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		<p>Division II: <i>hawk-i</i> and Medicaid Expansion</p> <p>Division III: Iowa Choice Health Care Coverage and Advisory Council. IDPH director appoints seven members of the Iowa Choice Health Care Advisory Council</p> <p>Division IV: Health Insurance Oversight</p> <p>Division V: Iowa Health Information Technology System. IDPH convenes an Electronic Health Information Advisory Council and develops statewide health information technology plan due July 1, 2009.</p> <p>Division VI: Long-term Living Planning and Patient Autonomy in Health Care. Requires IDPH to establish a two-year patient autonomy in health care decisions pilot project and convene an advisory council to develop recommendations for expanding the pilot statewide. Recommendations due to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2010.</p> <p>Division VII: Health Care Coverage</p> <p>Division VIII: Medical Home. Requires IDPH to establish a Medical Home System Advisory Council in IDPH to assist in the development and implementation of a statewide patient-centered medical home system in Iowa. An annual report is due to the Governor and General Assembly.</p> <p>Division IX: Prevention and Chronic Care Management. Requires IDPH to establish a Prevention and Chronic Care Management Advisory Council with a requirement for the Council to submit initial recommendations to IDPH no later than July 1, 2009.</p> <p>Division X: Family Opportunity Act</p> <p>Division XI: Medical Assistance Quality Improvement.</p> <p>Division XII: Health and Long-term Care Access. IDPH is required to develop a statewide health care delivery infrastructure and health care workforce resources strategic plan due to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2010 and every two years thereafter.</p> <p>Division XIII: Prevention and Wellness Initiatives. Establishes community wellness grants to be distributed by IDPH, a Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Nutrition, establishment of a best practices Web site, and</p>		<p>FYI M/C</p> <p>FYI M/C, Report, Taskforce</p> <p>M/C, Report, Taskforce</p> <p>FYI M/C, Report, Taskforce</p> <p>M/C, Report, Taskforce</p> <p>FYI FYI M/C, Report</p> <p>M/C, Reports</p>	<p>N/A Director's Office</p> <p>N/A Director's Office</p> <p>J. McMahon/B. Ogden</p> <p>N/A J. Borst/J. Myers- Geadelmann</p> <p>J. Borst/J. Myers- Geadelmann</p> <p>N/A N/A D. Chamberlin</p> <p>J. Solberg</p>	

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		oversight for the Governor's physical fitness challenge. Initial draft of wellness plan due to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2008. Also requires IDPH to develop a plan for small business wellness tax credits for qualified wellness programs in consultation with the Insurance Division and the Department of Revenue. Small business tax credit plan due to Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2008. Division XIV: Health Care Transparency. Division XV: Direct Care Workforce. Requires IDPH to establish a Direct Care Worker Advisory Council to advise the department regarding regulation and certification of direct care workers. Report due to IDPH by November 30, 2008 with implementation of certification to begin July 1, 2009.		M/C M/C, Report, Taskforce	T. Newton E. Gloor and D. Chamberlin	
HF 2591	Dependent Adult Abuse	The bill creates a new Iowa code chapter, 235E, and transfers the assisted living program, adult day services, and elder group home investigative responsibilities from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Inspections and Appeals. The bill also creates a specialized definition for caretaker and dependent adult abuse that applies to facilities and clarifies definitions of what acts constitute abuse.	Signed April 16	FYI	D. Nicholls-Blomme	July 1, 2008
HF 2603	ARNP's Signing Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Court Reports	The bill authorizes psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners to file certain court reports on chronic substance abusers and persons with mental illness who do not require full time placement in a treatment facility. Requires a psychiatrist to personally evaluate the patient at least on an annual basis as part of the authorization.	Signed March 11	FYI	N/A	July 1, 2008
HF 2651	DOT Policy Bill	The bill makes various changes to matters affecting the Department of Transportation. Section 16 of the bill deals with changes to the education and substance abuse assessment requirements under Iowa Code chapter 321J, operating while intoxicated.	Signed April 25	FYI	K. Stone	Varies
HF 2660	FY 2009 Justice Systems Appropriations	The bill makes various appropriations to for the Departments of Justice, Corrections, Public Safety, and Public Defense, and other justice system agencies. Section 20 of the bill provides language requiring IDPH to work with the	Line-item vetoed and signed May 9	FYI	CADE	July 1, 2008

