**IOWA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE***

**March 23-27, 2015**

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The Legislature has completed the 11th week of the 16 week session and moving a number of policy bills through each chamber. Major differences continue to exist regarding the school start date and allowable growth rate for schools. Leaders and budget committee chairs are continuing negotiations over the budget, and revenue estimates are likely to remain stable with current projections.

**Funnel Deadline Nears**

Friday, April 3 marks the end of the second legislative funnel. Funnels are legislative imposed deadlines most bills are required to meet to remain eligible for consideration. The second funnel requires a bill to be approved by its committee of origin, chamber of origin, and committee of the opposite chamber in order for it to advance. However, bills that did not survive the funnel can always be resurrected through the amendment process. Certain bills are exempt from funnel deadlines. They include tax and spending bills, legalizing acts, and legislation sponsored by specific legislative leaders.

**Firearms Legislation Continues to Advance**

HF 527/SF 425 are similar bills relating to firearms possession and use. The Iowa House approved HF 527 on March 10 by a vote of 75-24. The bills are awaiting consideration on the Senate floor. HF 527/SF 425, which are largely the same, include the following provisions:

* authorizes the use and possession of firearms suppressors;
* allows children under the age of 14 to use a firearm under the direct supervision of a parent;
* creates a statewide searchable database for law enforcement to verify permits;
* requires permits to be uniform;
* makes permits confidential, eliminating public access.

**LEGISLATION**

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| [HF 502](http://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/cool-ice/default.asp?Category=BillInfo&Service=BillBook&GA=86&hbill=HF502) | A bill for an act relating to personal information in the possession of local officials and including effective date provisions. (Formerly HSB 162)Bottom of Form |
| Top of Form[SF 391](http://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/cool-ice/default.asp?Category=BillInfo&Service=BillBook&GA=86&hbill=SF391)Bottom of Form | A bill for an act relating to the use of electronic communication devices while driving as a primary offense. (Formerly SSB 1041.) SF 391 was approved by the Senate on March 17, 2015 by a vote of 44-6. It is awaiting consideration in the House Transportation Committee.Bottom of Form |
| Top of Form[HF 606](http://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/cool-ice/default.asp?Category=BillInfo&Service=BillBook&GA=86&hbill=HF606)Bottom of Form | A bill for an act establishing a motor vehicle insurance verification program, establishing fees, and including penalty and effective date provisions. (Formerly HF 514) (Formerly HSB 97)Bottom of Form |
| Top of Form[HF 527](http://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/cool-ice/default.asp?Category=BillInfo&Service=BillBook&GA=86&hbill=HF527)Bottom of Form | A bill for an act relating to the manufacture, acquisition, sale, and use of firearms and suppressors, providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions. (Formerly HSB 201)Bottom of Form |
| Top of Form[SSB 1243](http://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/cool-ice/default.asp?Category=BillInfo&Service=BillBook&GA=86&hbill=SSB1243)Bottom of Form | A study bill for an act creating the medical cannabis Act and providing for civil and criminal penalties and fees. Was approved by the Senate Ways and Means Committee by a vote of 9-6 on March 26, 2015.Bottom of Form |
| Top of Form[HF 585](http://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/cool-ice/default.asp?Category=BillInfo&Service=BillBook&GA=86&hbill=HF585)Bottom of Form | A bill for an act establishing an address confidentiality program in the office of the secretary of state for a victim of domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, stalking, and human trafficking and providing for a fee and including effective date provisions. (Formerly HF 233) Was approved by the Iowa House.Bottom of Form |
| Top of Form[HF 227](http://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/cool-ice/default.asp?Category=BillInfo&Service=BillBook&GA=86&hbill=HF227)Bottom of Form | A bill for an act relating to strip searches of persons at a jail or municipal holding facility. (Formerly HSB 33) HF 227 was approved by the Iowa House on March 24, 2015 by a vote of 97-3 and awaits consideration by the Senate.Bottom of Form |