



2014 Iowa Legislative Summary

Quality Early Learning and Development

<p>SF 2347 – Education Appropriations Bill</p>	<p>This appropriations bill addresses many issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)-specific funding (Status Quo): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Aid: \$5,386,113 (of this, \$825,030 is for professional development) ○ Preschool Tuition Assistance: \$5,428,877 ○ Family Support: \$12,365,434 • Reading Research Center: \$1,000,000 (Decrease of \$300,000) • Successful Readers Progression: \$8,000,000 (Status Quo) • Early Head Start Grants: \$600,000 (Increase of \$200,000) • English Language Learner Pilots: \$500,000 (New Money) • Attendance Center/Data Systems: \$500,000 (New Money) <p>Assessment: Requires Dept. of Education to administer and distribute to school districts and accredited nonpublic schools, at no cost, an early warning assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor student literacy skills from prekindergarten through 6th grade.</p>
<p>HF 2463 – Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECI: \$6,350,000 (Status Quo)
<p>HF 2473 – Standings Appropriations Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development, including Shared Visions: \$12,606,190 (Status Quo)

Child Health and Well-Being

<p>HF 2463 – Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Five: \$1,627,887 (Increase of \$300,000) • Autism support program fund: \$3,000,000 (Increase of \$1,000,000) • ACEs survey: \$50,000 (New Money) • AMP (Achieving Maximum Potential): \$210,620 (Increase of \$10,000) • Follow-up services identified by a juvenile court officer in conjunction with the state training school to support children who were placed at a state training school and remain under the jurisdiction of the state court and expansion of the Preparation for
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Adult Living (PAL) program: **\$858,187** (New Money)

- **\$90,000** of this shall be used to implement AMP (youth council approach) to provide a support network to males placed at the training school at Eldora.

Policy Language:

The department shall perform ~~a review of the feasibility of and benefits associated with expanding foster care, kinship guardianships, and subsidized adoptions to be available on a voluntary basis to young adults who become age 18 while receiving child welfare services.~~ The purpose of the review is to determine the extent to which the expansion is covered under the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-351, and would draw additional federal support under the Title IV E of the federal Social Security Act, allow the state to expand the preparation for adult living program to additional young adults, and enhance the services and supports available under the program.

A Child Welfare Services Committee is created. The legislative council is requested to establish a child welfare services committee. 2. The committee membership shall include the following persons: a. The director of the child and family policy center or the director's designee. m. Members of the general assembly appointed by the legislative council. n. Other persons designated by the legislative council. 3. The committee shall perform the following duties: a. Review the array of child welfare services in the state. b. Identify options for improving the coordination and collaboration between the public and private entities involved with child welfare services. c. Direct special attention to children's mental and behavioral health services. d. Identify policies to support the growth and expansion of community-based pediatric integrated health homes. e. Identify options to support continuous improvement of pediatric mental health services and innovation by service providers of such services at the state and community levels. f. Consider proposals for creation of a center of collaborative children's mental and behavioral health services. g. Evaluate the adequacy of the public funding of child welfare services and identify options to address shortfalls and for shifting resources. 4. The committee shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the governor and general assembly for action in the 2015 legislative session.

~~**Iowa Healthiest Children Initiative** is established in the department (IDPH).~~

~~1. The purpose of the initiative is to develop and implement a plan for Iowa children to become the healthiest children in the nation by January 1, 2020. The areas of focus addressed by the initiative shall include improvement of physical, dental, emotional, behavioral, and mental health and wellness; access to basic needs such as food security, appropriate nutrition, safe and quality child care settings, and safe and stable housing, neighborhoods, and home environments; and promotion of healthy, active lifestyles by addressing adverse childhood events, reducing exposures to environmental~~

