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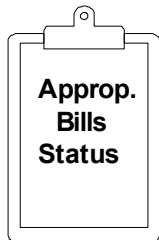
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STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS



Appropriations Subcommittee Bills		
Appropriations Subcommittee	LSB/File#	Status
Omnibus Appropriations	SF 2298	Passed Senate on March 30 and the House Appropriations Committee on April 1.
Transportation	SF 2112	Passed House on March 15.

Note: Individual Subcommittee Appropriations Bills were passed on March 18.

Other Appropriations Bills		
98.0% General Fund Expenditure Limitation	HF 2039	Item vetoed and signed by the Governor on February 12.
Waste Tire Management Fund	HF 2349	Passed House on April 1.
Environment First Fund Supplemental	HF 2538	Governor signed on April 2.
Spending Limitations	HF 2545	Passed House Appropriations Committee on March 17.
Public Health Omnibus	HF 2555	Passed House on April 5.
Birth Certificate Registration Fees	SF 2059	Signed by the Governor on March 18.
FY 2006 Allowable Growth Rate	SF 2124	Governor vetoed on March 5.
Public Health Disaster Funding	SF 2153	Passed House Appropriations Committee on April 6.
Avian Influenza	SF 2194	Passed Senate on March 31.
Regents Bonding Authority	SF 2287	Passed Senate Appropriations Committee on March 10.
Federal Block Grant	SF 2288	Passed House Appropriations Committee on April 5.
Program Review and Sunset	SF 2292	Passed Senate on April 6.

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FINAL ACTION ON INVASION OF PRIVACY BILL – HF 561

Invasion of Privacy

The Senate passed HF 561 (Invasion of Privacy Act) on April 5, which creates a new crime, invasion of privacy. The Bill defines invasion of privacy as limited to certain circumstances and imposes a serious misdemeanor penalty on offenders convicted of this new offense.

Correctional Impact



The correctional impact of creating this new crime cannot be determined due to insufficient information. However, creating a new offense and imposing a serious misdemeanor as the penalty may increase court caseloads and increase the demand for State prison, Community-Based Corrections, and county jail resources.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of creating a new offense under HF 561 cannot be determined due to insufficient information. However, the State's cost for one serious misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$100 to \$5,000.

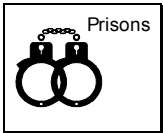
More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 561 is available on the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**FINAL ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
OMNIBUS BILL – HF 2367**

Corrections Omnibus



The Senate passed HF 2367 (Department of Corrections Omnibus Bill), which creates the Inmate Labor Fund under the control of the Department of Corrections (DOC). Fund receipts will consist of any fees, grants, appropriations, or reimbursed costs received by the Department related to inmate labor. Fund expenditures are restricted to those related to the provision of inmate labor to public entities, such as staff and transportation costs.

Administrative Rules

The DOC will implement Administrative Rules to set the fees authorized under HF 2367. The Department is considering a sliding fee scale of \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day per inmate to be charged to public entities. The rules will include a waiver provision. An estimated 1,200 inmates are working for public entities at any given time.

Revenue

Receipts to the Fund are anticipated to be no more than \$80,000 annually and will be used to offset the costs of providing inmate labor.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 2367 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**FINAL ACTION ON COUNTY TREASURER LICENSING
MONEYS BILL – HF 2433**

Licensing Bill

The Senate passed HF 2433 (County Treasurer Licensing Moneys Bill), which provides that County Treasurers will retain \$7.00 instead of \$5.00 for each issuance or renewal of a driver's license or nonoperator identification card beginning in FY 2005.

Driver's License Study



The Bill requires the State Auditor, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Iowa County Treasurers Association, to conduct a study on the fiscal impact of the County Driver's License Issuance Program and to issue a report to the General Assembly. The Report will be used for adjusting the amount of fees retained by County Treasurers for issuance of drivers' licenses and nonoperator identification cards.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 2433 is an increase in revenue of \$856,000 to County General Funds and a decrease of the same amount to the Road Use Tax Fund in FY 2005 and beyond.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 2433 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**FINAL ACTION ON OUT OF STATE PRISONERS IN IOWA
JAILS BILL – HF 2471**

Prisoners Bill

The Senate passed HF 2471 (Out Of State Prisoners In Iowa Jails Bill), which permits counties to hold prisoners from other states. States that send prisoners to Iowa's county jails are required to reimburse the county.

