

to opportunities identified by the governor for expanding the role of the community empowerment initiative as part of the governor's efforts to reorganize and redirect state government.

(4) Considering other issues, concerns, and opportunities for the community empowerment initiative identified at the local and state levels.

Sec. 2. Section 28.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

a. Designate a public agency of this state, as defined in section 28E.2, a community action agency as defined in section 216A.91, an area education agency established under section 273.2, or a nonprofit corporation, to be the fiscal agent for grant moneys and for other moneys administered by the community board.

Sec. 3. GRANT DISTRIBUTION DIRECTIVE. If an appropriation of at least seventeen million nine hundred thousand dollars is enacted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, for deposit in the school ready children grants account of the Iowa empowerment fund created in section 28.9, the Iowa empowerment board shall authorize distribution of school ready children grants to designated community empowerment areas in accordance with this section. Those designated community empowerment areas that first received a school ready grant¹ in fiscal year 2000-2001, shall be eligible to receive the school ready children grant amounts provided to those areas in that fiscal year, as annualized for a full fiscal year. All other designated community empowerment areas are eligible to receive a school ready children grant in the same amount as the areas received in fiscal year 2000-2001. In order for the community empowerment areas to receive the grant for which the areas are eligible, the community empowerment area board must submit a written plan amendment extending by one year the area's comprehensive school ready children grant plan developed for providing services for children from birth through five years of age and provide other information specified by the Iowa empowerment board. The amendment may also provide for changes in the programs and services provided under the plan. The Iowa empowerment board shall establish a submission deadline for the plan amendment that allows a reasonable period of time for preparation of the plan amendment and for review and approval or request for modification of the plan amendment by the Iowa empowerment board. In addition, the community empowerment board must continue to comply with reporting provisions and other requirements adopted by the Iowa empowerment board in implementing section 28.8.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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CHAPTER 107

DRAINAGE OR LEVEE DISTRICT TAX ASSESSMENT LEVY

H.F. 711

AN ACT relating to the levy of tax assessments for drainage or levee districts.

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

Section 1. Section 468.52, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

468.52 LEVY FOR DEFICIENCY.

If the first assessment made by the board for the original cost or for repairs of any improve-

¹ School ready "children" grant probably intended

ment is insufficient, the board shall make an additional assessment and levy in the same ratio as the first for either purpose, ~~payable at the next taxpaying period after such indebtedness is incurred subject, however, to the provisions of section 468.57.~~ Any but an assessment made under this section on any tract, parcel, or lot within the district which is computed at less than five dollars shall be fixed at the sum of five dollars. All assessments shall be levied at that time as a tax and, notwithstanding chapter 74A, shall bear interest at a rate determined by the board from that date, payable annually, except as provided as to cash payments within a specified time.

Sec. 2. Section 468.55, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

468.55 ASSESSMENTS — MATURITY AND COLLECTION.

~~All~~ If a landowner selects an option provided in section 468.57, all drainage or levee tax assessments become due and payable with the first half of ordinary taxes, and shall be collected in the same manner with the same interest for delinquency and the same manner of enforcing collection by tax sales. As an alternative, the certifying authority may request that the annual installment be payable in two equal payments, one-half with the September payment of ordinary taxes and one-half payable with the March payment of ordinary taxes. All drainage or levee tax assessments not optioned for installment payments by the landowner shall become due and payable within thirty days after the levy of assessments.

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CHAPTER 108

CONFIDENTIAL PUBLIC RECORDS — COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT

S.F. 344

AN ACT restricting the exemption in the public records law for communications made to government bodies.

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

Section 1. Section 22.7, subsection 18, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

Communications not required by law, rule, ~~or~~ procedure, or contract that are made to a government body or to any of its employees by identified persons outside of government, to the extent that the government body receiving those communications from such persons outside of government could reasonably believe that those persons would be discouraged from making them to that government body if they were available for general public examination. As used in this subsection, "persons outside of government" does not include persons or employees of persons who are communicating with respect to a consulting or contractual relationship with a government body or who are communicating with a government body with whom an arrangement for compensation exists. Notwithstanding this provision:

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