**ICADV 2021 State Legislative Session Summary**

**ICADV LEGISLATIVE TRACKER (select bills list)**

Following is a list of the bills we monitored closely. Bills being sent to the Governor or signed into law are listed first. At end of legislative session Governor Reynolds has 30 days to sign or veto bills. Since this is the first year of a 2-year session, bills that did not advance remain eligible for consideration in 2022. For bills without hyper-links click [here](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/), on the left side, under ‘Bills’ section- just enter the bill number.

**VICTIM SERVICES FUNDING**

The Justice Systems appropriations bill ([HF 861](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf861)) included $5 million in state funds for victim services, same as last year. Amendments offered by Rep. Marti Anderson (D-36) and Senator Todd Taylor (D-35) providing $7.5 million ($2.5 m increase) for victim services (DV, SA, murder, human trafficking) were defeated. Although disappointing, given the tone of this session, level-funding and having amendments offered in each chamber making victim services central to the budget debate marked a genuine victory.

**HOUSING**[SF 252](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF%20252&ga=89) AGAINST- prohibits cities from enacting local ordinances to protect renters against source of income discrimination. House approved 56-38; Senate approved 30-17; signed into law April 30, 2021.

[HF 820](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf820) FOR- removes unjust barriers to housing for tenants with prior eviction records. House approved 94-0; did not advance further. HF 866, a bill we opposed because it increased late fees for renters and undermined tenant rights was amended to include the language of HF 820 and also passed the House. Ultimately, HF 866 failed to advance as well.

[HF 442](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf442) FOR- improves manufactured home residents’ rights; establishes important protections for mobile home park residents to bring rights in line with other renters; limits rental increases to one per year, prohibits utility overcharges, and gives residents recourse to address abuses under current law. Amended and approved by House Judiciary Committee and renumbered as HF 833- we no longer supported; did not advance further.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**[HF 359](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF%20359&ga=89) (HSB 57) FOR-allows Iowa financial institution to offer prize linked savings accounts (financial savings incentives). House State Government Committee approved; did not advance further. (SF 86 companion bill did not get Senate State Govt subcommittee; SSB 1124 approved by Senate Commerce Subcommittee but did not advance).

[SF 389](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf389) (SSB 1125) AGAINST- implements new system for public benefits oversight that increases access barriers for program participants; imposes new eligibility requirements for SNAP food assistance that will kick 50,000 Iowans off SNAP without any savings to the state. Senate approved 30-18; did not advance further.

[SF 492](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf492)/HF 754 AGAINST- reduces unemployment benefits. Approved by Senate and House Labor Committees; did not advance further.

[HF 724](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF%20724&ga=89) (SF 362) FOR- employers must treat adoptive parents same as biological parents for purposes of benefits and policies for the first year of adoption. House approved 95-0; did not advance further.

SSB 1061 AGAINST- criminal penalties for possessing multiple EBT (food stamp) cards. Senate Labor Subcommittee failed to approve.

**CIVIL RIGHTS – RACIAL JUSTICE, FREE SPEECH, IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**[SF 342](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF342&ga=89) AGAINST - restricts the right to protest by enhancing penalties for disorderly conduct crimes, creates new penalties for assaulting police officers, penalizes Iowans for moving to a safe location before stopping for unmarked police car, enhances immunity for law enforcement and justice system stakeholders, creates immunity for drivers who injure protestors. House approved 56-35; Senate approved 27-18.

[HF 802](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf802) (HSB258) AGAINST – see above; as introduced HSB258 prohibited effective diversity training at public schools and universities. It was amended and became far more expansive to include all government entities, i.e. essentially a state version of an Executive Order from former President Trump that was struck down by a federal court. House approved 53-35; Senate approved 30-18.

[SF 478](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf478) (SSB 1205) AGAINST- an earlier iteration of HF 802. Senate approved 33-14; did not advance further.

[HF 222;](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf222) AGAINST- legislation to cut funds to schools and public colleges/universities who teach anything derived from the *New York Times’* “**1619 Project**,” a collection of essays initiated by Iowa native Nikki Hannah-Jones who won a Pulitzer Prize for her commentary. The purpose of the project is to fill in the gaping lack of information about the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans that have been left out of most history books. House Education subcommittee approved; did not advance further.

