This document is a summary of 2017 legislation that may disproportionally impact African Americans in Iowa.

**Abortion**

SF 26- **Abortion liability**- An act establishing a civil cause of action for physical injury or emotional distress resulting from an abortion.

SF 27- **Abortion, federal health care reform funding**- Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act shall be restricted by: not increasing funds for abortions, not increasing funds for health insurance coverage, health benefits, or health services that include the coverage of abortions. This does not include abortions if women suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness.

SF 54- **Definition of murder**- An act relating to the determination of when certain criminal and vital statistics provisions apply to the death of a fetus, making penalties applicable.

**Adoption**

SF 4- **Work leave**- An act requiring an employer treatment an employee who chooses to adopt in the same manner as an employee who is the biological parent of a newborn child for purposes of employment policies, benefits, and protections for the first year of the adoption.

HF 119- **birth certificate**- An act relating to the obtaining of a copy of an original birth certificate by an adult adoptee, and providing for fees.

**Arrests**

SF 86- **Felony Arrests**- An act relating to providing and expunging a DNA sample in criminal proceeding involving a person arrested for a felony.

**Banking**

SR 1- **Banking functions**- Glass-Steagall Act reinstatement.

**Business**

SF 118- An act providing law enforcement authorities with access to ownership and control information of domestic business entities.

**Cameras**

SF 3/ SF 56/ HF 40- **Traffic camera ban**- An act prohibiting the use of automated or remote traffic law enforcement systems, requiring removal of existing systems, and including effective date provisions.

HF 126- **Child statement for custody**- An act requiring a court to consider the statement of a child, who is the subject of a child custody determinations, regarding the custody arrangement.
SF 92- **Use of electronic devices**- An act creating the criminal offense of intent to commit a sex act with a minor through the use of an electronic device.

**Child Care**-

HF 11- **Child in need of assistance**- An act relating to child in need of assistance who parents, guardian, or custodians are unable to provide needed mental health treatment.

HF 12- **Child visitation**- An act relating to the awarding of extraordinary visitation to a noncustodial parent.

HF 15- **Child custody determination timeless requirement**- An act relating to the provision of an expedited process in a dissolution of marriage processing to determine the temporary custody of a minor child with chronic or complex medical needs.

HF 51/ SF 170- **State child care**- An act relating to the income eligibility requirements for state child care assistance.

HF 68- **Child welfare upon placement**- An act relating to child placement by requiring the consideration of the stability of the child’s home in a determination concerning the removal of the child.

HF 71- **Joint custody and joint physical care**- An act relating to the preference for joint custody and joint physical care of a child in awarding custody.

SF 72- **Gender of parent**- An act relating to the addition of the consideration of gender of the parent in the awarding of joint custody of a child.

SF 78- **Power of attorney over a child**- An act to the temporary delegating of parental authority by parent or legal custodian of a child.

SF 79- **Child in need of assistance**- An act establishing a case navigator pilot program, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

SF 89- **Parental rights**- An act relating to the grounds for termination of parental rights.

HF 133- **Representation of Children**- An act relating to payment of guardians ad litem, attorneys for minor children, child custody investigators, and child and family reporters involved in child custody and visitation proceedings.

**Child Welfare**-

HF 68- **Placement**- An act relating to child placement by requiring the consideration of the stability of the child’s home in determination concerning the removal of the child. “In determining the welfare of the child, the court shall first consider the stability of the child’s home.

**Civil**-

SF 22- **Civil no contact order**- An act relating to civil protective orders in sexual abuse cases, amending penalties and remedies applicable.

**Controlled Substance**-

HF 53- **Schedules I**- An act adding a substance to the controlled substance schedules I.

**Dating violence**-

SF 91- **Assault**- An act relating to an assault that occurs between persons in an intimate relationship and the crime of domestic abuse assault and making penalties applicable.
HF 127- **Orders of Protection**- An act relating to civil protective orders and dating abuse, creating the criminal offense of dating abuse assault, making related modifications, providing penalties.

**Dissolution of Marriage**-

HF 72- **Spousal support**- An act relating to the criteria for determining payment of spousal support.

**Driving**-

SF 21- **Texting while driving**- An act relating to the use of electronic communication devices to write, send, or read text messages while driving as a primary offense.