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		shall collaborate with IDPH to assure compliance with the screening requirements and provide the parent or guardian of the student with appropriate dental screening or blood lead testing referral resources if needed.		AR M/C	R. Gergely	
SF 2124	Veterans Trust Fund and Child Abuse Prevention Tax Checkoff	The bill deals with expenditures from the Veterans Trust Fund, but was amended to include language for a combined veterans trust fund and volunteer firefighters checkoff and to include a child abuse prevention checkoff.	Signed May 5	FYI	N/A	May 5, 2008
SF 2161	Codifying the Iowa Homelessness Council	Establishes a 38-member voting Council on Homelessness made up of 26 members of the general public with specific minority and demographic groups being represented. 12 members shall consist of specified state agency directors or each director's designee. The council will assist in making decisions to reduce homelessness; to make annual recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature and assist in the completion of the state's continuum of care application to the US department of housing and urban development.	Signed April 24	FYI	J. Gronstal	July 1, 2008
SF 2177	IDPH Omnibus Bill	The bill makes minor and substantive changes to various programs within IDPH. Section 1: Repeals housing law code chapter, 135.11 (6), that is outdated and no longer being used. Section 2: Clarifies how divisions within IDPH are titled. Section 3 Adopts the DHS definition of brain injury for IDPH's brain injury program Section 4: Allows the department to contract directly with local boards of health for the inspection and enforcement of tattoo regulations. Section 5: Allows the department to contract directly with local boards of health for the inspection and enforcement of swimming pool regulations. Section 6 Allows drugs that are received by the drug donation repository program (administered by the Iowa Drug Prescription Authority) to be distributed if it has an expiration date of 6 months or less from when it was received and if it is in high demand and will be used before it expires.	Signed April 11	FYI FYI AR AR AR AR	K. Sharp N/A Woodworth C. Stone C. Stone D. Chamberlin	July 1, 2008

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		<p>Section 7: Establishes language requiring fingerprinting for individuals who have access to radioactive materials in quantities of concern to conform to federal regulations.</p> <p>Sections 8 and 9: Updates language regarding the department's mammography program.</p> <p>Section 10: Allows the department to contract directly with local boards of health for the inspection and enforcement of tanning facility regulations.</p> <p>Section 11: Allows minors to receive preventive STD services (Gardasil and Hepatitis B vaccine) without parental consent. Current law authorizes STD diagnosis and treatment without parent consent but not preventive services.</p> <p>Section 12 : Establishes expedited partner therapy for the treatment of STD's in Iowa.</p> <p>Section 13: Clarifies the definition of nonnatural death for the Office of the State Medical Examiner.</p> <p>Sections 14-24: Repeals references to the certification by IDPH for facilities that use dogs for scientific research (which is already being done by IDALS and USDA).</p> <p>Section 25: Repeals code chapter relating to the Council of Chemically Exposed Infants and Children, 235C, because the council no longer exists.</p>		AR FYI AR FYI FYI FYI AR FYI	M. Rasmuson A. Leek M. Rasmuson D. Callaghan K. Thompson OSME B. Nervig J. Borst	
SF 2199	Appeal for Dental Insurance Denials	The bill allows for appeals of a denial of dental insurance based on medical necessity.	Signed April 2	FYI	N/A	July 1, 2008
SF 2251	Eye Exam for Children	The bill requires that a parent or guardian receive a student vision card when a child is registered for kindergarten or a preschool program. It also encourages children to receive an eye exam by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist prior to receiving special education services.	Signed April 18	M/C	J. Borst	July 1, 2008
SF 2286	Federal Block Grant Appropriations Bill	The bill provides the Governor's allocations for the federal block grants for FY 2009.	Signed April 22	FYI	M. Spangler	July 1, 2008
SF 2317	Code Editor Bill	<p>The bill makes various technical changes to Iowa code as recommended by the code editor.</p> <p>Section 37 of the bill clarifies which veterans organizations IDPH should work</p>	Signed April 2	FYI	N/A	Varies

