

to such persons for moving expenses and losses of property for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made, including the making of such payments financed by the federal government. Other provisions of the Code notwithstanding, in making such payments on projects not federally funded, the municipality may pay relocation assistance benefits in the amounts authorized by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, Pub. L. No. 91-646, as amended by the Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987, title IV, Pub. L. No. 100-17.

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CHAPTER 1210

RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

H.F. 2346

AN ACT relating to the coordination of rural development programs by creating a rural development coordinating committee and the office of rural resources coordinator.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 15.107A RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION.**

1. A rural development coordinating committee is created, consisting of the following persons: the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee, two persons appointed by the secretary of agriculture each of whom is a member of a private organization or association interested in agriculture, a person appointed by the president of Iowa State University of science and technology, and three members of the department of economic development board appointed by majority vote of the board. However, the board shall not appoint a legislative member or a member whose term on the board will expire while the person serves on the committee. Each member of the committee other than the secretary of agriculture shall serve a term of one year beginning May 1. The committee shall meet at least once each year and elect a chairperson. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of three other members of the committee. Written notice of the time and place of a meeting shall be given to each member of the committee. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum. The committee shall study the needs of rural communities and residents, advise public and private agencies concerning methods to improve the effectiveness and availability of rural development programs, recommend to the general assembly rural development programs, and assist in the coordination of programs designed to foster rural development in this state.

2. The office of rural resources coordinator is created within the department of economic development and shall be staffed by an appointee of the director. The coordinator shall perform duties related to the coordination of rural development programs and shall:

a. Serve as secretary to the rural development coordinating committee and report to the committee as necessary.

b. Monitor state and federal rural development programs.

c. Evaluate the effectiveness of the administration of rural development resources by the department of economic development.

d. Implement policies and procedures designed to coordinate services under rural development programs administered by the department of economic development.

e. Cooperate with other state and federal agencies to coordinate services under rural development programs, to increase the effectiveness of the programs, and to decrease the level of duplication in services.

f. Collect information and data related to rural development programs, including information and data generated from any computer system supported by the department of economic

development, and provide referral and educational assistance to interested persons and agencies about the programs.

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CHAPTER 1211

RAIL LINE OPERATION AND FUNDING

H.F. 2269

AN ACT relating to the operation and funding of rail lines including funds in the special railroad facility fund and the rail assistance fund and an appropriation and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 307B.23, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

307B.23 SPECIAL RAILROAD FACILITY FUND.

1. There is created in the office of the state treasurer a "special railroad facility fund". This fund shall include moneys credited to this fund under sections 307.29, 435.9, and other funds moneys which by law may be credited to the special railroad facility fund. The moneys in the special railroad facility fund are hereby appropriated to and for the purposes of the authority as provided in this chapter. The funds in the special railroad facility fund shall not be considered as a part of the general fund of the state, shall are not be subject to appropriation for any other purpose by the general assembly, and in determining a general fund balance shall not be included in the general fund of the state but shall remain in the special railroad facility fund to be used for the purposes set forth herein in this section. The treasurer of state shall act as custodian of the fund and disburse amounts contained in it as directed by the authority. The treasurer of state is authorized to invest the funds deposited in the special railroad facility fund at the direction of the authority and subject to any limitations contained in the bond proceedings. The income from such investment shall be credited to and deposited in the special railroad facility fund. This fund shall be administered by the authority and may be used to purchase or upgrade railroad right-of-way and trackage facilities or to purchase general or limited partnership interests in a partnership formed to purchase, upgrade, or operate railroad right-of-way and trackage facilities, to pay or secure obligations issued by the authority, to pay obligations, judgments, or debts for which the authority becomes liable in its capacity as a general partner, or for any other use authorized under this chapter. The fund may also be used to purchase or upgrade railroad right-of-way and trackage facilities for the development of railroad passenger tourism.

2. Any moneys credited to the special railroad facility fund under section 435.9 shall be deposited in a separate account within the special railroad facility fund. The authority may issue obligations under this chapter which are secured solely by the moneys to be deposited in that separate account and the holders or owners of any such obligations shall have no rights to payment of bond service charges from any other funds in the special railroad facility fund, including any moneys accruing to the authority from the lease, sale or other disposition, or use of railway facilities, or from payment of the principal of or interest on loans made, or from any other use of the proceeds of the sale of the obligations, and no such moneys may be used for the payment of bond service charges on any such obligations, except for accrued interest, capitalized interest, and reserves funded from proceeds received upon the sale of the obligations.

3. Moneys received from repayment from heartland rail corporation as provided in 1983 Iowa Acts, chapter 198, section 32, as amended by 1987 Iowa Acts, chapter 232, section 28, and section 6 of this Act, shall be deposited in a separate account within the special railroad facility