HF 60- **Texting while driving**- An act relating to the use of electronic communication devices to write, send, or read text messages while driving as a primary offense.

HF 85- **Texting while driving**- An act relating to the use of mobile telephones while driving and providing penalties.

SF 100- **Texting while driving**- An act relating to the use of mobile telephones while driving, and providing penalties.

**Driver’s license**-

HF 34- **Driving without a license**- An act relating to motor vehicle-related violations that result in serious injury or death and are committed while the operator has a denied, canceled, suspended, revoked, or barred driver’s license, and providing penalties.

HF 113- **Revocation of driver’s licenses for drug**- An act related to criminal convictions, and including effective date provisions.

HF 116- when the department suspends, revokes, or bars a person’s driver’s license or nonresident operating privilege for conviction under this chapter, the department shall assess the person a civil penalty of $200 or if under 19 the penalty shall by $50.

**Education**-

HJR 3- **Schools constitutional amendment**- A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide home rule for school districts.

SF 6- **English language learning, funding**- An act modifying the supplementary weighting for limited English proficient students and including effective date and applicability provisions.

HF 7- **Vaccine exemption**- An act relating to an exemption from require vaccinations based upon personal conviction.

SF 8- **Breakfast and lunch programs**- An act establishing a low-income program supplement for school districts to provide programs serving low-income pupils.

HF 8- **Pilot program**- An act relating to the establishment of teacher quality demonstration pilot projects by school districts and including applicability provisions.

HF 9 & SF 15- **School choice, parent control**- An act relating to persistently lowest-achieving schools by authorizing parents or guardians to petition for the closure of an attendance center, for implementation of an education voucher program, or for establishment of a charter school, establishing an education voucher fund, making appropriations, and providing penalties.
SF 13- **SAVE fund, sunset elimination**- an act striking certain statutory repeal provisions relating to the state sales and use tax and the secure an advanced vision for education fund.

HF 17- **Concussion injuries**- An act providing for certain emergency medical procedures training requirements for school coaches and assessment and reporting of potential concussions or brain injuries in certain extracurricular athletic contests, and including applicability provisions.

HF 21- **School funding, district cost per pupil equity budget adjustment**- An act relating to school district funding by establishing a district cost per pupil equity budget adjustment for certain budget years and including effective date provisions.

HF 23- **Tuition**- An act relating worker shortage loan forgiveness program.

HF 24- **School enrollment supplemental funding**- An act establishing a school district enrollment supplement program and making appropriations.

HF 25- **Preschool funding for at-risk children**- An act relating to the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children by modifying provisions for calculating preschool budget enrollment, providing for adjustments to preschool foundation aid amounts, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

HF 26- **Home rule for schools, statutory**- An act relating to the exercise, by school districts, of any broad and implied powers not inconsistent with the laws of the general assemblies, and to the construction of statutes related to school district boards and school districts.

HF 27- **Tuition**- An act relating to public institutions of high education granting residents status for purposes of paying postsecondary tuition and fees.

HF 28- **Finance literacy school requirement**- An act relating to adding one-half unit of personal finance literacy to educational program standards established for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools, and including effective date provisions.

SF 29- **Funding**- An act relating to the modification to education funding, duties and authority of certain state and local government entities, establishing an education saving grant program and fund, make appropriations, and providing penalties.

HF 29- **School shared operation functional**- An act authorizing a school district to adopt a mandatory uniform policy.

SF 30- **Common core curriculum repeal**- An act relating to the Iowa core curriculum and content and assessment standards for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools and including effective date provisions.

SF 31- **School uniform policy**- An act authorizing a school district to adopt a mandatory uniform policy.

HF 37- **Department of Education**- An act creating a citizen trade policy council, to create assess and monitor the legal and economic impacts of trade agreements on state laws and local ordinances, working conditions, and the business environment.

HF 45- **Tuition**- An act relating to universities, freeze tuition, one year mandatory tuition freeze at the institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of regents, the state board shall freeze the resident undergraduate, graduate, and professional tuitions rates.

HF 46- **School funding, district cost per pupil inequity fix**- An act relating to the determination of the regular program state cost per pupil and the regular program district cost per pupil and including effective date provisions.
HF 47- **College student aid commission changes**- An act that provide scholarships and grants to eligible residents of the state who are attending Iowa’s postsecondary institutions, loan repayment for eligible recipients who are employed in Iowa’s workforce.

