



## Weekly Legislative Update

### Week 15: April 20 – April 24, 2026

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#### **Subject: One Step Away — Can You Send a Quick Email This Week?**

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The Iowa Legislature crossed its 100th calendar day this week — the point where legislators' daily expense reimbursement ends. But the session is not over. Both chambers are continuing their work, and our priority bill is still in play. This is the final stretch, and there is one simple thing you can do right now that could make a difference.

#### **Where Things Stand**

The House passed HF 2754 on April 16 with Rep. Bill Gustoff's homeschool amendment adopted 54-34. That amendment includes four provisions Iowa homeschool families have needed for a long time: removing the current restrictions on Independent Private instruction (IPI) that limit who can teach and whether families can be compensated (opening the door for cottage schools and microschoools), establishing that CPI and IPI diplomas and transcripts are legally sufficient proof of completion at Iowa colleges and universities, giving parents clear legal authority to execute verification documents on their child's behalf, and simplifying the first-time filing process by removing outdated immunization and blood lead documentation requirements.

The bill now sits with the Senate. Legislators return Monday, April 28. The Senate must either concur with the House-passed version or work out the final details — and either way, the clock is running. Some of the most significant bills of any session pass in these final days. We want to make sure our senators know this one matters.

#### **Your Action This Week**

We are asking members to send a short, cordial email to Senate allies this week. These are legislators who have supported homeschool families throughout this session. A brief, friendly message from a constituent — especially one who homeschools — carries real weight in these final days.

Below is a simple message you can use or adapt:

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Dear Senator [Name],

I am a homeschooling family in Iowa and a member of Homeschool Iowa. I am writing to ask for your support for the homeschool provisions in HF 2754 as the Senate considers the bill this week. These provisions — including updating independent private instruction, protecting the value of homeschool diplomas, and simplifying the filing process — would make a real difference for families across Iowa.

Thank you for your support of homeschooling families.

[Your name and city]

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Please send your message to any or all of the following senators:

- Senator Amy Sinclair, Senate President — [amy.sinclair@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:amy.sinclair@legis.iowa.gov)
- Senator Mark Costello — [mark.costello@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:mark.costello@legis.iowa.gov)
- Senator Lynn Evans — [lynn.evans@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:lynn.evans@legis.iowa.gov)
- Senator Jesse Green — [jesse.green@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:jesse.green@legis.iowa.gov)
- Senator Mike Pike — [mike.pike@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:mike.pike@legis.iowa.gov)

You do not need to email all five — even one message helps. Keep it brief and friendly. These are allies, and your voice as a constituent reinforces the work already happening at the Capitol.

### What Happens Next

Once the Senate acts on HF 2754, the bill would go to Governor Reynolds for her signature. If signed, most provisions would take effect July 1, 2026. We will keep you informed as things develop this coming week.

Thank you for staying engaged. This session has been a long road, and your membership in Homeschool Iowa is what makes this advocacy work possible.

For Iowa homeschool freedom,

**Jeremy Vos**

Director of Advocacy, Homeschool Iowa

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