Marginal Cost

The marginal cost for Iowa county jails is \$15.00 per day. Counties charge the Department of Corrections for holding certain State inmates, such as alleged parole violators, pending a revocation proceeding. The charges range from \$48.00 to \$75.00 per day. Counties also contract with the federal Bureau of Prisons to hold federal detainees and inmates. These charges range from \$55.00 to \$100.00 per day.

County Costs



Counties will utilize existing vacant beds to house any prisoners from out of state. The increase for each county will vary depending on the following factors:

- Availability of excess jail capacity.
- Lack of jail capacity in other states.
- Willingness of other states to house prisoners in Iowa and reimburse counties for that expense.

Correctional Impact

There is no significant correctional impact under HF 2471. The fiscal impact cannot be determined due to insufficient information. Iowa counties may experience increased receipts due to housing prisoners from other states. Based on information from Allamakee, Hardin, Kossuth, and Mitchell counties, increased receipts may range from approximately \$12,000 to \$135,000 annually for participating counties.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 2471 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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FINAL ACTION ON HEALTH EFFECTS REGULATION BILL – HF 2523

Air Quality Bill



The House concurred with the Senate amendment H-8354, and passed HF 2523 (Health Effects Regulation Bill) on April 6. The Bill makes changes to air quality regulations related to animal feeding operations. The Bill provides for the following:

- Establishes minimum health risk levels for hydrogen sulfide and ammonia that are based on the recommendations of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.
- Creates an Odor Health Effect Advisory Panel that will submit their recommendations and reports by December 31, 2006.
- Defines the minimal risk level for airborne pollutants, including hydrogen sulfide and ammonia.
- Defines valid sampling methods as outlined in SF 2293 (Animal Agriculture Act) that was enacted during the 2002 Legislative Session.
- Creates a Monitoring Advisory Committee with members appointed by the Governor to advise the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the monitoring of airborne pollutants, which are hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, and odor. Specifies the membership of the Committee.
- Specifies that a violator will receive a written notice from the DNR for a short-term minimal risk level for an airborne pollutant that is hydrogen sulfide or ammonia and that the notice will expire in 180 days.
- Specifies the DNR will conduct a comprehensive field study to monitor the level of airborne pollutants for each type of animal feeding operation structure. The field study will include five confinement operations for each type or phase of animal production system commonly used in Iowa and for each type of manure storage or treatment system commonly used in Iowa. The field study site, when practicable, will be located at different geographic locations around the State.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 2523 is available on the LSA web site at:
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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HOUSE PASSES PUBLIC HEALTH OMNIBUS BILL – HF 2555

Public Health Omnibus



The House passed HF 2555 (Public Health Omnibus Bill) on April 5. The Bill provides for the following:

- Establishes a Gifts and Grants Fund in Section 135.39A, Code of Iowa, separate from the State General Fund, for the deposit of gift or grant moneys obtained by the Department of Public Health from any source, including the federal government. The funds are appropriated to the Department and will remain in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.
- Establishes Section 135.105D, Code of Iowa, which requires the Department of Public Health to adopt Administrative Rules for voluntary lead hazard remediation standards for owners and management agents of target housing or child-occupied facilities prior to 1978 and to provide for the conditions under which

these owners and agents are immune from liability. Also, requires the development and administration of a central registry for housing that meets these standards, as well as the establishment of fees to cover the registry's administrative costs, and encourages the Department to provide the information on the Internet.

- Provides for various technical and substantive changes to programs under the Department of Public Health.
- Establishes Section 156.16, Code of Iowa, which permits the Board of Mortuary Science Examiners to investigate the unlicensed practice of funeral directors and funeral and cremation establishments and to impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for unlicensed activities related to Mortuary Science. Civil penalties imposed and collected will be deposited into the General Fund.

Fiscal Impact



The amount of gift and grant funds that will be received and available for use by the Department is unknown. The number of target housing or child-occupied facility properties constructed prior to 1978 that will be registered is also unknown; therefore, the amount of fees that will be collected and retained by the Department cannot be estimated. The estimated cost to the Department to provide the registry information via the Internet is \$200 per year.

Civil Penalties

The amount of civil penalties that will be imposed and collected for unlicensed activities related to Mortuary Science and deposited into the General Fund is unknown; however, it is not expected to be significant. In FY 2003, there were no convictions of individuals for practicing unlicensed Mortuary Science.

