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## State Policy Update

## Senator Resigns

Yesterday, Iowa State Senator Jeff Danielson resigned from the Senate after more than a decade in office. A special election will be held to replace his district seat, which includes Cedar Falls and parts of Waterloo in Black Hawk County. Governor Reynolds will be setting the date of this election soon.

## Legislation

**[House File 18](#) Establishes a worker shortage loan forgiveness program to be administered by the college student aid commission.** In House Economic Growth subcommittee with Huseman, Baxter, and Judge.

**[House Study Bill 166](#) Establishes an interim study committee relating to the impact of state assistance program income restriction guidelines.** In House Human Resources subcommittee with Osmundson, Lundgren, and Matson.

**[House File 230](#) Creates the Iowa job training tax credit program.** In House subcommittee with Wheeler, Huseman, and Jacoby.

**[House File 290](#) Relates to eligibility and reporting requirements for the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program.** Placed on House debate calendar.

**[House File 330](#) Relates to certain workforce training programs administered by community colleges and tuition assistance related to such programs.** In House Economic Growth subcommittee with Brink, Bennett, and Lundgren.

**[Senate File 79](#) Relates to apprenticeship training delivered via interactive distance learning.** Returned to the Senate State Government Committee without a recommendation from the subcommittee.

**[Senate File 163](#) Relates to state child care assistance, including eligibility and waiting list guidelines and copayment requirements.** In Senate Human Resources subcommittee with Edler, Johnson, and Mathis. Many similar bills have been filed in the House and Senate.

**[Senate File 164](#) Exempts from the individual income tax the wages of individuals who are employed in high-demand jobs.** In

Senate Ways and Means subcommittee with Feenstra, Brown, and Dotzler.

**[Senate Study Bill 1108](#) Relates to the supplemental nutrition assistance program and workfare.** Passed out of subcommittee and returned to the Senate Labor and Business Relations Committee for a vote.

### Important Dates

**March 8      First Funnel**

Final date for House bills to be passed out of House committees, and Senate bills out of Senate committees.

**April 5      Second Funnel**

Final date for Senate bills to be passed out of House committees and House bills to be passed out of Senate committees.

**May 3      Target Adjournment Date**

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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 Britney Samuelson at [bsamuelson@sppg.com](mailto:bsamuelson@sppg.com) or 515-237-0340.