

# The Iowa Queer's Legislation Guide

The session's done but they'll be back! Here's what they did this year...



The Coalition for University Equity is a student-run activist group fighting anti-DEI and anti-queer legislation on university campuses. Talk to one of our representatives to find out how you can get involved!

## House File 295

Lets the Attorney General sue accrediting bodies for dropping accreditation if state laws push universities out of the accreditation compliance

### What does that mean?

If Iowa's regulations mean that a public school no longer matches the national standard, and the accrediting bodies decide to enact consequences, the state of Iowa can threaten to fight back. Any progress regarding universities made on the federal level can be blocked in Iowa specifically.

## Senate File 418

Removes gender identity as a protected status from the Iowa Civil Rights Act, while also restricting the legal definitions of "man" and "woman."

### What does that mean?

Trans people now have no recourse for employment or housing discrimination. Say, for example, that the trans woman writing this is fired from her job for presenting as a woman. This is now totally legal in the state of Iowa. This, of course, could be applied to cis people in extreme cases, but let it be known that Iowa is more hostile to trans people than ever.

## House File 856

Prohibits state entities from enacting or promoting any material regarding race, color, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Academic departments and courses are exempt from restriction under this bill.

### What does that mean?

We know corporate harassment training is a pain in the ass, but if we want to change the environments we live in, all these topics need to be confronted and addressed.

## Senate File 649

A health budget bill. Prohibits the use of Medicaid money on gender affirming care.

### What does that mean?

Another avenue of access for trans healthcare cut off. Sure, Medicaid's drowning anyway, but more and more, medical transition is becoming a luxury that less and less can afford.

## Next Session

The next Iowa Legislative Session starts January 12th, 2026

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— Voting in local, state, and national elections can help get queer- friendly lawmakers into every stage of government and is instrumental in maintaining queer rights and fighting oppressive legislation. Get Involved Locally, join a local organization and find out how you can help out in your community