Bill Summary

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for HF 2555 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/index.jsp>.

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FINAL ACTION ON DEATH OR INJURY OF AN UNBORN CHILD BILL – HF 2558

Unborn Child

The Senate passed HF 2558 (Death or Injury of an Unborn Child Bill), which defines a "person" to include the unborn as it pertains to victims of first and second degree murder, voluntary manslaughter, and attempted murder. The Bill provides that these crimes do not apply to a legal abortion.

Convictions



There were three convictions for nonconsensual termination or serious injury to a human pregnancy under Section 707.8, Code of Iowa, in FY 2003. Two were Class C felony convictions and one was an aggravated misdemeanor conviction. There were no convictions for feticide under Section 707.7, Code of Iowa, in FY 2003.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of HF 2558 is not anticipated to be significant given the low number of convictions under current law.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact cannot be determined due to insufficient information. The State's increased cost for one conviction of an enhanced penalty under HF 2558 is as follows:

- From a Class B to a Class A felony conviction, the cost is approximately \$12,000.

- From a Class C to a Class A felony conviction, the cost is approximately \$71,000.
- From a Class C to a Class B felony conviction, the cost is approximately \$59,000.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 2558 is available on the LSA web site at:
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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FINAL ACTION ON PSEUDOEPHEDRINE RESTRICTED ACCESS I BILL – HF 2259

Pseudoephedrine Bill

The House concurred with the Senate amendment H-8419 and passed HF 2259 (Pseudoephedrine Restricted Access I Bill) on April 7. The Bill relates to the selling and purchasing of products containing Pseudoephedrine and provides for penalties.

Simple Misdemeanor



The Bill establishes a \$100 simple misdemeanor penalty for someone who buys more than two packages of Pseudoephedrine as the sole ingredient in a single transaction and a \$100 simple misdemeanor penalty for an employee who sells someone more than two packages of Pseudoephedrine as the sole ingredient in a single transaction. The Bill also defines a \$100 civil penalty for the retailer of the store where the transaction took place. The amendment exempts children’s products and products containing Pseudoephedrine as the product’s sole active ingredient in liquid form.

Serious Misdemeanor

The Bill also enhances the penalty for a person who commits theft of more than two packages containing Pseudoephedrine as the sole active ingredient or more than two packages containing Pseudoephedrine in combination with other active ingredients to a serious misdemeanor. The fiscal impact for a serious misdemeanor conviction for theft for one person ranges from approximately \$100 to \$5,000. The number of convictions that will result due to this Bill cannot be determined.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 2259 is available on the LSA web site at:
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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HOUSE PASSES SCHEDULED FINES DISTRIBUTION BILL – HF 2569

County Surcharge



The House passed HF 2569 (Scheduled Fines Distribution Bill) on April 7, which imposes a \$5.00 county enforcement surcharge for citations issued by county sheriffs in addition to the fine and any other surcharge currently assessed. The Bill is anticipated to generate the following increased revenue at the county level:

Increased Revenue from the \$5.00 County Enforcement Surcharge

	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Increased County Revenue	\$298,000	\$304,000	\$306,000	\$306,000	\$306,000

Board of Supervisors

The Bill allows each county's Board of Supervisors discretion in determining if the county will implement the surcharge. The revenue estimate is based on all 99 counties implementing the surcharge. The fiscal impact of this Bill is minimal.

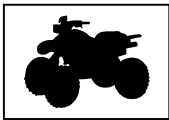
More Information

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FINAL ACTION ON REGULATION OF SNOWMOBILES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES BILL – SF 297

ATV/Snowmobiles



The Senate concurred with the House amendment S-5217 and passed SF 297 (Regulation of Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles Bill) on April 5. The Bill provides several changes to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), including, but not limited to, the following:

- Creates separate funds in the State treasury for snowmobile fees and all-terrain vehicle fees.
- Effective January 1, 2005, changes the registration fee for snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles from a biennial fee of \$25.00 to an annual fee of \$15.00.
- Requires owners of unregistered all-terrain vehicles who register such vehicles after September 1 of each year, to pay a \$5.00 fee for the remainder of the current year, in addition to the \$15.00 fee for the following year.
- Increases the writing fee collected by county recorders for issuance of registrations from \$1.00 to \$1.25.
- Requires nonresident operators of all-terrain vehicles to obtain a user permit at a cost of \$15.00 plus an administrative fee. County recorders will charge a \$1.00 writing fee.
- Allows moneys appropriated to the Department for all-terrain vehicle programs to be used for establishment, maintenance, and operation of all-terrain vehicle riding areas.
- Increases fines for the following snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle violations:
 - For defective equipment and identification violations, an increase from \$10.00 to \$20.00.
 - For vehicle rental violations, an increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

