

Bill #	Bill Title	Description	Status	Votes
HF291	Community Spouse Allowance	Increases the amount that can be retained for the benefit of the community spouse of an institutionalized individual. The amount is raised to the greater of \$24,000 or the minimum required under federal law.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (98-0) & Senate (49-0)
HF304	Dependent Adult Abuse Registry	Requires that reports of dependent adult abuse involving personal degradation that are determined to be minor and unlikely to occur again to be collected and maintained as an assessment for five years (rather than adding the person to the central dependent adult abuse registry). These are incidents that would not be considered founded dependent adult abuse. This change is corrective and aligned with other state policies. Effective 7/1/19.	Signed	Passed House (96-0) & Senate (49-0)
HF323	Dependent Adult Abuse	Changes requirements for what is considered exploitation of a dependent adult by eliminating the requirement that a caretaker taking unfair advantage of a dependent adult's physical or financial resources do so for personal profit. Effective 7/1/19.	Signed	Passed House (98-0) & Senate (49-0)
HF421	MHI Patient Transfers	Requires a state mental health institute (MHI) administrator to get permission from the Department of Corrections before transferring a patient to the Iowa Medical and Classification Center. Currently, the administrator may apply directly to the court for a transfer order. Includes cleanup language re: no-closed MHIs and Toledo Juvenile Home. Effective 7/1/19.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (99-0) & Senate (31-16)
HF518	Medicaid Dual Eligibles	Requires DHS to request a section 1115 demonstration waiver to allow for the payment of the nursing facility room and board expenses for a dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid member receiving the Medicare hospice benefit, to allow Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) and the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) payment system to reimburse the nursing facility directly for the room and board expenses at 95% of the base rate rather than indirectly as a pass-through payment from the hospice services provider. Takes effect July 1, 2019.	Signed	Passed House (94-0) & Senate (48-0) 4/23
HF569	Personal Degradation	Adds personal degradation as a form of dependent adult abuse by a caretaker regulated by DHS.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (99-0) & Senate (50-0)
HF570	HCBS Brain Injury Waiver	Eliminates the monthly budget maximum or cap for individuals eligible for the Medicaid home and community-based services brain injury waiver. The current maximum dollar amount per month is \$3,013.08 for the BI Waiver. This maximum has not been increased since 1996, when the BI Waiver was established. There are around 1,500 members currently on the BI waiver. DHS granted all 98 exceptions to policy requested in FY 2018. Because all exceptions have been granted to go above the monthly cap, this bill simply removes the need to request an exception to policy and is therefore not expected to have any fiscal impact.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (96-0) & Senate (49-0)
HF591	Minor Guardianship Proceedings	Gives the juvenile court exclusive jurisdiction over minor guardianship proceeding and outlines the basis for appointment of a guardian and ongoing court monitoring of guardianships. Takes effect January 1, 2020.	Signed	Passed House (97-0), Senate (49-0) & House as amended (97-0)
HF610	Adult and Minor Guardianship	Makes changes regarding guardianships and conservatorships for adults and minors. Changes terminology; changes basis for guardian and conservator appointment; clarifies distinction between role of the attorney and guardian ad litem; authorizes the court to order a professional evaluation in certain circumstances; mandates criminal background checks of proposed guardians and conservators; authorizes emergency appointment of a temporary guardian; sets forth specific powers a guardian may exercise without prior court approval and specifies duties and responsibilities of a guardian; and authorizes the court to remove a guardian or conservator and appoint a successor under certain circumstances. Effective 1/1/20 for all guardianships established or pending on this date.	Signed	Passed House (97-0), Senate (49-0) & House as amended (98-0)
HF625	Medicaid/hawk-i Integration	Integrates Medicaid and healthy and well kids in Iowa (hawk-i) program eligibility, payment, and administrative functions by eliminating the hawk-i administrative contractor and transferring the duties to DHS' administrative contractor.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (96-0) & Senate (49-0)
HF643	Drivers License for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing	Allows persons who are deaf or hard of hearing to request a symbol on their driver's license designating them as such, and includes the notation in the law enforcement database.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (99-0) & Senate (49-0)
