



2010 Inactive Bills

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These bills failed to make it out of committee before the first legislative deadline on February 12. They are no longer eligible for consideration. The next deadline is March 5, when many more bills will be added to this list. Remember, legislators always have ways to bring bills back alive, and they could always offer to amend it onto another bill before the end of session.

HF 2022 - Inmate Earned Time: Increases the amount of earned time an inmate can earn for a reduced sentence from 1.2 days to 1.5 days for each day of good conduct/program participation. *Last Status: House Judiciary Committee; Rep. R. Olson (Chair), Wessel-Kroeschell & Baudler*

HF 2043 - Public Financing of Elections Study: Requires the Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of public financing of elections in Iowa. Sponsored by Rep. Isenhart & 20 House Democrats *Last Status: House State Government Committee; Rep. Cohoon (Chair), Frevert & Pettengill*

HF 2096 - Institute for Public Policy: Establishes a non-profit Iowa Institute for Public Policy designed to help lawmakers make informed judgments about important long-term issues facing the state and improve the effectiveness of state government. The 12-member board of directors includes four legislators, two members appointed by the Governor, three members appointed by each of the Regents institutions, one member appointed by the community colleges, one member appointed by the independent colleges, and the director of the Legislative Services Agency. Institute employees are state employees and eligible for state benefits. Sponsored by Rep. Isenhart & Rep. Koester. *Last Status: House State Government Committee; Subcommittee: Rep. Isenhart (Chair), Koester & Lensing*

HF 2123 - Veteran's Mental Health: Requires the court to hold a presentence hearing to determine if a combat veteran who has committed a crime did so as a result of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, substance abuse, or psychological problems stemming from combat service. If the court determines these conditions are met, the court can place the veteran in a mental health or substance abuse facility that has a history of successfully treating such disorders. If conditions are not met, the court is to move forward with sentencing. Sponsored by Rep. Tymeson *Last Status: House Veterans Affairs Committee; Rep. Zirkelbach (Chair), Chambers, & Mascher*

HF 2127 - Predatory Lending/Pay Day Loans: Places restrictions on pay day lenders, allowing them to choose between unlimited loans at a capped 36% APR interest rate or charging a higher rate limited to six loans per person, per year. To charge the higher rate, the lender must file a notice of intent with the Superintendent of Banking. Places restrictions on collections - cannot proceed with collections until the person has a chance to repay the debt with a \$15 charge if biweekly payments are made, and prohibits a lender from reselling the debt. The 36% APR is the same percentage rate limitation imposed by Congress on loans to military personnel and their families. *Last Status: House Commerce Committee; Rep. Wenthe (Chair), Helland, Kressig, Reasoner & Sands*

HSB 590 - Mental Health Parity: Enacts the "Equality in Health Care Coverage & Veterans Wellness Act" - a bill introduced last year (HF 234). Requires all state regulated health insurance plans to pay for the treatment of all mental illness and substance use disorders. Coverage is to be the same as for the treatment of physical illnesses (same copays, limits, managed care principals). "Mental Illness" includes everything in the most recent version of the Diagnostic & Statistical Manual (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association. Effective 7/1/2011. See HF 234 which is still alive. *Last Status: House Commerce Committee; Rep. Petersen (Chair), D. Olson, Struyk, Windschitl & Zirkelbach*

HSB 681 - MH/DS Pilot Projects: Authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to implement county mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities (MH/MR/DD) services pilot projects. A pilot project area must be comprised of at least five counties with a general population of at least 75,000 and not more than 250,000. The initial pilot project period is limited to the three fiscal years beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2013. The pilot project provisions are required to be outlined in an agreement between the department and pilot project counties and may include any of the following: pooling of state funding, pooling of medical assistance program home and community-based services waiver slots, decategorizing of funding streams, adapting any new program requirements to optimize implementation within the pilot project counties, establishing as a standard practice the use of functional assessment tools to determine the functional needs of a consumer and develop an individual budget allocation for each consumer, reallocation of the state funding distributed to the pilot project counties based upon individual budget allocations and county administrative costs and historical needs, and use of a levy rate limit for MH/MR/DD services fund property taxes in lieu of a dollar amount levy limit. The pilot project counties are required to provide evaluation and outcome information. A list of possible outcomes which may be realized by the pilot projects is provided. *Last Status: House Human Resources Committee; Subcommittee: Rep. Heddens (Chair), Smith & L. Miller*

SSB 3034 - Credit Default Insurance: Regulates the sale of credit default insurance and establishes minimum requirements that must be met in order to sale it in the state. Effective 7/1/2010. *Last Status: Senate Commerce Committee; Sen. Dandekar (Chair), McCoy & Kettering*

SSB 3191 & HSB 687 - Charitable Organization Contributions: SSB 3191 & HSB 687 Charitable Organization Contributions Sponsored by the Attorney General. The bill regulates charitable organizations that solicit contributions for a charitable purpose associated with a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental, conservation, civic, or other charitable objective. According to the bill, a charitable organization must be registered with the attorney general prior to soliciting contributions in this state. The registration statement must include information regarding its business and fund-raising activities. The charitable organization must also file amendment statements that reflect material changes to the organization and a financial report which includes information for the charitable organization's most recent fiscal year as provided by the attorney general or a copy of a completed federal tax form 990 filed by nonprofit organizations. A charitable organization must also pay filing fees with the fee based on the amount of receipts collected by the charitable organization. The bill provides for a number of exceptions from the registration requirements, which apply to religious organizations; political parties, political candidates, and political action committees; organizations that receive contributions from 10 persons or less; and foundations including those associated with the state board of regents and community colleges. The bill contains several related provisions governing professional commercial fundraisers and use of a charitable organization's name. The bill would retain a provision that delegates rule making authority to the attorney general, and authorizes the attorney general to promulgate forms. The bill establishes a charitable solicitations administration fund under the control of the attorney general and retains language from Iowa Code which provides the attorney general with enforcement authority. *Last Status: Senate Commerce Committee; Subcommittee: Sens. Courtney (Chair), Schmitz & Hartsuch; House: Rep. Quirk (Chair), Windschitl & Reasoner*