



Weekly Legislative Update

Week 12: March 30 - April 3, 2026

We are in the final stretch of the 2026 Iowa Legislative Session, and our priority legislation is still very much alive and moving. Here is where things stand.

Where We Are in the Process

Week 12 marks the beginning of what the legislature calls the limited debate period. Starting March 30, only a specific set of bills remain eligible for floor debate: bills that have already passed both chambers, budget and appropriations bills, tax bills, and bills carried by legislative leadership.

This is by design — the pool of active proposals narrows dramatically at this stage so legislators can focus on finishing the session's most important work. Budget negotiations now dominate the Capitol, and the 100th calendar day (April 21) creates natural pressure to wrap up. Legislators will not meet today (Good Friday), but will return Monday, April 6.

Our Priority Bill — Still on Track

HF 2713, the charter school and education bill carrying our homeschool deregulation amendment, passed out of the full House Appropriations Committee on April 1 by a vote of 17 to 6. That is a strong margin and a significant milestone. The bill is now eligible for a House floor vote. The Senate companion, SF 2175, continues to track alongside it. Legislative leaders in both chambers are working to keep the language in both bills identical — if they succeed, the bill goes straight to the Governor's desk without needing a conference committee. Floor scheduling in both chambers is the next waypoint we are watching.

The provisions our amendment carries remain unchanged: simplifying the CPI Form A filing process, removing the four-student cap and tuition prohibition for IPI families, clarifying dual enrollment rights, prohibiting the Department of Education from creating administrative rules over IPI, establishing homeschool diploma equivalency in law, and giving parents clear authority to verify their children's educational records.

HF 2308: The Federal SGO Tax Credit Bill

HF 2308, which would require Iowa to participate in the federal scholarship granting organization (SGO) tax credit program, also passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee on April 1 by a vote of 24 to 1. As a tax bill, it is exempt from funnel deadlines and remains eligible for floor action. We will have more to share on this bill as it develops.

What You Can Do Right Now

Honestly, the most important thing at this stage is patience. Our priority bill is in strong position, the relationships are working, and the legislative process is doing what it is supposed to do. Grassroots contact at this moment — before floor scheduling is confirmed — can do more harm than good by putting legislators in an uncomfortable position before they are ready to act. We will let you know when the time is right to engage, and when we do, your voice will matter.

It is also always appropriate to thank the legislators who have championed our priorities. Rep. Bill Gustoff and Sen. Jesse Green have been instrumental in moving our amendment forward this session, and a brief, sincere note of thanks from a homeschool family in their district goes a long way. You can reach them at bill.gustoff@legis.iowa.gov and jesse.green@legis.iowa.gov.

In the meantime, the best thing you can do is stay connected. Continue to read our updates. Share them with other homeschooling families in your network, and make sure [your membership in Homeschool Iowa](#) is current. The advocacy work that got this bill to the House floor was funded by members like you.

We will be in touch as floor scheduling develops. Thank you for your partnership.

For Iowa homeschool freedom,

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