Fiscal Impact



The estimated net fiscal impact of SF 297 is as follows:

- A net decrease of \$39,000 in revenues for the All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Funds in calendar year 2005.
- An increase of \$385,000 in revenues for the All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Funds in calendar year 2006.
- Additional moneys associated with increases in safety fees, non-operator fees, and fines are expected to be minimal.
- Additional moneys associated with increases in writing fees and moneys collected from nonresident writing fees are expected to be minimal.

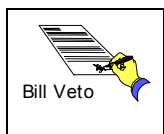
More Information

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**GOVERNOR VETOES MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL THEFT BILL
– SF 2148**

Vetoed Bill



The Governor vetoed SF 2148 (Motor Vehicle Fuel Theft Bill), which permits a judge to suspend a license upon conviction of theft of motor vehicle fuel from a retail dealer. The Governor stated, "It is bad public policy to use suspension of a driver's license for anything other than enhancing safe highway travel."

Additional Steps

The Governor also indicated the following steps could be taken:

- Existing penalties under Iowa's criminal law could be publicized as a deterrent to motor vehicle fuel theft.
- Businesses could require pre-payment of gasoline and implement video surveillance.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for SF 2148 is available on the LSA web site at:
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PASSES PUBLIC
HEALTH DISASTER FUNDING BILL – SF 2153**

Public Disaster



The House Appropriations Committee passed SF 2153 (Public Health Disaster Funding Bill) on April 6. The Bill permits the Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Governor, to provide financial assistance to local governments from unencumbered funds appropriated to the Department, in the event of a public health emergency or disaster.

Additional Funding

The Bill permits the Governor to issue an Executive Order that provides additional funding from the General Fund if funding from the Department is not sufficient.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 2153 cannot be determined, as the cost would depend on the type and severity of the emergency or disaster-related event.

More Information

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for SF 2153 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**GOVERNOR SIGNS CHILD ENDANGERMENT ACT – SF
2166**

Child Endangerment

The Governor signed SF 2166 (Child Endangerment Act) on March 18. The Act provides a sentencing option for offenders who commit child endangerment resulting in the death of a child or minor. The Act also

imposes a Class B felony with confinement of no more than 50 years in the State prison system.

Current Law



Currently, an offender who kills a child while committing child endangerment or while committing assault upon the child, and the death occurs under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life, commits murder in the first degree. This is a Class A felony with confinement of life in the State prison system. The average time served prior to death in the State prison system is 16.4 years for offenders sentenced to a life term.

Mandatory Term

Under current law, murder in the second degree is a Class B felony with a maximum sentence of 50 years. This is a mandatory minimum term where 70.0% (35 years) of the sentence is required to be served in the State prison system. Malice aforethought must be proven in order for this sentence to be imposed.

Sentencing

The sentence imposed under SF 2166 is a Class B felony with a maximum sentence of 50 years; however, the sentence is not subject to a mandatory minimum term of confinement. Under this sentencing option, it would not be necessary to prove malice aforethought. The average time served in prison for an offender convicted of a Class B felony crime against a person is 11.3 years.

Correctional Impact

There is no correctional impact over the next five years. An offender sentenced under SF 2166 would serve less time in prison (11.3 years) than an individual convicted of murder in the first degree (life in prison) or murder in the second degree (35.0 years).

Fiscal Impact

Senate File 2166 is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for SF 2166 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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FINAL ACTION ON ANIMAL SAFETY BILL – SF 2249

Animal Safety



The House passed SF 2249 (Animal Safety Bill), which regulates contests involving animals. The Bill prohibits additional activities related to animal contests, including possession or ownership of an animal engaged or to be engaged in a contest event; buying or selling an animal used for that purpose; or possessing, owning, manufacturing, or transferring a contest device used to enhance fighting. The Bill enhances the existing penalty from a serious misdemeanor to a Class D felony for violations of the Chapter, except for spectators. A person who engages in animal fights as a spectator is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

