

***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE***

**Week 12**

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**Second Funnel Concludes**

Friday, March 31st marked the end of the second legislative funnel. In order to remain eligible for consideration, must policy bill must have cleared their chamber of origin and the committee of the opposite chamber. Tax and spending legislation, as well as a handful of identified bills, are exempt from this deadline.

In the first year of the biennium, the legislature normally meets for approximately 100 days. This year, the General Assembly shortened the session to 100 days – meaning their per diem payments run out on April 18th. While the session may continue past that date, lawmakers will not be paid any additional sums for their activity or expenses.

**Governor Signs Several Bills in to Law**

Last week, the Governor signed nearly a dozen new bills in to law. Major bills include:

[HF 295](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTcwMzMwLjcxNzU1ODYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE3MDMzMC43MTc1NTg2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3NDAyMjA2JmVtYWlsaWQ9Y2hyaXN0aW5hLmJldHRpbmlAaW93YS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWNocmlzdGluYS5iZXR0aW5pQGlvd2EuZ292JmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&100&&&https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/87/HF295.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) – Minimum Wage and Local Government Preemption

HF 295 prohibits counties and cities from establishing certain regulations relating to employment matters and the sale or marketing of consumer merchandise.

[HF 518](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTcwMzMwLjcxNzU1ODYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE3MDMzMC43MTc1NTg2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3NDAyMjA2JmVtYWlsaWQ9Y2hyaXN0aW5hLmJldHRpbmlAaW93YS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWNocmlzdGluYS5iZXR0aW5pQGlvd2EuZ292JmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&101&&&https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGR/87/HF518.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) – Workers’ Compensation Changes

HF 518 makes changes to eligibility and benefits for to workers’ compensation.

[HF 215](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTcwMzMwLjcxNzU1ODYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE3MDMzMC43MTc1NTg2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3NDAyMjA2JmVtYWlsaWQ9Y2hyaXN0aW5hLmJldHRpbmlAaW93YS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWNocmlzdGluYS5iZXR0aW5pQGlvd2EuZ292JmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&102&&&https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/87/HF215.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) – Autism Spectrum Disorders Coverage

HF 215 requires certain health insurance policies, contracts, or plans to provide coverage of applied behavior analysis for treatment of autism spectrum disorder for certain individuals, and including applicability and effective date provisions.

[HF 531](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTcwMzMwLjcxNzU1ODYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE3MDMzMC43MTc1NTg2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3NDAyMjA2JmVtYWlsaWQ9Y2hyaXN0aW5hLmJldHRpbmlAaW93YS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWNocmlzdGluYS5iZXR0aW5pQGlvd2EuZ292JmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&106&&&https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF531&ga=87&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) – Public Assistance Oversight

HF 531 provides to oversight of public assistance programs.

[SF 447](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTcwMzI5LjcxNjc1MjcxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE3MDMyOS43MTY3NTI3MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3NDAxNTk0JmVtYWlsaWQ9Y2hyaXN0aW5hLmJldHRpbmlAaW93YS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWNocmlzdGluYS5iZXR0aW5pQGlvd2EuZ292JmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&100&&&https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/87/SF447.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) – Agricultural Nuisance Lawsuit Limits

SF 447 places limits on certain court actions involving an allegation of a public or private nuisance or the interference with a person’s comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property caused by an animal feeding operation.