[SF 339](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf339) (was SF84) AGAINST- anti-immigrant rights bill that penalizes employers for not using the federal e-verify system and harms immigrant workers advanced. Senate Judiciary Committee approved; did not advance further.

Did not advance/receive committee consideration:

* HF 72 FOR- repeal Iowa’s English only law.

**CIVIL RIGHTS - LGBTQ**[HF 310](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf310) (HSB11) FOR- prohibit anti-LGBTQ views as defense for violent crime. House approved 94-0; did not advance further.

[SF 436](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf436) AGAINST- religious exemption from Iowa civil rights law. Senate State Government Subcommittee approved; did not advance further.

[SF 224](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf224) AGAINST- prevents transgender students in elementary and secondary school from accessing appropriate restrooms. Senate Education subcommittee approved; did not advance further.

[SF 167](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf167) AGST- no gender ID in elementary sex ed curriculum. Senate Education subcommittee approved.

Did not advance/receive committee consideration:

* HF 272 AGST- removes gender ID from Iowa civil rights law
* HF 170 AGST- religious exemption from Iowa civil rights law
* HF 340 AGST- prioritizes sex at birth over gender identity
* HF 187 AGST- anti-trans bathroom ban
* HF 405 AGST- no challenge restroom access
* HF 334 AGST- trans athlete ban
* HF 184 AGST- trans athlete ban
* HF 327 AGST- trans minor health access
* HF 193 AGST- bans medical professionals from conversion therapies for minors
* SF 80 AGST- requires parental notification if student uses preferred pronoun at school.
* HF 154 AGST- sex ed informed consent
* HF 326 AGST- no gender ID curriculum
* HF 185 AGST- programming at libraries

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH/RIGHTS**

[HJR 5](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hjr5) (HSB 41; SJR 2) AGAINST- proposal to amend Iowa’s constitution to say Iowa does not recognize a right to abortion. Slightly different versions bounced back and forth, ultimately, House approved 54-38; Senate approved 30-18. This is not signed by the Governor. Instead, if identical language approved by legislators in the next legislative session (2023 or 2024) it will be on general election ballot for voter approval in 2024.

[HF 434](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf434) FOR- allows pharmacists to dispense birth control to individuals over age 17 without prescription. House Human Resources Committee approved; did not advance further.

[HF 383](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf434) (HF53) AGAINST- requires unethical informed consent for medication abortion- physicians required to tell women can reverse medication abortion. House Human Resources Committee approved; did not advance further.

[HF 414](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF%20414&ga=89) (HF 192) FOR- child sex abuse awareness curriculum. House Public Safety Committee approved; did not advance further. (Senate companion SF 270 did not advance.)

Did not advance/receive committee consideration:

* SF 146 FOR- restore Medicaid family planning program
* SF 155 FOR- Medicaid coverage 12 months post-partum
* SF 35 FOR- enhance Medicaid eligibility pregnant women
* HF 154 AGST- barrier to sex education curriculum
* SF 58 FOR- dating violence curriculum
* HF 267 AGST- life begins at conception
* HF 515 AGST- creates state ‘alternatives to abortion’ program
* SF 508 AGST- abortion database
* HF 403 AGST- living infants fairness and equality

**ELECTIONS/VOTING RIGHTS**[SF 413](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf413) AGAINST- sweeping voter suppression bill shortens early voting time frames; restricts authority of county auditors to set up satellite voting sites and drop boxes. It did include a change requested by ICADV to exempt Safe at Home participants from shortened deadline for mailed ballots, i.e. maintained current law. House approved 57-37; Senate approved 30-18.

[HJR 11](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HJR%2011&ga=89) (HSB 143) FOR- constitutional amendment proposal restoring voting rights to people with felony convictions who have completed their sentence. House approved 95-0; did not advance further.

