

**The 2026 Iowa Legislative Report**  
**Iowa State Police Association**  
**91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, 2026 Session**  
**Week Eleven: March 27, 2026**  
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This week marks the beginning of the one-month countdown to the scheduled conclusion of the 2026 legislative session. Consistent with previous years, legislators are using this time to regroup and assess the status of bills that advanced beyond the second funnel deadline. Lobbyists are similarly preparing to enter the next phase of work to advance legislation to the Governor's desk.

For bills that have passed the funnel deadline, we will proceed with our advocacy efforts to move them off the remaining Chamber floor and, ultimately, to the Governor's desk. For those that did not survive the funnel, we will seek out potential vehicles to which we can attach amendments, such as policy bills, budget bills, or newly drafted bills assigned to the Appropriations or Ways and Means committees. Although these bills face a much tougher path to passage than through the standard process, it is important to remember that no bill is truly dead in the Iowa Legislature until the final gavel of the Sine Die resolution.

Activity is anticipated to increase next week. Surviving policy bills, as well as Ways and Means bills and individual Appropriation bills, will continue progressing. Property tax legislation will likely take center stage, given its prominence in many legislative campaigns. Leadership teams will persist in their negotiations to finalize overall spending amounts, so budget chairs can receive their targets. Once a final figure is set, both chambers will begin moving budget bills through committees, preparing amendments for floor debate, and working toward ultimate passage.

As previously mentioned, the scheduled conclusion of the session is April 21st; however, this does not guarantee that the session will end on or before that date. The only certainty is that legislators' daily per diem concludes on April 21st. The session will continue until a budget is approved. It is important to note that last year's budget only funds state government operations through June 30th.

The activity on our monitored bills has been updated in the weekly bill tracker document. If you have any questions regarding specific bill status, procedural processes or simply curious as to the general tone from week to week, please reach out to us anytime.

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