

[The Thirteenth Week](#)

Here are some highlights from the past couple of weeks:

[IDPH Legislative Package](#)

- [SF 202](#) passed the House Chamber as amended by a vote of 94-2 on March 26. The bill returned to the Senate so that Chamber could concur with the House amendment. The Senate approved the language and passed the bill for the final time on Tuesday, April 16 by a vote of 50-0. The bill will now be sent to the Governor for his signature.
- To understand how a bill moves through the legislative process, click [here](#).

[Bill Highlights](#)

- [SF 440](#) (formerly [SF 415](#)): This mental health bill 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 15, line 1 and the establishment of a center for child health innovation and excellence (formerly [HF 366](#)) starting on page 19, line 9. This bill passed the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) on April 10 and received a new bill number, SF 440. SF 440 passed the Senate Chamber on Tuesday, April 16 by a vote of 33-17. It has been introduced in the House and referred to the House Human Resources Committee. A subcommittee of Representatives [Joel Fry](#), [Kevin Koester](#), and [Mark Smith](#) held a public meeting on the bill on Thursday, April 18.

[Sent to the Governor](#)

- [HF 569](#): Requires licensure of professionals practicing addiction counseling or providing addiction prevention services by the [Iowa Board of Behavioral Science](#). This bill passed the House on March 27 by a vote of 95-0. The Senate Human Resources Committee passed the bill out on Thursday, April 4. This bill passed the Senate on Tuesday, April 9 by a vote of 39-11. An appropriation of \$55,800 is currently located in [SF 446](#), the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. This funding is necessary for the one-time costs associated with implementing new licensure requirements under the IDPH Bureau of Professional Licensure. This bill will now be sent to the Governor for his consideration.
- [SF 204](#): 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. This bill provides different options. 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. This bill passed the Senate on March 19 by a vote of 46-2. It passed the House on April 8 by a vote of 78-19. It will now be sent to the Governor for his consideration.
- [SF 419](#): Requires that a vision screening be conducted on school children before they begin kindergarten and third grade. The bill provides for reporting requirements for parents and guardians, schools, and providers of the vision screenings. The bill clarifies that a child shall not be prohibited from attending school if such evidence is not provided. A list of options to satisfy the child vision screening requirement is also included. This bill passed the Senate on March 18 by a vote of 44-4 and the House on April 8 by a vote of 97-0. It will now be sent to the Governor for his consideration.

[Appropriations Process](#)

- On Thursday, April 18, the Senate passed [SF 446](#) out of the Chamber by a vote of 26-22. To view the most recent Notes on Bill and Amendments (NOBA) published by the Legislative Services Agency, please click [here](#). A NOBA provides side by side explanations of each section of the bill. An updated version incorporating the Senate floor amendments will be published early next week. To check on the new NOBA, please click [here](#), and look for a title similar to "Senate Floor."

- IDPH is pleased to report that the following items from Governor's budget recommendations were included in SF 446:
 - An increase of \$25,000 to increase support for current wellness activities (e.g. website development and additional "challenges" through Live Healthy Iowa).
 - An increase of \$368,000 to sustain administration of public protection services in the Division of Environmental Health including:
 - The inspection program for Iowa's public pools and spas to ensure safety requirements are met to prevent illness, injury, and drowning.
 - Certification of laboratories and professionals to decrease the exposure to radon in homes, daycare/schools, and businesses.
 - Registration and inspection of tanning facilities to protect consumers from acute and chronic skin reactions.
 - Licensing and inspection of tattoo artists and establishments.
 - An increase of \$28,000 in one-time funding for the software changes needed to implement licensure of orthodontists, prosthetists, and podiatrists under the Board of Podiatry.
- For an analysis of the Governor's budget recommendations please click [here](#). The recommendations for IDPH begin on page 141.
- 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](#).

Other Information

- 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. Finding your legislator, committee members, photos of legislators and bills is easy. Please take some time to check it out.
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