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**Welcome**

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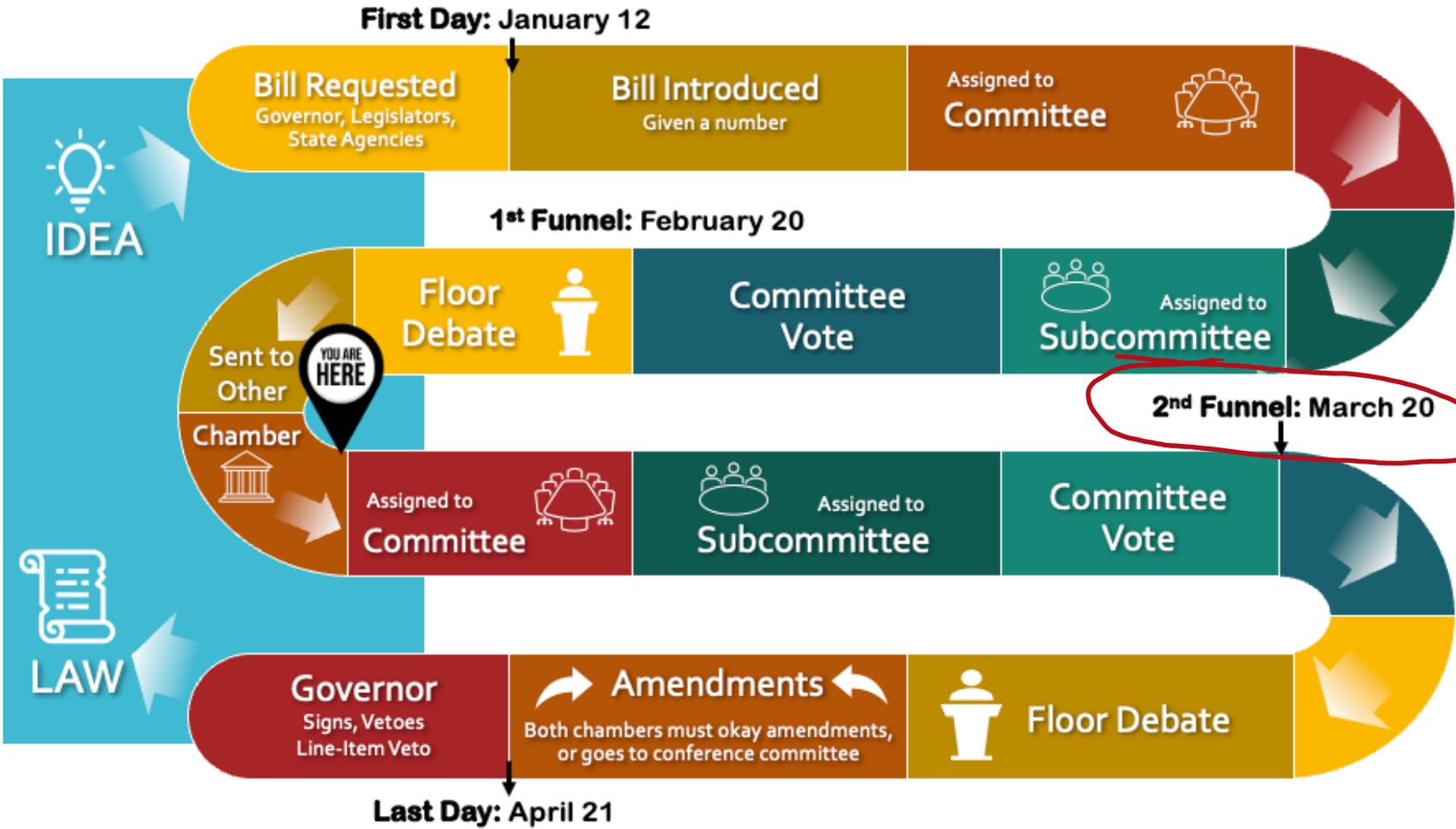
**Alive & Dead: Last  
Deadline Hits**

Amy Campbell

**Focus Issues**

Carlyn Crowe





# Bills That Didn't Make the Cut



- [HF 2203](#): Updates language in code re: epi-pens in schools (to include all types of delivery systems)
- [HF 2250](#): Allows Iowa Tuition Grants to be used for **Comprehensive Transition Post-Secondary (CTP)** programs
- [HF 2269](#): Puts a butterfly on their **driver's license** to note that the person has an invisible disability
- [HF 2292](#): Doubles the number of **beds at MHIs** and asks for a waiver to get federal Medicaid match
- [HF 2518](#): Requires **Medicaid rate reviews for HCBS providers** every four years
- [HF 2681](#): Allows schools to place **video recording systems** in special education classrooms
- [HF 2716](#): House version of **public assistance reform** (that includes MEPD expansion to 300% FPL, eliminates spousal income, disregards one car and pension income, and allows online payment of premiums)

