



## Weekly Legislative Update

### Week 10: March 16-20, 2026

#### Second Funnel Day — Where Things Stand

Today is the second funnel deadline — one of the two most important dates in the Iowa legislative calendar. Think of the funnel as exactly what it sounds like: the large number of bills introduced at the start of session gets narrowed down to only those with enough support to keep moving. The first funnel happened four weeks ago, when bills had to pass out of committees in their chamber of origin. Today's second funnel requires bills to clear a committee in the opposite chamber — or they're generally done for the year.

After today, the pool of active legislation shrinks dramatically. What remains are bills that have cleared both funnels, plus budget and tax bills, and bills sponsored by legislative leadership. The session is entering its final stretch, and every bill still standing after today has a real path to Governor Reynolds's desk.

The headline for homeschool families: our priority provisions remain viable, and we are cautiously encouraged.

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#### Bill Updates

##### ● Our Priority Provisions — Homeschool Deregulation Tracking via HF 2713 / SF 2175

**What it does:** Our priority provisions would eliminate the 4-student cap on IPI programs, simplify CPI Form A requirements, establish homeschool diploma equivalency, clarify dual enrollment access, prohibit the Department of Education from writing new rules over IPI families, and give parents direct authority to verify their students' educational records.

**Our position:** Strong support. These provisions represent the most significant expansion of homeschool freedom in Iowa in years.

**Status:** Our provisions are being pursued through an amendment strategy on HF 2713 and its Senate companion SF 2175. These bills are moving through the appropriations process — a category that is exempt from funnel deadlines entirely. That means our provisions are not subject to today's cutoff and remain alive and viable as the session moves into its final weeks. Coordination with key legislators and the Governor's office has been positive. We are not at liberty to share specifics at this stage, but the direction of conversations is encouraging.

## SF 2212 — Homeschool Sports Scrimmages Sponsored by Sen. Pike

**What it does:** Allows public and accredited nonpublic schools to participate in athletic scrimmages against nonaccredited homeschool sports organizations (CPI and IPI students). Homeschool students are not subject to IHSAA eligibility rules. A filed amendment would allow these scrimmages to more closely resemble regular game conditions — including scorekeeping, uniforms, officials, and ticketed admissions — while still not counting toward official records or postseason eligibility.

**Our position:** Supportive. This opens doors for homeschool student athletes to compete alongside their public school peers.

**Status:** The filing of an amendment this week signals the bill remains alive. Today's funnel deadline is a key moment, and we are working with allies to find the best path forward. We will provide updates as the picture clarifies.

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## A Word of Thanks

None of this happens without relationships. This week we want to recognize two legislators who have been tireless advocates for Iowa homeschooling families:

**Representative Bill Gustoff** has championed our priority provisions from introduction through the current amendment strategy. His institutional knowledge of homeschool law and his willingness to fight for families is invaluable.

**Senator Jesse Green** has been a key voice in Senate conversations on our behalf, including carrying our priorities directly to the Governor's office.

A brief word of thanks from a homeschool parent goes a long way.

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**Sen. Jesse Green:** [jesse.green@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:jesse.green@legis.iowa.gov)

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## Threats – Nothing New

We reviewed all education-related activity this week and identified no new threats to homeschool families.

Bills moving through committee involving school employment verification, curriculum mandates, and education funding are all public-school-specific with no intersection with Iowa Code Chapter 299A.

Your freedoms under IPI and CPI remain intact.

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## You Are an Important Partner

Your Homeschool Iowa membership makes this vigilance possible. We are in the building, in the conversations, and watching every development so you don't have to. Thank you for standing with us.

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For Iowa homeschool freedom,

**Jeremy Vos**

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