HF681	Criminal History Checks	Allows businesses and organizations that provide care or care placement services to elderly, children, or individuals with disabilities to access the national criminal history record checks on employees. Effective July 1, 2019.	Signed	Passed House (100-0) & (49-0)
HF690	Children's Mental Health Services	Establishes a children's behavioral health system state board to provide guidance on the implementation and management of the children's behavioral health system and for the provision of services to children with a serious emotional disturbance. Expands eligibility for children's behavioral health services. Establishes core behavioral health services for children. Details can be found here . Effective July 1, 2019.	Signed	Passed House (83-14) & Senate (46-2)
HF691	MH/DS Reserve Spending	Strikes the current limitations on mental health and disability services (MH/DS) region fund balances, allowing them to retain up to 40% of their annual budget in reserve. Gives regions until July 1, 2023 to get reserves down to 40%. This helps most regions temporarily, but two regions (Polk County and Eastern Iowa) do not have enough fund balance to make it through the next two years. Effective 5/2/19.	Signed	Passed House (96-0) & Senate (50-0)

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HF692	Mailed Absentee Ballot Counting	Mandates the use of the USPS barcode service to track mailed absentee ballots.States that mailed ballots that arrive after the polls close on election day can only be counted after it is received in the election office or it is verified that the ballot entered the mail system by the day before election day (either by postmark or barcode). Changes Broadlawns (Polk County Hospital) trustee terms six (instead of four) years, beginning with those elected after January 2018. Allows Broadlawns' Board to appoint someone to fill a vacancy to fill a term. Makes other changes to the election of hospital trustees. Makes several technical changes as requested by county auditors. Allows the Secretary of State to set rules on access to the state voter registration file, and deny access to users in violation of rules. Rules are to include access protocols for adding, changing, deleting information; training requirements for all state voter registration file users; technology safeguards; and breach incident response requirements. Requires the election commissioner to acknowledge when changes are made to voter registration files within 48 hours, if the changes are made within 14 days of the election. Allows the use of uniform abbreviations for political parties, including on ballots. Allows the Secretary of State to set rules for post-election audit pilot programs. Allows a county auditor to only distribute sample ballots upon request, and replaces the county auditor's name on ballots with a county auditor seal. Prohibits a county auditor from participating in an absentee ballot drive or collection effort for any political party or candidate or other nonparty political organization. Makes other changes to city primary/special/runoff elections, and school/merged area elections (unless it is for their own election). Changes order of candidates on ballot in a way that takes three pages to describe. Effective 7/1/19.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (96-0), Senate (31-18), House (98-0) & Senate with final amendment (50-0)
HF732	Medical Cannabidiol	Allows patients with severe and chronic pain (instead of "untreatable pain") to use medical cannabidiol (CBD). Allows ARNPs and PAs to authorize use of CBD. Allows individuals with past felony convictions to use CBD. Eliminates the 3% THC level cap. Prohibits a dispensary from dispensing more than 25 grams of THC to a patient or patient's caregiver over a 90-day period. Allows IDPH to allow dispensing to exceed this cap if the person has a terminal condition and has less than one year to live. Allows a CBD dispensary to hire a pharmacist or pharmacy technician. Takes DOT out of the process; IDPH will issue cards instead. Requires IDPH to collect and evaluate data on patient demographics, effective treatment options, clinical outcomes, and quality of life outcomes in order to identify benefits, risks, and outcomes related to the use of CBD. Effective 7/1/19.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (96-3) & Senate (40-7)