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		with when distributing Hepatitis C information related to veterans.				
SF 2338	Health Licensing Boards Updates	The bill makes technical changes to chapter 147, 148, 150 and 150A to reflect current terminology and reflect current practices for the health-related professions.	Signed April 16	AR	Health Professional Licensure Boards	July 1, 2008
SF 2340	Records for Foster Care Children	The bill requires DHS or its designee to provide a certified birth certificate and social security card for a child in an out-of-home placement by the time the child is age 18. Requires the fee to be waived by state and county registrars.	Signed April 22	FYI	J. France	July 1, 2008
SF 2341	Alzheimer's Disease Education and Awareness	The bill requires IDPH to analyze service needs for persons with Alzheimer's disease and similar forms of irreversible dementia when funding becomes available. The department is also to expand and improve training and education for those who deal with persons with the disease and conduct a statewide campaign to educate health care providers about early detection. The Department of Elder Affairs by July 1, 2010 is to implement the training, education, and awareness efforts.	Signed May 7	FYI	J. McMahon/J. Naber	July 1, 2008
SF 2400	FY 2009 Administration and Regulation Appropriations	The bill appropriates funds to certain state departments and other entities, including the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Commerce, the Governor's Office, Office of Drug Control Policy, Department of Human Rights, and the Department of Inspections and Appeals.	Line-item vetoed and signed May 12	FYI	N/A	Varies
SF 2406	Appointment Changes	The bill relates to appointments made by members of the General Assembly to statutory boards, commissions, councils, and committees. In particular, the bill eliminates the Direct Care Worker Task Force established IDPH in 2005 (Iowa Acts, chapter 88).	Signed May 10	FYI	D. Chamberlin	May 10, 2008
SF 2415	Regional Emergency Response District	The bill authorizes a 5-year pilot project in Crawford County to establish a regional emergency response district.	Signed May 9	FYI	K. Schmitt	July 1, 2008
SF 2417	FY 2009 Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Appropriations	Provides FY 2009 funding from the Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust for various health-related programs, including funding for Tobacco Use Prevention and Control, substance abuse treatment, and local public health. Highlight of changes from FY 2008: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates \$40,000 for the rural Automated External Defibrillator grant program; and 	Line-item vetoed and signed May 13	FYI	M. Spangler/K. Schmitt/B. Mapes	Varies

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		<p>Education to adopt rules to require programs and facilities under their purview to conduct visual assessments for lead hazards. Also requires that the hazards be repaired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. 109: Codifies the Early Childhood Iowa Council, which currently is called Early Childhood Iowa. ECI is an alliance of stakeholders (including Empowerment, Education, Human Services) working on issues affecting children ages 0-5. IDPH is designated the lead agency for the council. • Sec. 111: Requires criminal and abuse history checks for certain health care employees working at in a hospital or applying to work in a hospital. • Sec. 122: Requires DHS to adopt rulemaking for licensed marital and family therapists and certain licensed master social workers to make them eligible for payment for behavioral health services under Medicaid (was SF 2252). • Sec. 126: Establishes an Iowa Autism Council under the Department of Human Services. IDPH would be a member of the council. The council is to develop and implement a comprehensive, coordinated system to provide diagnostic, intervention, and support services for children and adults with autism. • Sec. 134: Requires death investigations at DHS institutions by the county medical examiner (was SF 2266/HF 2574). • Sec. 139: Implements the Healthy Kids Act, including IDPH participation in a nutrition advisory council. 		<p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>M/C</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>M/C</p>	<p>J. Borst</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Board of Social Work</p> <p>J. Borst</p> <p>OSME</p> <p>J. Solberg</p>	
SF 2427	State Agency Prohibition on Lobbying	The bill prohibits state agencies from running advertisements or public service announcements 30-days prior to or during the legislative session that lobbies on an issue that is being considered or was considered during the previous legislative session.	Signed April 24	FYI	N/A	July 1, 2008
SF 2428	Debt Collection	The bill relates to the collection of delinquent debt owed the state and political subdivisions of the state by requiring offsets of gambling winnings, sanctioning of professional licenses, modifying provisions related to debt and tax collection	Signed May 15	AR	B. Nervig	July 1, 2008
				AR	BPL/E. Gloor	

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		practices and fees, writing off certain delinquent court debt, modifying provisions relating to the deposit of certain funds in the jury and witness fee fund, and making penalties applicable.				
SF 2432	FY 2009 RIIF Appropriations Bill	<p>The bill appropriates funds for FY 2009 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund, the Endowment for Iowa's Health restricted capitals fund, the Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds restricted capital funds account, the Environment First Fund and the FY 2009 prison bond fund.</p> <p>For IDPH, section 11 of the bill allocates \$130,000 to the department to be given to Prevent Blindness Iowa for vision screening services.</p>	Line-item Vetoed and Signed May 9	M/C	J. Borst	Varies