Pre-Filed Bills

DIA has requested a bill to make changes to the health care employment agency law passed last year. You can read it here. It clarifies that the law includes contracts for services provided by RNs, LPNs, CNAs, CMAs, and medication managers (but not OTs, PTs, and speech language pathologists). It also carves out some of the more standard long-term contracts hospitals have with nurse staffing agencies.

The College Student Aid Commission has requested two bills to make changes to the way in which loan repayments are made, so that payments are made in arrears, rather than upfront. That way, they do not have to recoup payment if someone moves out of a qualified service area mid-year. They do this for the new mental health loan repayment program (here) and the rural primary care provider program (here). The department wrote up memos on each bill to explain the changes: Rural lowa Primary Care, Mental Health Provider. These do not directly impact nurses since the first is for doctors, and the second is for non-prescribing mental health professionals.

The Department of Public Safety has a bill to raise the ages for child car seats: rear facing until age 3 (or 30 lbs.), appropriate car seats until age 8, and no longer allows for kids of any age to ride without a seat belt in the rear seat if they are otherwise taken for other children/car seats. https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/BP/1313443.pdf

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