HF756	Federal Funding Appropriations	Directs how \$360.9 million in federal block grants are to be spent over the next two federal fiscal years. Unless otherwise noted, the appropriations are per year and are the same for both FY20 and FY21. <u>Department of Public Health</u> : \$13.1 million in substance abuse block grants, requires at least level funding for amounts spent on treatment for pregnant women and children, and directs that at least 20% is to be used for prevention (\$2.6 million). \$6.5 million for maternal/child health programs, including funding for child health specialty clinics. <u>Department of Human Services</u> : \$5,377,612 for community mental health block grants to community mental health centers. No changes in distribution (70% of the service portion of the funds continue to go to CMHCs for staff training and services to adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance). Additional language was added to require DHS compile grantee first quarter reports and submit a comprehensive report on the use of these funds by 2/20/20. Funds for community mental health block grant are expected to be higher this year (about \$1.4 million more). Of that, DHS receives \$270,000 (5%) for administration, with the remaining amount (\$5.1 million) going to fund the requirements of the block grant (of which 70% - or \$3.6 million - goes out to CMHCs). <u>Community Action Agencies (CAA)</u> : \$7.74 million for community services, of which 94% is to be used for programming helping low income lowans (each CAA must receive at least \$100,000). \$54.55 million for the low income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP), of which 15% (\$8.2 million) is to be used for weatherization and home repair. <u>Transportation</u> : \$158.6 million from the surface transportation block grant (some of which goes to public transportation). Effective 7/1/19.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (96-0), Senate (49-0) & House as amended (99-0)
HF758	Education Budget	Allocates \$952.7 million to the Department of Education, College Student Aid Commission, Department for the Blind, state universities, educational services for the blind and visually impaired, and Iowa School for the Deaf (an overall increase of \$31.9 million). Also includes \$40.3 million in appropriations from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund. <u>Mental Health/Disabilities</u> : New \$2.1 million appropriation for school-based children's mental health services (through AEAs). This is \$900,000 below the Governor's recommendation. Adds new \$25,000 appropriation for Best Buddies to create opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Small increases for the Department for the Blind (\$79,877), educational services for the blind and visually impaired (\$167,000), and the Iowa School for the Deaf (\$302,962). No change in funding for Vocational Rehabilitation (\$5.7 million), Entrepreneurs with Disabilities (\$138,506), Centers for Independent Living (\$86,457), independent living services (\$84,823), and child health specialty clinics (\$643,641). <u>Workforce Development/Future Ready Iowa</u> : Directs the Workforce Development Board to create and update a statewide list of high-demand jobs, and requires community colleges to develop and update a similar regional list. New funding for Future Ready Iowa administration (\$130,254) and Future Ready Iowa/Last Dollar Scholarship (\$13 million). Increase of \$160,000 for All Opportunity Iowa scholarships to make foster kids of any age eligible (\$3 million total), \$50,000 for work-based learning clearinghouse (\$300,000 total), and \$1 million for the Governor's STEM Advisory Council (\$6.45 million total). <u>Health Care Workforce</u> : No change in funding for DMU Health Professional Recruitment (\$400,973). Increases funding for Primary Care Loan Repayment Program by \$300,000 (\$1,424,502 total) and Health Care Loan Repayment Program by \$50,000 (\$250,000 total). <u>Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund</u> : No change in distribution of the \$40.3 million - \$15.1 million for workforce training and economic development, \$5 million for skilled workforce shortage grants, \$5.5 million for adult literacy, \$6 million for ACE, \$5 million for PACE and regional sectors, \$2 million for gap tuition, \$1.5 million for work-based networking, and \$200,000 for workforce prep outcome reporting.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (58-38), Senate (32-18) & House as amended (54-46)

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HF759	Administration/ Regulation Budget	Appropriates \$56.5 million (increase of \$8.1 million) for various state agencies in FY20. Also spends \$55.9 million from other funds (an increase of \$570,000). <u>Broadband Grants</u> : \$5 million appropriation for grants to expand high speed (broadband) internet to rural areas of the state. The state share cannot be more than 15% of the total project cost. <u>Other</u> : No change in funding for the Department of Human Rights' Offices on the Status of Women, Persons with Disabilities, and Deaf Services.	Sent to Governor	Passed House (54-46), Senate (34-15) & House as amended (54-44)
