

Seize the Day

Understanding Code, Rulemaking and Public Participation

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Objectives

- Learn key terminology
- Understand the difference between
 - Iowa Code
 - Iowa Administrative Rule
 - Iowa Student Financial Aid Guide
- Understand how each is created and changed
- Identify where to find and track laws and rules
- Real Life Scenario

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Key Terminology

- **Statute** – A law passed by the legislature
- **Rule** – A regulation adopted by an agency
- **Chapter** – A section of code or rule
- **ARRC** – Administrative Rules Review Committee
- **Notice of Intended Action** – A proposed rule, open for public comment
- **Adopted and Filed** – A finalized rule
- **Iowa Administrative Code** – Broad statutes that have been proposed and adopted

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What is Iowa Code?

- Definition: The *Iowa Code* is the compilation of laws enacted by the Iowa Legislature.
- Characteristics:
 - Passed by House and Senate
 - Signed by the Governor
 - Statutory authority
- Example: Iowa Code § 714.18 – Evidence of financial responsibility
 - Requires postsecondary educational courses in Iowa to file evidence for financial responsibility with Bureau of Iowa College Aid.

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What are Iowa Administrative Rules?

- Definition: *Administrative rules* are regulations adopted by state agencies to implement or interpret law.
- Characteristics:
 - Must be authorized by statute
 - Provide detail and enforceability
- Example: IAC 283-8 – All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program
 - Basis of aid, definitions, eligible applicant, awarding of funds

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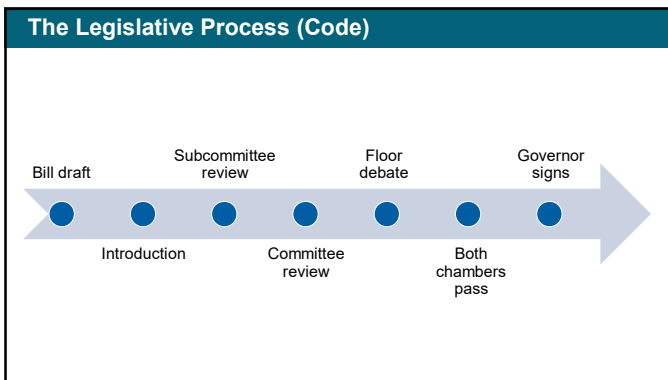
What are Iowa Student Financial Aid Guides?

- Definition: Compilation of Iowa Code, Iowa Administrative Code, and other guidance in one format.
- Characteristics:
 - Created by Iowa College Aid
 - Guided by common questions
 - Updated annually

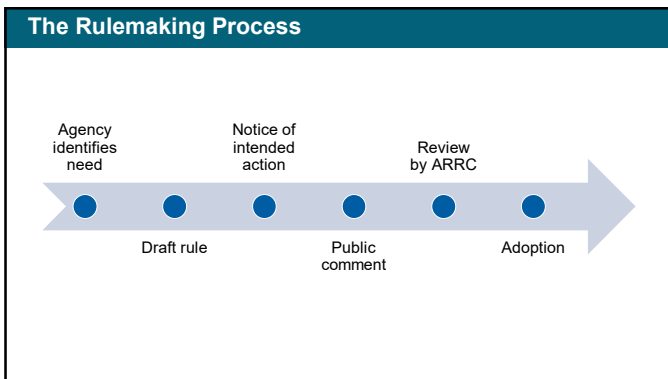
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Key Differences		
Aspect	Iowa Code	Iowa Administrative Rule
Created by	Legislature	State agencies
Approval by	Governor	Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC)
Frequency of change	Annually or less often	Can be more frequent
Level of detail	General framework	Specific procedures and processes

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How it all Works Together

- Code gives authority → Rule provides detail → Guide provides financial aid level detail
- Example:
 - **Code:** Iowa College Aid Provides Application
 - **Rule:** Determines Actual Application (FAFSA)
 - **Student Financial Aid Guide:** Determines Deadline of Application Receipt Date of FAFSA

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Where to Find Code and Rule

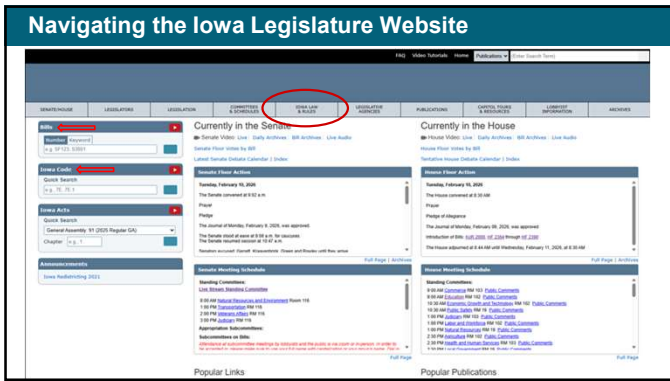
- **Iowa Code:** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/iowaCode>
- **Iowa Administrative Code:** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules>
- **Rules Tracker / Notices:** Iowa Administrative Bulletin
- **Student Financial Aid Guide:** <https://educate.iowa.gov/highered/financial-aid/student-financial-aid-guide>

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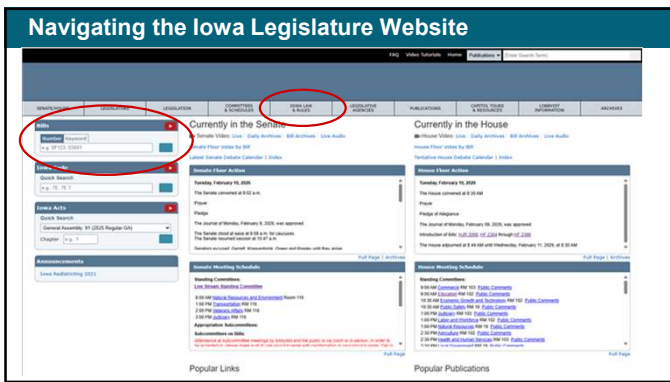
Navigating the Iowa Legislature Website

The screenshot shows the Iowa Legislature website with a navigation bar at the top containing tabs for 'Home', 'Iowa Legislature', 'News', 'Legislation', and 'Committees'. Below the navigation bar are several search and filter options, including 'Iowa Code', 'Iowa Administrative Code', and 'Iowa Rules'. The main content area is divided into two columns: 'Currently in the Senate' and 'Currently in the House'. Each column lists legislative items with their dates and brief descriptions. At the bottom of the page, there are sections for 'Popular Links' and 'Popular Publications'.

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Iowa National Guard Master's Scholarship Timeline

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Iowa National Guard Masters Scholarship (NGM) Timeline

- Introduced - January 14, 2025
- Subcommittee - January 21, 2025
- Committee - January 23, 2025
- Floor Debate/Vote - April 22, 2025
- Governor Signature - May 2, 2025
- Implementation - Academic Year 25-26
 - Spring 2026
- Rule -
 - Proposed - June 13, 2025
 - Public Comment - July 29 & 30, 2025
 - ARRC - September 2025
 - Adopted - October 1, 2025
 - Effective - November 5, 2025

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NGM Implementation

- ICAPS Modifications
 - New Program
 - Update Reports
 - Application
- National Guard
 - Programs of Study
 - Award Details
- Website Updates
- Iowa Student Financial Aid Guide
- Soldier Notifications
- College Notifications

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Questions?

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