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## Adjournment

The state legislature adjourned for the year late last week. Bills passed by the legislature now move to the Governor's desk who has 30 days to either sign or veto legislation.

Check out the Legislation section below for highlights on this year's appropriations. Looking for more detailed analysis on this year's budget bills? Click [here](#) for information.

## Legislation

**[Senate File 2353](#) Related to the membership and duties of the state and local workforce development boards and related responsibilities of the department of workforce development.** Passed by House on April 23, 2018 and passed by Senate on April 30, 2018. The bill will now be sent to the Governor.

**[Senate File 2415](#) Department of Education Appropriations.**

Also funds the College Student Aid Commission, the Department for the Blind, and the State Board of Regents. Highlights of the budget include:

- An **increase** of \$476,000 for the College Student Aid Commission.
  - An **increase** of \$1.6 million for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program.
  - A **decrease** of \$1.1 million for the For-Profit Iowa Tuition Grant.
- An **increase** of \$7.6 million for the Department of Education.
  - An **increase** of \$2.0 million for General Aid for Community Colleges.
  - **New appropriation** of \$250,000 for the creation of a Statewide Clearinghouse to Expand Work-Based Learning.
  - **New appropriation** of \$600,000 for the creation of a Summer Joint Enrollment Program to allow high school students to enroll in community college classes.
  - An **increase** of \$107,000 for Vocational Rehabilitation.
- An **increase** of \$8.3 million for the Board of Regents.

**[House File 2492](#) Justice System Appropriations.****[House File 2493](#) Economic Development Appropriations.**

Highlights of the budget include:

- An **increase** of \$7.8 million for the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund appropriation to the IEDA for the High Quality Jobs Program.
- A **new appropriation** of \$1.0 million for the IEDA to fund a Registered Apprenticeship Development Program for small to midsize business.
- An **increase** of \$50,000 for the Offender Reentry Program.
- A **new appropriation** of \$150,000 for Iowa Workforce Development to fund a Future Ready Iowa Coordinator.
- A **new appropriation** of \$250,000 for Iowa Workforce Development to fund a Summer Youth Intern Pilot Program for young people at risk of not graduating high school.

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This update is a bi-weekly publication intended to share information and resources regarding legislative activities, events, and bills related to workforce issues in Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Michelle Rich at [mrich@sppg.com](mailto:mrich@sppg.com).