



## **Weekly Legislative Update**

### **Week 11: March 23-27, 2026**

#### **Where We Are — The Final Stretch**

Week 11 of the Iowa Legislature is complete, and the Session has entered its final phase.

This week operated as a "flip week" — the Senate debated only House bills, and the House debated only Senate bills. It is the last week of that structured back-and-forth.

Starting Monday, March 30, only a specific set of bills remains eligible for floor debate: appropriations bills, tax bills, bills that have passed both chambers, bills on the unfinished business calendar, and bills sponsored by legislative leaders. The pool of active legislation narrows significantly from here.

What remains is what matters — and what we have been working toward all session is still very much alive.

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#### **Our Priority Amendment — Moving Forward**

The homeschool deregulation amendment — our primary legislative priority this session — continues to advance. This week, HF 2713 (Charter School Matters), the bill carrying our amendment, passed its House Appropriations subcommittee. The Senate companion bill, SF 2175, is tracking identically. Legislative leaders in both chambers are working to keep the language in both bills identical, which would allow the bill to go directly to the Governor's desk without a conference committee if both chambers pass it in the same form.

The next waypoint is full committee approval and floor scheduling in both chambers. We are watching for that and will communicate when it happens. There is no member action needed at this moment — but if you have a relationship with your legislators and want to express appreciation for their work on behalf of Iowa homeschool families, that is always appropriate and welcome.

The amendment itself, if passed, would accomplish the following for Iowa homeschool families:

- **IPI cooperative freedom** — removes the cap on unrelated students and the prohibition on receiving payment, giving IPI families more flexibility to cooperate and share costs
- **CPI Form A simplification** — removes the immunization and blood lead testing requirement at first enrollment, and eliminates the expanded lesson plan and time-tracking definitions
- **Dual enrollment clarification** — voids the Department of Education's administrative rule requiring CPI students to receive at least one-quarter of their instruction through the public school in order to dual enroll
- **DOE rulemaking prohibition** — prohibits the Department of Education from adopting any administrative rule pertaining to IPI, protecting families from regulatory overreach by a future administration
- **Homeschool diploma equivalency** — establishes that diplomas issued under CPI or IPI are equivalent to a high school diploma; colleges, community colleges, and state institutions may not discriminate based on diploma source (retroactive to diplomas already issued)
- **Parental verification authority** — parents have the authority to execute any verification document related to their child's CPI or IPI enrollment, status, or educational information

This is the same package of provisions that was introduced as HF 2366 earlier this session. The vehicle has changed; the provisions have not.

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## Homeschool Sports Scrimmages Bill

SF 2212, the bill that would have allowed homeschool students to participate in sports scrimmages against public school teams, did not reach the Senate floor before the second funnel deadline. Its future is uncertain. We will continue to monitor for any opportunity that may arise in the final weeks of session, but we want to be straightforward with you: there is no clear path forward for this bill at this time.

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## What Comes Next

Beginning March 30, the session shifts into budget and appropriations territory. Floor debate will be less frequent and more focused. The work of moving HF 2713 and SF 2175 to the floor and through final passage is now primarily happening through relationships and leadership — exactly where Homeschool Iowa has invested this session.

The 100th calendar day of the session — when legislators' per diem reimbursement ends — falls on April 21. Legislators can and often do continue working past that point, but it creates real pressure to finish the major business of the session. We expect the final weeks to move quickly.

We are grateful for every legislator who has carried this work forward, and for every Homeschool Iowa member whose engagement made it possible to be at the table. We will keep you informed as floor scheduling develops.

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For Iowa homeschool freedom,

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