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Federal Policy Update

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress has passed multiple pieces of legislation to address the various needs the country is facing. The most recent piece of legislation, the CARES Act, has several provisions that are relevant to workforce needs, including supplemental funds for services for dislocated workers; reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant; and increased funding for child care, housing, and mental health services. This legislation has passed the Senate and is expected to be voted on by the House today. To read an in-depth analysis of what this stimulus package means for the country's workforce, read this [article](#) from the National Skills Coalition.

State Policy Update

Legislature Suspended

The Iowa Legislature has suspended its session in hopes of slowing the spread of COVID-19. As of now, the plan is to resume session on or around April 15. During this time, we will also be suspending our biweekly policy newsletter. Even though legislators are not at the Capitol, they are still doing what they can to share resources and support the constituents in their districts. If you have concerns or questions for your legislators, use the links below to contact them.

Helpful Links

Click [here](#) to find your legislator. You can search by address, city, school district, county, or zip code.

To find bios, contact information, and photos of all the legislators, go to the [Legislators page](#) on the Iowa Legislature website. Select either "[Senators](#)" or "[Representatives](#)" on the left-side menu to see a complete list of all members, including links to their information page and district map.

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