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**Iowa State Police Association**

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As week fourteen ends and the 2024 Legislative session is winding down, we have finally seen results with our 411 bill. The Senate has finely debated and passed our bill, sending it to the Governor for her signature. It has been a long time coming but the hard work and persistency have paid off.

As you all know, the House has passed the 411 bill each year for the past four years or so. Each year we have had nearly a unanimous vote passing our bill on the House side. Conversely, on the Senate side, we have had a few members blocking the bill from floor debate thus killing the bill for that legislative session. That was not the case this year. The Senate ran our 411 bill through the Ways & Means committee then on the floor (ironically on 4/11) and with very little discussion, passed the bill sending it to the Governors office for her signature.

We all have felt the frustration over the past few years and what seemed like was wasted time and effort. Great legislation that benefits all our 411 Police and Fire would seem like an easy thing to do. But there is more to the political game than just good legislation. There must be the right makeup of the two legislative chambers, the right timing for moving such a bill, and the grassroots effort of our members with a “never give up” attitude. There were legislators that had reservations on moving this bill forward but over time, had changed their minds. Many of these members were supporters of Police and Fire but just couldn’t get past whatever issue had held them up. Hard work and persistence paid off, aligning the stars, and a good bill will now become law. Thank you to all ISPA members who have worked on this bill over the years and congratulations on its passing.

Outside of the 411 bill, there still has been a fair amount of activity on some of our other priority bills. Please refer to the bill watch report for the latest updates on our monitored bills.

If you have any questions regarding bill status, procedural processes or simply curious as to the general tone from week to week, please reach out to us any time.

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