HF 48- **Student data privacy**- An act relating to student data collection by the department of education, school districts, and accredited nonpublic schools.

HF 49- **Funding**- An act relating to open enrollment by requiring the payment of certain moneys received from the secure an advanced vision for education fund.

HF 65- **World language**- An act providing for a world language education pilot program and making appropriations.

HF 66- **School bussing for joint custody**- An act relating to a pupil’s residence for purposes of establishing when the pupil is entitled to state transportation aid.

SF 69- **Preschool budget enrollment**- An act relating to the determination of preschool budget enrollment for purposes of the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children and including effective date and applicability provisions.

HF 81- **Language**- An act repealing the declaration that the English language is the official language of the state of Iowa.

HF 104- **Open enrollment, tax obligation**- An act relating to open enrollment between public school districts by establishing a property tax equalization fee and a property tax equalization refund for certain parents or guardians.

SF 119- **Dating Violence Education**- requiring that human growth and development instruction by school boards include age- appropriate information regarding dating violence and prevention.

SF 98- **Preschool eligibility, five- year-olds**- An act expanding the statewide preschool program to include certain five-year-old children and including effective date and applicability provisions.

HF 104- **open enrollment, school property tax obligations**- An act relating to open enrollment between public school districts by establishing a property tax equalization fee and a property tax equalization refund for certain parents or guardians.

HF 124- **School funding**- An act relating to school district funding by establishing a district cost per pupil establishing a district cost per pupil equity budget adjustment for certain budget years, requiring property tax rate reductions for school districts using the district cost per pupil equity budget adjustment, and including effective date provisions.

SF 128- **Teacher licensure**- An act relating to the assessing the requirements for teacher licensure by the board of educational examiners.

SF 135- **mandatory school attendance until age 18**- An act relating to the compulsory age of attendance and to sanctions for failure to attend school.

SF 136- **Preschool**- An act establishing a preschool expansion incentive, authorizing state aid for the incentive, and addressing program costs.

SF 137- **Fine arts curriculum**- An act relating to school core curriculum and twenty- first century learning skills required to be addressed in rules adopted by the state board of education.

HF- 138- **Home schooling, reporting, health and safety visits**- An act relating to driver’s education, courses must consist of at least thirty cloth hours of classroom instruction, of which no more than one hundred eighty
minutes shall be provided to a student in a single day, nor more than three hundred minutes per week unless additional time is needed to make up a class due to a student’s excused absence or class cancellation.

HF 139- Core academic- An act relating to the statewide assessments of student progress administered by school districts for purposes of the core academic indicators.

HF 140- Science standards- An act relating to the Iowa core curriculum and content standards applicable to students in kindergarten through grade twelve and including effecting date provisions.

HF 154- Open enrollment equality- An act relating to voluntary diversity plans under the State’s open enrollment law.

HF 161- Sexual violence prevention- An act relating to child sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention

HF 6- Political check-off on income tax return, repeal- An act relating to the individual income tax checkoff for the Iowa election campaign fund by providing for the future repeal of the tax checkoff and the Iowa election campaign fund, and including effective date provisions.

Family-

SF 2- Family planning funding restriction- An act relating to the establishment of a state family planning service program and including effective date provisions. The Department of Human Services shall discontinue the Medicaid family planning network waiver and establish a state family planning services program.

SF 67- Contraceptives- Act relating to the prescribing and dispensing of self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives including by pharmacists and providing insurance coverage for such contraceptive prescribed and dispensed.

Food Assistance-

SF 76- An act requiring the Department of Human Services to request permission from the United States department of agriculture to restrict the use of food assistance benefits for certain items.

Housing-

SF 148- An act relating to developer fees for federal low-income housing credits, the authority shall not allow fees paid to the developer to exceed an amount equal to ten percent of the total project cost.

Juvenile Justice-

HF 94- Department of Human Services representation by county attorneys- An act relating to county attorney duties when representing the department of human services in juvenile courts.

Labor-

SF 80- Wage payment collection- An act relating to wage payment collection issues arising between employers and individuals who provide services to employers.

Medical Records-

SF 75- Mental health information- An act relating to the disclosure of mental health information to law enforcement professionals.
Sentencing-

HF 128- Criminal Sentencing Commission- An act establishing a criminal sentencing commission. “The commission shall be charged with developing, implementing, and administering felony sentencing guidelines for use by the courts throughout the state.”

