



Weekly Legislative Update

Week 9: March 9-13, 2026

Only a Week Until the Second Funnel — Here's Where We Stand

We are in the final stretch before the second and last major deadline of the Iowa legislative session. The **second funnel deadline is Friday, March 20** — nine days away. After that date, most bills that haven't cleared a committee in the opposite chamber are finished for the session. The field narrows dramatically, and what remains will either become law or die in conference. Here's what we're watching for homeschool families.

Our priority amendment to HF 2713 is ready. For those following along, HF 2713 is a charter school bill that our team has identified as the vehicle for attaching our priority homeschool provisions. The amendment is drafted, confirmed, and ready to be offered when HF 2713 comes to the House floor for debate. We're watching the scheduling calendar closely.

The amendment contains several provisions that matter directly to Iowa homeschool families. It would remove the requirement that families provide immunization and blood lead test documentation when placing a child under Competent Private Instruction for the first time. It would eliminate the overly broad definition of "outline of course of study" that currently requires lesson plans and time-on-subject documentation. It would remove the four-student cap and tuition prohibition for Independent Private Instruction, giving families greater flexibility. It would prohibit the Department of Education from developing or recommending — and the state board from adopting — any administrative rule pertaining to IPI. And it would establish in statute that homeschool diplomas are recognized as equivalent to a public school diploma, including by community colleges and Regents universities, with that recognition applying retroactively to diplomas already issued. It would also clarify that parents have the authority to execute any verification document required by law related to their child's homeschool enrollment, status, or grades.

These are the provisions that died with HF 2366 at the first funnel. Getting them attached to HF 2713 is how we keep them alive this session.

SF 2392 — Home School Sports Scrimmages is still moving through the process. We're monitoring it and working with our legislative allies as second funnel approaches.

On the threat side, we reviewed several education-related bills this week and confirmed nothing of concern for homeschool families. Bills touching community college course sharing, school employment verification, and ESA funding mechanics are all public-school-specific with no intersection with Iowa Code Chapter 299A. Your freedoms under IPI and CPI remain intact.

A Quick Action Step You Can Take

If you'd like to do one simple thing this week, consider dropping a quick note of thanks to two legislators who have been consistent friends to homeschooling families at the Capitol. A brief word of encouragement from a homeschool parent goes a long way.

Sen. Jesse Green: jesse.green@legis.iowa.gov

Rep. Skyler Wheeler: sk Tyler.wheeler@legis.iowa.gov

Second Funnel Is Approaching

Next week is second funnel week. We'll be watching every committee calendar and will send an update as significant developments unfold. You can track bill activity at legis.iowa.gov and watch floor debate sessions live through the Legislature's website.

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For Iowa homeschool freedom,

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