



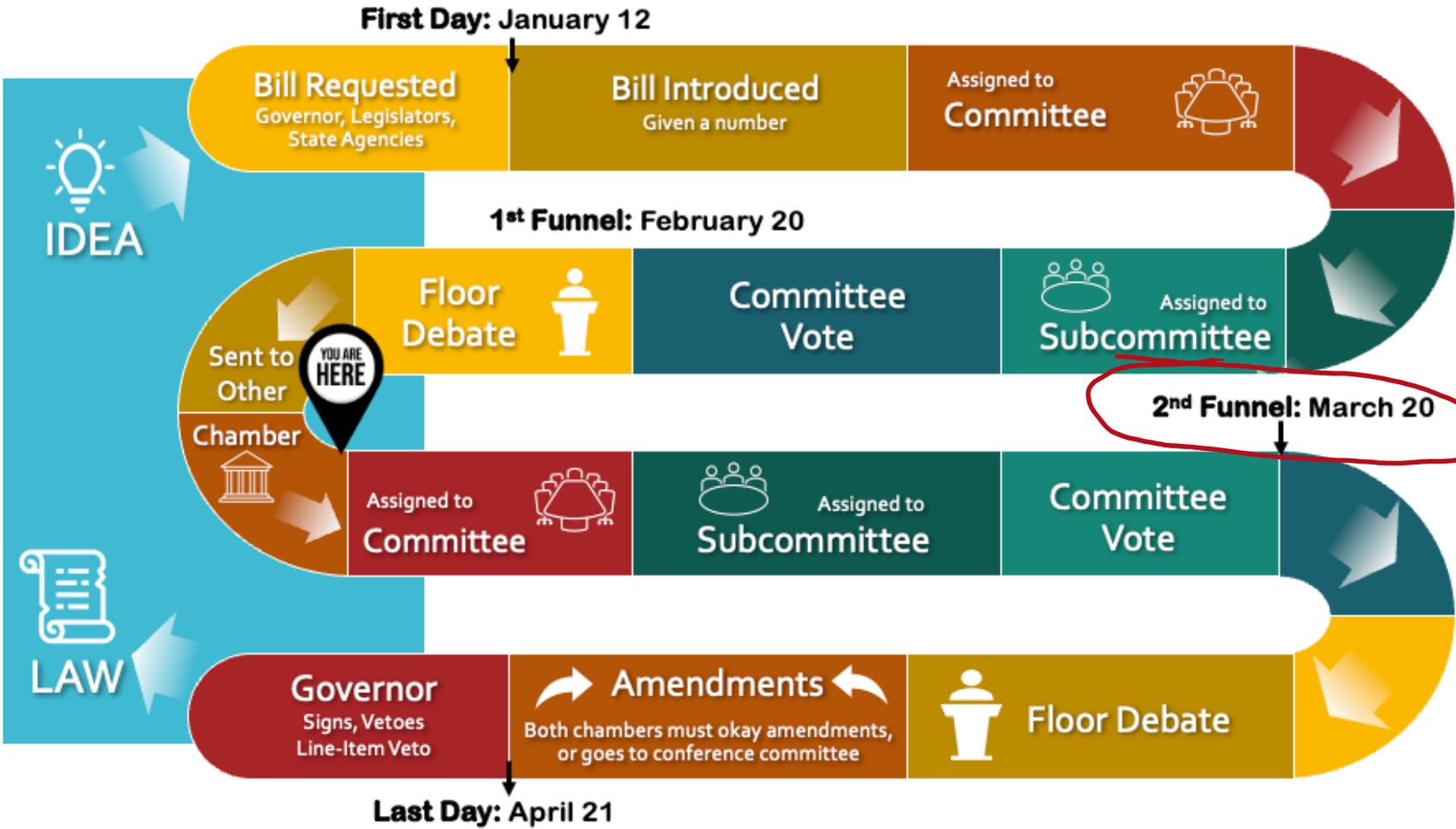
Today!

Welcome
Brooke Lovelace

Bill Updates
Amy Campbell

Focus Issues
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Bill Updates: House Files on the Move



- **HF 2250**: Allows Iowa Tuition Grants to be used for **Comprehensive Transition Post-Secondary (CTP)** programs passed House 96-0 (Senate Education Committee)
- **HF 2292**: Doubles the number of **beds at MHIs** and asks for waiver to get federal Medicaid match passed House 90-0 (Senate Health & Human Services Committee; Sen. Warme/ Zimmer/Costello)
- **HF 2501**: Makes changes to **election law** (most not controversial) – House added language to eliminate attestation option, Senate took out (Passed Senate 44-0; House Calendar with Senate Amendment)
- **HF 2518**: Requires **Medicaid rate reviews for HCBS providers** every four years passed House 92-0 (Senate Health & Human Services Committee, Sens. Costello/Lofgren/Zimmer, Subcommittee scheduled [Tuesday, March 10 at 3:00 pm](#))
- **HF 2523**: Allows parents to **directly commit a minor child** (without their consent, without a court order) to an MHI passed the House 70-21, Senate Health & Human Services Committee, passed subcommittee on Wednesday)

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Bill Updates: House Files on the Move



- **HF 2538**: Makes many changes to education processes, including allowing a teacher to request a meeting with. A student's **IEP team** at any time and requires cause for denial (House plans to debate on Monday, March 9; Rep. Wheeler is floor manager)
- **HF 2543**: Addresses several barriers to the development of **subacute mental health treatment** options passed the House 89-0 (Senate Calendar, Sen. Warme is floor manager)
- **HF 2585**: Requires an **accessible prescription label/info** option be available upon request, free of charge (Rep. Brett Barker; on House Debate Calendar for Monday, March 9)
- **HSB 759**: Creates a pilot program to refurbish and recondition **durable medical equipment** purchased under Iowa's Medicaid program. (House Appropriations Committee, Reps. A. Meyer/R. Johnson/Weldon, subcommittee scheduled for [Monday, March 9 at 12:45 pm](#))

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Bill Updates: Senate Files on the Move



- **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 (Senate Calendar, [new fiscal note filed](#), \$1.2 - \$4.6 million total annual cost)
- **SF 2417**: 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 (Passed Senate 48-0; on House Calendar)
- **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 (Passed House Appropriations Committee two weeks ago – on Senate Calendar, Sen. Rozenboom is floor manager)
- **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. (Passed Senate 30-17; House Health & Human Services Committee, Reps. Harris/A. Meyer/Wessel-Kroeschell; Subcommittee meeting set [Tuesday, March 10 at 8:00 am](#))

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

Disability Advocacy Day

April 1st
Iowa State Capitol Building

With Medicaid, We Can:

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

HF 2716 & SF 2422

House Version + MEPD changes (Rep. Austin Harris)

Senate Version (Sen. Scott Webster)

Comparison: iowaddcouncil.org/news

SF 2315

Increasing eligibility for MEPD Program to 300% FPL (Sen. Dennis Guth)

It's our [Bill of the Week!](#)



Want to brush up on your advocacy skills before meeting with your legislators? Or just need to know which door to get into the Capitol building?

Drop in for our weekly "mini-training" every Friday during the legislative session!

When: Friday, March 6 @12:30-1 pm (after Capitol Chat!)

Who: All disability policy advocates (new or experienced!)



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 12 (Revenue Estimating Conference)

Friday, March 13 (Legislative Candidates File Papers)

April 1 (Disability Partners Capitol Advocacy Day)

2026 Capitol Chats (Noon-12:30 pm)

Friday, March 20 (funnel update!)

Friday, April 3

Friday, April 17

Friday, May 1 (if needed)