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## State Policy Update

### Legislature Reconvenes

This week, the Iowa Legislature returned from their months-long recess due to COVID-19. There is no clear schedule for how long session will last but there have been some reports that they hope to finish in as little as two weeks. In this shortened session, legislators need to pass a budget for the state's next fiscal year, pass any legislation related to coronavirus, and wrap up as many other bills as they can. Because of the pandemic's effect on the state's economy, lawmakers will have \$360 million less in revenue to work with than they had originally anticipated. This will likely mean budgets will be cut or kept at status quo funding.

### Helpful Links

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## Featured Legislation

### House 2594

**Provides businesses with income, franchise, moneys and credits, and gross premiums tax credits for providing child care benefits to employees of the business.** Passed the Ways and Means subcommittee and placed on the Ways and Means Committee calendar. Amendments filed. (Formerly HF 2083). No action since 3/9.

### House File 2384

**Relates to the Future Ready Iowa Act and other efforts to strengthen Iowa's workforce, including a child care challenge program for working Iowans, a workforce diploma pilot program, computer science instruction, work-based learning coordinators, and the senior year plus program.** Passed House Appropriations Committee with Sorensen, Brink, Hall, Mohr, G, and Running-Marquardt on 6/3. (Companion to SF 2414).

## More Bills

### House File 2424

**Establishes a graduated eligibility phase-out program for state child care assistance.** Passed House on 3/9 with amendments. In Senate Human Resources subcommittee with Costello, Edler, and Mathis.

### House File 2454

**Relates to qualifications for community college career and technical education instructors.** Passed House on 3/3 and Senate on 3/11. Signed by Governor on 6/1.

**House File 2600**

**Establishes a child care workforce state matching grants program and fund administered by the early childhood Iowa state board to award matching state grants to eligible communities and making an appropriation.** Passed House on 3/10. Passed Senate Human Resources Committee on 6/4.

**Senate File 2305**

**Relates to the voluntary shared work program.** Passed Senate on 3/10 and sent to the House.

**Senate File 2366**

**Relates to eligibility, work, and employment and training requirements for public assistance programs, including eligibility for child care assistance and community engagement activity requirements under the Iowa health and wellness plan.** Passed Senate on 3/3 and referred to House Human Resources Committee.

**Senate Study Bill 3192**

**Relates to the appropriations for the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, area education agencies, and the state board of regents.** In Senate Appropriations subcommittee with Breitbart, Bolocom, and Kraayenbrink.

**Senate Study Bill 3193**

**Relates to the appropriations for the department of cultural affairs, the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the public employment relations board, the department of workforce development and the state board of regents and certain regents institutions.** In Senate Appropriations subcommittee with Breitbart, Bolocom, and Kraayenbrink.