[HF 818](https://icadv-my.sharepoint.com/personal/laurah_icadv_org/Documents/documents/ICADV%2010.31.2017/legislature/2021/emails%20to%20programs/HF%20310%20(HSB11)%20FOR-%20prohibit%20anti-LGBTQ%20views%20as%20defense%20for%20violent%20crime.%20Passed%20House%2094-0;%20did%20not%20advance%20further.) (HSB 231)- exclusions to felon voting rights restoration. House Judiciary Committee approved; did not advance further.

**GUNS**[SJR 7](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sjr7) (HJR 4) AGAINST- constitutional amendment right to bear arms with strict scrutiny judicial review standard. House approved 58-41; Senate approved 29-18. Eligible to be placed on 2022 general election ballot for voter approval.

[HF 756](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF%20756&ga=89) (SF 535) AGAINST- omnibus gun bill allows permitless carry; removes Iowa background checks (maintains federal background checks for licensed dealers); no permit required for guns at State Capitol; prohibits local gun safety ordinances (restriction at golf courses, etc.). House approved 60-37; Senate approved 31-17.

[HF 621](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF%20621&ga=89) (SF 514) AGAINST- restricts the type of lawsuits against gun manufacturers and sellers; requires loser to pay attorney fees of winner. House approved 60-37; Senate approved 31-17.

**CRIMINAL LAW; CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM**[HF 452](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF%20452&ga=89) (HSB 34) AGAINST- enhanced penalties for massage therapy to address human trafficking. House approved 96-0; Senate approved 48-0.

[HF 678](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hsb6) (HSB 6) FOR- legislation to make changes to probation policy to incentivize success and reduce the number of people being sent to prison for inability to pay court fees/fines or for technical violations of probation. Approved by House Judiciary Committee; did not advance further.

[HF 831](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF%20831&ga=89) (HF 231) FOR- expungement for certain non-violent class D felony convictions. House approved 94-0; did not advance further.

[SF 476](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF%20476&ga=89) (SSB 1178) AGAINST- provides enhanced qualified immunity for law enforcement officers and other criminal legal system stakeholders; undermines review process for complaints against LE, e.g. officers under review would know names of people who filed complaint. (LE bill of rights) Senate approved 36-12; this version did not advance but became part of SF 342 approved by legislators and expected to be signed into law soon.

[SF 534](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf534) (SF 497) AGAINST- restrictions on rights of protestors and enhanced penalties. Part of Governor bill (so-called back the blue). Senate approved 31-17; this version did not advance but became part of SF 342 approved by legislators and expected to be signed into law soon.

[HF 430](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=HF430) (HSB 142) AGAINST- enhanced penalties for disorderly conduct to undermine protesters’ rights. Approved by House Public Safety Committee; this version did not advance but became part of SF 342 approved by legislators and expected to be signed into law soon.

[SF 126](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf126) FOR- provided chance for parole for aiding/abetting murder. Under current law there is no chance for parole for aiding/abetting in a murder. Many domestic violence survivors are charged with this and far too often their participation in a crime is coerced or they had no knowledge or were not in room when murder occurred (drove car). Senate Judiciary subcommittee approved the bill but it did not advance further.

SF 82 (SSB1004) AGAINST- death penalty for murder of minor involving sex abuse or kidnapping. Senate Judiciary subcommittee approved; did not advance further.

[SJR 10](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sjr10) AGAINST- Marcy’s Law victims’ rights constitutional amendment. Senate Judiciary subcommittee approved; did not advance further.

Did not advance:

* [HF 377](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=hf377) FOR- legislation to create meaningful commutation process; establishes structure with firm timelines and specific factors for Board of Parole and Governor to consider when reviewing cases. Great discussion in House subcommittee hearing but was not approved.
* HF 271 AGAINST- death penalty for first degree murder; no subcommittee.

**CIVIL LEGAL**[SF 512](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=sf512)/HF 450 FOR- domestic abuse and sexual assault consent agreements. Senate/House Judiciary Committees approved; did not advance further.

[SSB 1003](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=ssb1003)/HF 202 AGAINST- requires 50/50 joint physical care. Senate/House Judiciary subcommittees approved; did not advance further.