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# Bills That Didn't Make the Cut



- **HF 2599**: Updates to **service animal rights** (instead of listing where allowed, instead would have just said they are allowed anywhere they are legally allowed)
- **SF 2087**: Includes participation in **vocational rehabilitation programs** as “work search” for unemployment
- **SF 2404**: Establishes a pilot program to allow one rural and one urban school district to have **separate schools for special education students** or students with challenging behaviors

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# Bills Surviving Second Funnel



- **HF 2501**: Makes changes to **election law** (most not controversial) – House added language to eliminate attestation option, Senate took out (House Floor with Senate Amendment; [Rep. Austin Harris](#))
- **HF 2523**: Allows parents to **directly commit a minor child** (without their consent, without a court order) to an MHI (Senate Floor; [Sen. Kevin Alons](#))
- **HF 2538**: Introduces new statewide procedures for **disciplining students** who engage in disorderly conduct in classrooms. (Senate Floor; [Sen. Kerry Gruenhagen](#))
- **HF 2543**: Addresses several barriers to the development of **subacute mental health treatment** options passed the House 89-0 (Senate Floor, [Sen. Kara Warme](#))
- **HF 2585**: Requires an **accessible prescription label/info** option be available upon request, free of charge (Senate Floor; [Sen. Kara Warme](#))
- **HSB 759**: Creates a pilot program to refurbish and recondition **durable medical equipment** purchased under Iowa's Medicaid program. (House Appropriations Committee, Passed Subcommittee, [Rep. Ann Meyer](#)) **This is our Bill of the Week** ([iowaddcouncil.org/bill-of-the-week](http://iowaddcouncil.org/bill-of-the-week))

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- **HF 2608/SF 2412**: Requires use of e-verify and SAVE database for state employment and licensing; House version includes more oaths of citizenship for **voter registration** (House Floor; [Rep. Charlie Thomson](#))
- **HF 2739**: Temporarily raises **HMO tax** from .925% to 3.5% to generate \$123 million for Medicaid - \$70.3 million of which is for current year (Senate Floor; [Sen. Mark Costello](#))
- **SF 2315**: Increases **MEPD** income limits to 300% FPL, disregards pension income, and requires HHS to provide an online payment option for premiums. (Senate Appropriations Committee; [Sen. Mark Costello](#), [Sen. Kara Warme](#), [Sen. Molly Donahue](#))
- **SF 2422**: Senate's version of **public assistance reform** requiring citizenship checks for public assistance, locking the state into Medicaid managed care, limiting ability to apply for waivers (including HCBS waivers) and state plan amendments. **House HHS Committee Amendment takes out Medicaid Managed Care language.** (House Floor with Amendment; [Rep. Austin Harris](#))

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- **SF 2428**: Another bill addressing **student disruptions**, this one allows student removal from classrooms for violent AND nonviolent disruptions. (House Floor; [Rep. Skyler Wheeler](#))
- **SF 2417/HF 2507**: Sets up standards that **AI chatbots** must follow, including noting its not human and requiring it not suggest ways to self-harm or present as a therapist or other professional (House Floor; [Rep. Austin Harris](#))
- **SF 2461**: Automatically enacts a **status quo budget** if the Legislature is unable to pass on by July 1 of each year, which could be problematic or programs like Medicaid (Senate Floor; [Sen. Ken Rozenboom](#))

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Disability Advocacy Day

**April 1st**  
Iowa State Capitol Building

With Medicaid, We Can:

**Live.  
Work.  
Play.  
Flourish.**



**LET US WORK!**

A campaign to give people with disabilities the freedom to work.

# Share Your Thoughts on Our State Plan

Let us know if our  
goals are aligned!

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/2027-2031-state-plan-feedback](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2027-2031-state-plan-feedback)





# Mark Your Calendars

## **Upcoming Events**

April 1 (Disability Partners Capitol Advocacy Day)  
April 21 (Final Paid Day for Legislators)

## **2026 Capitol Chats (Noon-12:30 pm)**

Friday, April 3  
Friday, April 17  
Friday, May 1 (if needed)