SF 139- Batterer’s Education- An act establishing a criminal penalty for violent repeat offenders, reducing earned time for offenders required to participate in batterer’s education under certain circumstances, providing for risk assessments, and relating to electronic tracking and monitoring.

Taxes-

HF 5- Health insurance status- An act eliminating a requirement that taxpayers indicate on their tax returns the presence or absence of health care coverage for their dependent children and apply for certain public health care coverage, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

HF 19- Prohibit deduction of fines- An act prohibiting the deduction of amounts classified as penalty reimbursement for purposes of the individual and corporate income tax and franchise tax, and including retroactive applicability provisions.

SF 38- Sales tax increase- An act relating to state taxes by eliminating the individual income tax, increasing the sales and use tax rates, making conforming changes, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

SF 58- Social security, income tax exemption- An act relating to the individual income tax by excluding social security income from the income tax return filing requirement calculation and the alternate tax calculation.

Testing-

SF 32- Drug testing- An act relating to private sector employee drug testing.

Voting-

SF 47- Proof of identification- An act relating to proof of identification and proof of residence in order to register to vote on election day in person absentee or to vote, establishing a criminal offense for falsely swearing certain oaths and affidavits, and including applicability provisions.

HF 54- City elections by mail- An act authorizing certain cities to conduct city elections by absentee ballot.

HF 55- Absentee ballot requests, online- An act allowing registered voters to make applications for absentee ballots through electronic means and making penalties applicable.

SF 65- Voting and Driver’s License- An act relating to voter registration by providing for the registration of eligible electors upon review of electronic records revived from driver’s license and nonoperator’s identification card applications, and including effective date provisions.

HF 78- Absentee ballots, permanent requests- An act providing for ongoing absentee voter status.

SF 101- County elections- An act providing for the nonpartisan election of county officers.
SF 112/ HF 166- School board elections- An act relating to political subdivision elections by changing the date of the election of directors of local school districts, merged areas, and area education agency boards, by providing for the combined administration of regular and special school and city elections.

Warrants-

HF 13- Search warrants- An act relating to an application for the issuance of a search warrant by electronic means.

Weapons-

SJR 2- Constitution- An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to an individual’s right to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and use arms.

SF 25- Reasonable force- An act relating to the justifiable use of reasonable force and providing a remedy.

SF 70- Deadly force- An act relating to the use of reasonable force, including deadly force. “Reasonable force, including deadly force, may be used, and a person had no duty to retreat from a person’s dwelling even if an alternative course of action is available, if the person believes reasonable force, including deadly force, is necessary to repel another person who has unlawfully entered the person’s dwelling by stealth or force or who is unlawfully attempting to enter a the person’s dwelling by stealth or force, and who has been told orally or in writing not to enter the dwelling.

SF 87- Peace officers- An act relating to carrying weapons on school grounds by a certified peace officer or a reserve peace officer. This includes a person employed by a private investigation business or private security businesses.

FS 88- Robbery- An act relating to the use of a simulated firearm or simulated explosive when committing a robbery, the criminal offense of intimidation, or other crimes, and providing penalties.

SF 108- Possessing certain weapons- An act relating to carrying weapons including eliminating prohibition on possessing certain weapons, including a machine gun, a short-barreled rifle, or a short-barreled shotgun.

HF 70- prohibiting the sale or transfer of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

HF 73- Licenses- An act requiring a person shall not sell or transfer a firearm to another person without receiving certification from a federally licensed firearms dealer that information regarding the prospective purchaser or transferee has been submitted to the department of public safety for a criminal background check.

SF 146- School parking lots- An act relating to going armed with, carrying, or transporting a firearm on school grounds, if a person who has a valid permit to carry may be permitted to carry their weapon in school parking lots.

SF 23 and SF 147- Permit- An act relating to the confidentiality of personally identifiable information of holders of nonprofessional permits to carry weapons and of holders of permits to acquire pistols or revolvers.

SF 145- Permit- An act eliminating the requirement of an annual permit to acquire a pistol or revolver.

Worker’s Compensation-

HF 98- An act requiring certain weekly worker’s compensation benefits to be calculated by including an employee’s overtime and premium pay, and to include an annual cost-of-living adjustment.