HF766	HHS Budget	Makes annual appropriations to the Departments of Aging, Public Health, Human Services, and Veterans Affairs, as well as Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Spends \$1.937 billion for fiscal year 2020 (a decrease of \$34.9 million from the adjusted current year) and includes \$150.3 million supplemental for Medicaid (almost entirely for managed care contracts). Also appropriates \$431.8 million from other funds (an increase of \$18.7 million). The Legislature did not annualize the supplemental appropriation (the \$150.3 million increase in the current fiscal year was not included in the next fiscal year). Prohibits any state funds awarded to contractors in this bill to be used for lobbying or to hire a lobbyist. <u>Department on Aging (IDA)/LTC Ombudsman</u> : No change in funding for IDA programs, including Aging & Disability Resource Centers (\$1 million). Directs IDA and DHS Directors to develop a state plan amendment to draw down federal administrative match for ADRC activities by 1/1/21. No change in funding for the long-term care ombudsman office. <u>Department of Public Health (IDPH)</u> : Largely status quo funding, although does round most program allocations down to nearest \$100 (so programs lost a few dollars to this). Adds \$306,000 to add a children's behavioral health component to the Your Life Iowa referral service, hotline, and website. In addition, \$32,000 is transferred from DHS to help offset the costs of this hotline. Eliminates \$191,000 funding for the Iowa Caregivers Association to address direct care workforce challenges and redirects it for "health care and public health workforce initiatives." Adds \$400,000 to create and train four psychiatric residents per year to provide mental health services to underserved areas of the state and adds \$150,000 for psychiatric training for physician assistants and nurse practitioners through Des Moines University. No changes in funding for audiological services and hearing aids to children, youth suicide prevention, survey of children who experienced adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), childhood obesity prevention, medically necessary foods for those with metabolic conditions, brain injury services and training/recruitment of providers, child health specialty clinics, regional autism assistance program, Prevent Blindness Iowa, and Des Moines University training of doctors to identify and treat patients with mental health needs. No change in funding for epilepsy education and programming, but new language was added to require full grant amount be awarded on July 1. Requires IDPH collaborate with stakeholders to review grants and funds awarded in this bill, and submit a report on 12/15/19 that recommends a way to distribute funds in a way that more clearly reflects the departments stated priorities and goals, provides increased flexibility in distribution of the funds, and ensures stakeholder accountability and a return on investment. <u>Department of Human Services/Medicaid & Mental Health</u> : Appropriates a total of \$1.427 billion for Medicaid, a decrease of \$60.7 million. DHS is given authority to transfer funding to cover Medicaid shortfalls, but they must report such changes. Increases the Children's Health Insurance Program (hawk-I) by \$12.3 million to replace lost federal funds. Major changes include \$23.4 million increase for nursing home reimbursement rebasing, \$1.5 million increase for critical access hospital reimbursement, \$1.2 million increase to eliminate the children's mental health waiver waiting list, \$211,332 for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team reimbursement, \$1 million for community living provider tiered rates (distributed equally among all tiers), \$300,000 for Children's System State Board activities and to coordinate the new children's behavioral health services authorized this year (of this amount, \$32,000 transferred to IDPH to offset cost of children's crisis hotline), and \$2 million for increased staffing and cover costs at state Mental Health Institutes. Allows the Polk County Mental Health & Disability Services Region to use other county funds to cover shortfalls in its MH/DS budget. No change in funding for standardized assessments for persons with MI/ID/DD/BI, Medicaid oversight, autism support program, Tanager Place support services to children with autism spectrum disorder, State Supplementary Assistance (SSA), State Resource Centers, technical assistance to HCBS waiver habilitation providers, family support subsidy, and ABLE account administration. No other Medicaid provider rate changes. <u>DHS/Medicaid MCO Changes</u> : Requires the Legislature be notified within 30 days of an MCO contract changes (including withheld incentive payments. Also requires MCOs and DHS develop and use a uniform prior authorization form and process by October 1, 2019. DHS is also to look into the development of a single electronic portal for submitting prior authorizations. Prior authorization directives are effective upon enactment. Requires MCO contracts to be revised to require an assessment of liquidated damages for prior authorization and claims payment system issues that were reported by the MCO as corrected, but reoccurred within 60 days of the reported correction, and an assessment of liquidated