase.

The Senate is proposing a total budget of \$60.1 million for IDPH for FY 2014. This is \$11.8 million more than FY 2013 and \$11.1 million more than the Governor's recommendation for FY 2014. The House budget for IDPH will not be known until the bill is introduced, moves through the Senate, and is received by the House.

- The HHS provides appropriations to IDPH, the Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Iowa Veterans Home. For more information on the membership and work of this subcommittee, please click [here](#).

### Highlights for the Tenth Week

- The House and Senate will continue to debate bills to get them passed out of their respective chambers and over to the next chamber. Slowly committee work will begin again in anticipation of the second funnel deadline of April 4.

### Other Information

- Mark Your Calendar. To view the session timeline please click [here](#).

- The Iowa General Assembly website is a great source of legislative information. The address is [www.legis.iowa.gov](http://www.legis.iowa.gov). Finding your legislator, committee members, photos of legislators and bills is easy to locate. Please take some time to check it out.
- The Legislative Update is also posted on the IDPH website at [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/legislative\\_updates.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/legislative_updates.asp).
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