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## State Policy Update

### Legislature Reconvenes

The state legislature wrapped up their business in two quick weeks and adjourned for the year over the weekend. Legislators primarily focused on passing budget bills at status quo levels due to reduced revenues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 sections below for updates on the bills that passed and highlights on this year's appropriations. Looking for more detailed analysis on this year's budget bills? Click [here](#) for information.

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## Legislation

### House File 2629

**Relates to the Future Ready Iowa Act and other efforts to strengthen Iowa's workforce, including an apprenticeship training program, a child care challenge program for working Iowans, computer science educational standards, a scholarship program, and the senior year plus program.** Passed Senate on 6/11 and passed House on 6/12. The bill will now be sent to the Governor.

## Appropriations

### House File 2643

**Omnibus Appropriations Bill.** The bill provides status quo funding for FY 2021 for the majority of the General Fund and other fund appropriations for State agencies' operations and programs. Awaiting Governor's signature. Highlights of the bill include:

- An **increase** of \$1.5 million for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant--Family Investment Program (FIP).
- A **new** appropriation of \$32,000 from the General Fund for the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last-Dollar Scholarship.
- Increases the maximum allowable balance in the College Student Aid Commission's Scholarship and Tuition Grant Reserve Fund from 1.0% to 2.0% of the funds

- appropriated for scholarship and tuition grant programs in the preceding year.
- Appropriates federal funds to the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) for administration of the Unemployment Compensation Program from the Unemployment Compensation Fund without specifying an amount. This appropriation does not apply to any fiscal year beginning after December 31, 2020 (FY 2021).



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