	<p>toxins, decreasing exposures to violence, advancing tobacco-free and drug abuse-free living, increasing immunization rates, and improving family well-being. 2. The department shall create a task force, including members who are child health experts external to the department, to develop an implementation plan to achieve the purpose of the initiative. The implementation plan, including findings, recommendations, performance benchmarks, data collection provisions, budget needs, and other implementation provisions shall be submitted to the governor and general assembly on or before December 15, 2014.</p>
<p>Family Economic Success</p>	
<p>SF 2337 – Child and dependent care tax credit</p> <p>SF 2363 – One-Time Spending Bill</p> <p>HF 2468 – Adoption tax credit</p> <p>HF 2463 – Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill</p>	<p>Reverses the administrative rule change. It goes into effect January 1, 2015. The fiscal impact doesn't begin until FY 16 but it will impact 2015 tax returns.</p> <p>Provides \$2 million increase to Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).</p> <p>Provides a \$2,500 tax credit to defray adoption-related expenses for Iowa parents.</p> <p>Child Care Assistance: Families will be able to combine work and school hours to qualify for CCA</p>
<p>Other Important Bills</p>	
<p>SF 2319 – Early Literacy</p> <p>SF 2311 – Human Trafficking</p>	<p>Improves student reading skills, including addressing dyslexia and providing teacher assistance in boosting literacy.</p> <p>Policy Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows the County Attorney to refer minor victims of human trafficking to DHS for CINA (child in need of assistance) proceedings, which would open up a wide array of important services to victims. • Adds a \$1,000 surcharge, beginning January 1, 2015, for persons convicted of human trafficking, johns, pimps and panderers and establishes a human trafficking victim fund (where the surcharge shall be deposited) that shall be used for services for victims of human trafficking as well as public awareness. • Requires the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to report to the Legislature what resources are devoted to training relating to human trafficking. • Further defines “enticement” of a minor to include enticement through mail, telephone, internet, or any social media. • Allows for expunging (removal) a record of prostitution committed when the person was under 18 if there are no additional crimes for two years. • Increases the penalties for “johns,” who offer to purchase or who

<p>HF 2388 – Foster Children and Education Credits</p> <p>SF383 – Sealing of Juvenile Delinquency Records</p>	<p>purchase services of a prostitute who is under the age of 18, to a class "D" felony (was a simple misdemeanor).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the penalties for pimps who solicit and enable prostitution for a prostitute who is under the age of 18 to a class "C: felony (was a class "D" felony). Adds an affirmative defense if the alleged "pimp" is under the age of 21 and was prostituted as a child because of coercion, force, etc. of an adult. Extends the criminal statute of limitations for various sex offenses committed against children from three (3) to ten (10) years. Allows the Attorney General to seek a warrant to intercept communications that relate to felony human trafficking. <p>Policy Language:</p> <p>The area education agency board is encouraged to employ a child welfare liaison to provide services and guidance to local school districts to facilitate the efficient and effective transfer and enrollment of a child adjudicated under chapter 232 or receiving foster care services to another school district.</p> <p>In the case of an adjudication of delinquency, the court, upon its own motion, shall schedule a hearing to be held two years after the date of the last official action, or the date the child becomes eighteen years of age, whichever is later, or upon application of a person who was taken into custody for a delinquent act or was the subject of a complaint alleging delinquency or was the subject of a delinquency petition, or upon the court's own motion, the court, after hearing, shall order the official juvenile court records in the case including those specified in sections 232.147 and 232.149 sealed if the court finds all of the following: Sec. 2. Section 692.16, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows: 692.16 Review and removal. At least every year the division shall review and determine the current status of all Iowa arrests or takings into custody reported, which are at least four years old with no disposition data. 1. Any Iowa arrest or taking of a juvenile into custody of a person eighteen years of age or older recorded within a computer data storage system which has no disposition data after four years shall be removed unless there is an outstanding arrest warrant or detainer on such charge. 2. Any arrest or taking of a juvenile into custody recorded Senate File 383, p. 2 within a computer data storage system which has no disposition data after two years shall be removed unless there is an outstanding arrest warrant or detainer on such charge.</p>
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This summary reflects legislation approved by the Iowa House of Representatives and Senate. Items in strike through were subsequently vetoed by the governor.