damages for failure of an MCO to complete provider credentialing or to accurately load provider rosters as required in the contract. <u>Policy Language Added</u> : Directs the Directors of DHS & IDPH to develop recommendations for enhanced delivery of co-occurring conditions services (mental health & substance use), examine current service delivery system to identify opportunities to reduce administrative burden on departments and providers, evaluate the use of integrated helpline and website for data collection and sharing outcomes, and create a structure for ongoing collaboration (five-year plan and report due 12/15/19). Eliminates the Children's Mental Health Waiver Implementation Committee and Property Tax Relief Fund Risk Pool (haven't met in years) and eliminates expense payments for public members of the early childhood Iowa state board and several other boards in IDPH. Changes the voting members on the Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC). The bill eliminates the elected "Executive Council" and replaces it with 10 voting members (5 professional/business entity representatives elected by the entire membership and all five of the Governor-appointed members). All current MAAC members will become non-voting members. Changes the ten Governor-appointed public members to five, of which at least one needs to be receiving Medicaid services. Makes changes to the children's behavioral health system state board (allows the MH/DS Commission representative to be appointed by the Commission, instead of the Governor).	Sent to Governor	Passed House (54-44), Senate (31-19), House (52-47) & Senate with final amendment (31-17)

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HF766	HHS Budget (continued)	Changes Iowa Civil Rights Law to state that it does not provide the right to tax-supported gender reassignment surgery or any other reconstructive surgery for transsexualism, hermaphroditism, gender identity disorder, or body dysmorphic disorder (effective upon enactment). Prohibits Planned Parenthood from receiving any federal funds that pay for sex education and family planning (effective upon enactment). Makes changes to the children's behavioral health system state board (allows the MH/DS Commission representative to be appointed by the Commission, instead of the Governor). Effective 7/1/19 (unless otherwise noted).		
SF341	Service Animals	Requires landlords to waive lease restrictions for people with disabilities who have service animals, and makes lying about the need to have a service animal or about the service animal's training a crime. Effective 7/1/19.	Signed	Passed Senate (49-0) & House (99-0)
SF600	Transportation/ Infrastructure Appropriations	Appropriates \$404.7 million for FY20 from two special funds (Road Use Tax Fund and Primary Road Fund) for transportation-related projects. Does not include any spending from the state's general fund. This is an overall increase of \$15.2 million. Most of the increase is for salt supply that was over budget in FY19, combining DOT facilities in Sioux City, and a new Dallas County driver/identification station. Effective July 1, 2019.	Signed	Passed Senate (46-0) & House (100-0)
SF634	Property Tax	Requires each city and county to establish a "maximum property tax dollars" amount, consisting of the total dollar amount of most of the city and county's levies (not including debt service levies or voter approved levies). Requires cities and counties to vote by supermajority (66%) if they intend to utilize more than 2% more than the total dollar amount of the previous year's budget. As a result, growing communities are going to need a supermajority vote for nearly every budget). <u>IPERS and other Retirement Systems:</u> You may have seen sharp words on both sides about the effects of the bill on retirement programs. Basically, neither side is wrong. The bill does not specifically target or reduce any retirement program in any way. However, the retirement programs are all inside the maximum property tax dollar cap which requires a supermajority to exceed a 2% increase. If anything inside that cap, including retirement programs, increases more than 2%, it puts pressure on the rest of city and county programs. Effective for tax years and budgets certified after 7/1/20.	Sent to Governor	Passed Senate (33-17) & House (53-47)
SF638	Standings Budget	Makes changes to automatic (or "standing") appropriations for FY 2020. Limits standing appropriations for payment of claims for nonpublic school transportation, instructional support state aid, and state aid for area education agencies. Adds new \$15 million appropriation for flood recovery. Authorizes blackout special registration plates with revenues directed to the Road Use Tax Fund (not the county mental health and disability services in earlier versions). Corrects a number of previously passed bills and changes the state judicial nominating commission membership.	Sent to Governor	Passed Senate (31-18), House (53-45) & Senate as amended (32-16)