Correctional Impact

There have been no convictions in recent years for violations related to animal fights or contests.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 2249 cannot be determined due to insufficient information, but it is not anticipated to be significant.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for SF 2249 is available on the LSA web site at:
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**SENATE PASSES COUNTY TREASURERS' CLEAN-UP BILL
– SF 2289**

Clean-Up Bill



Senate File 2289 (County Treasurers' Clean-up Bill) passed the Senate on March 31. The Bill makes various changes related to the duties of county treasurers. The Bill also makes an application by a third party for a new certificate of title to transfer ownership of a valueless mobile, modular, or manufactured home by an operation of law. The fee for application for a new or an update to a certificate of title listing a security interest on certain motor vehicles or mobile homes is increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The Bill also addresses timing of annual vehicle registration and property tax payments on the Internet, storage time for special assessment records, fees for various annual installment lien payments, and fees from registered bidders for the sale of delinquent property taxes.

Fiscal Impact

Beginning in FY 2005, the fee increase in SF 2289 for security interest filings will generate additional annual revenues of approximately \$1.2 million for counties and \$768,000 for the Road Use Tax Fund.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for SF 2289 is available on the LSA web site at:
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL APPEALS IOWA SUPREME COURT
RULING ON STATE WAGERING TAX RATES**

Racetrack Appeal

The Attorney General is appealing the Iowa Supreme Court's ruling regarding the constitutionality of the State's taxation of racetrack casinos at a different rate than riverboat casinos to the United States (U.S.) Supreme Court for a second time.

Iowa Supreme Court



On June 12, 2002, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that different tax rates imposed on racetrack establishments (32.0%) compared to riverboat casinos (20.0%) was unconstitutional. The ruling lowered the tax rate on racetrack establishments from 32.0% to 20.0%, effective June 12, 2002, and may require the State to reimburse the racetracks an estimated \$102.0 million plus interest for the years in which the tracks were taxed above the 20.0% rate.

Attorney General

The Attorney General appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. On June 9, 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously reversed the Iowa Supreme Court's ruling and held that different tax rates were constitutional under the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The case was sent back to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Ruling

On February 3, 2004, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled the State's taxation of racetrack casinos at a different rate than riverboat casinos was unconstitutional as related to the equality provision of the Iowa Constitution.

RIIF Shortfall

As a result of the Iowa Supreme Court ruling, the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) has a projected shortfall of \$21.2 million in FY 2004 due to decreased wagering tax receipts. The FY 2004 shortfall will be corrected by either increasing revenues to the Fund from alternative sources or decreasing the FY 2004 appropriations.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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APRIL COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

Council Meeting



The Council on Human Services met on April 7 at the State Training School in Eldora and conducted the following business:

- Approved Administrative Rules relating to:
 - Extending the length of licensure for foster care facilities. No fiscal impact is expected.
 - Establishing a process for transition of foster care children to adulthood. The State fiscal impact would be \$291,000, which would have to be managed by each of the eight service areas within current funding allocations received for child welfare services.
- Placed the following Administrative Rule on notice for action at a future meeting:
 - Eliminating the administrative hearing option for patients within the Sexual Predator Commitment Program. No net fiscal impact is expected.
- Received information regarding the K-12 School Aid Funding made available by the 2003 General Assembly.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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STATE APPEAL BOARD ACTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Appeal Board



The Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) received notification that the Department of Human Services (DHS) paid a claim of \$152,000 from the General Fund to Jefferson County based on administrative action from the State Appeal Board. The claim was due to the DHS using funds known as Decategorization (DECAT) carryover to pay for foster care services.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION MEETING

College Student Aid

The College Student Aid Commission met on April 5. Significant agenda items included:

- Postsecondary Registration Applications. The Commission reviewed applications from the University of Saint Thomas and the University of Phoenix.
- Iowa Grant Allocations. The Commission reviewed allocations of the \$1.0 million appropriation for the Iowa Grant Program. Program funds are allocated as follows:
 - 37.5% for Board of Regents universities.
 - 36.5% for independent colleges and universities.
 - 25.9% for community colleges.
- Education Training Voucher Program. The Commission authorized staff to enter into a 28E agreement with the Department of Human Services for implementation, coordination, and administration of a new federally funded education and training grant program for youth aging out of foster care and to hire a manager to administer the program.
- Student and Faculty Ethnic Diversity Report. The Commission reviewed the annual report for 2003.



Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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<http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/fupdate/fupdate.htm>