



## Weekly Legislative Update

### Week 14: April 13 – April 17, 2026

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#### Subject: The House Voted Yes – Now the Senate Must Act

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This week the Iowa House did something significant for homeschooling families. On Thursday, April 16, the House passed HF 2754 with a homeschool amendment sponsored by Rep. Bill Gustoff, adopted 54-34. The bill now returns to the Senate, where lawmakers must decide whether to accept the House language or push it to a conference committee. Per diem payments end April 21, the session's 100th day, which means the window for action is short.

Here is what the Gustoff amendment does if it becomes law:

- **IPI deregulation** — Removes the four-unrelated-student cap and the prohibition on charging tuition or fees under Independent Private Instruction. Iowa families will be free to operate cottage schools and microschoools under IPI without triggering public school oversight.
- **Diploma equivalency** — Creates a new statute declaring that diplomas, transcripts, and credentials issued under CPI or IPI are legally sufficient proof of high school completion. State agencies, community colleges, Regents institutions, and accredited private colleges will be prohibited from treating homeschool credentials as anything less than equivalent to those from accredited schools. This applies retroactively.
- **Parental verification authority** — Creates a new statute confirming that parents have the legal authority to execute any document required to verify their child's placement, enrollment status, grades, or other educational information under CPI or IPI.
- **CPI Form A simplification** — Removes the immunization documentation and blood lead test proof requirements from the first-time CPI filing, reducing paperwork burdens for families entering Competent Private Instruction.

These provisions represent the most significant expansion of homeschool freedom in Iowa in years. They are the result of months of relationship-building, legal analysis, and careful legislative strategy. This is work that your Homeschool Iowa membership makes possible.

**What happens next.** HF 2754 has been returned to the Senate with the House amendments. The Senate has its own version of the bill (SF 2425) that passed out of Senate Appropriations this week. The Senate can concur with the House language, sending the bill to Governor Reynolds, or the chambers can negotiate final

language. Either way, the homeschool provisions need to survive to the finish line. We are monitoring this closely and are in contact with our Senate champions.

**No member action is needed right now.** The relationships are in place, and the work is happening at the Capitol. We will send an update when the Senate acts and, if warranted, when the bill reaches the Governor's desk. If Governor Reynolds signs HF 2754 during the session, the bill becomes law. The diploma equivalency and parental verification provisions are written to take effect immediately upon signing, so homeschool families could see real changes very soon after the Governor acts.

Thank you for your [support of Homeschool Iowa](#). This is what protecting homeschool freedom looks like, not just monitoring threats, but advancing genuine gains for Iowa families. We will keep you informed as the final days of the session unfold.

For Iowa homeschool freedom,

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