

CHAPTER 216A

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — HUMAN RIGHTS

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87 Acts, ch 115, §70; 88 Acts, ch 1277, §27; 89 Acts, ch 83, §78; 90 Acts, ch 1180, §2; 91 Acts, ch 50, §2; 91 Acts, ch 109, §8

C93, §216A.1

2004 Acts, ch 1020, §2; 2008 Acts, ch 1184, §38; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §101, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §285

See also §7E.6

Minority impact statements, see §2.56, 8.11

Section amended

216A.2 Appointment of department director, deputy director, and administrators — duties. Repealed by 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1357.

216A.3 Human rights board.

1. A human rights board is created within the department.
2. The board shall consist of sixteen members, including eleven voting members and five nonvoting members and determined as follows:

a. The voting members shall consist of nine voting members selected by each of the permanent commissions within the department, and two voting members, appointed by the governor. For purposes of this paragraph “a”, “*permanent commissions*” means the commission of Latino affairs, commission on the status of women, commission of persons with disabilities, commission on community action agencies, commission of deaf services, justice advisory board, commission on the status of African Americans, commission of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs, and commission of Native American affairs. The term of office for voting members is four years.

b. The nonvoting members shall consist of the department director, two state representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one by the minority leader of the house of representatives, and two state senators, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate.

3. A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members present is necessary for any substantive action taken by the board. The board shall select a chairperson from the voting members of the board. The board shall meet not less than four times a year.

4. The board shall develop and monitor implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan to remove barriers for underrepresented populations and, in doing so, to increase Iowa’s productivity and inclusivity, including performance measures and benchmarks.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1203

C87, §601K.3

88 Acts, ch 1277, §28; 90 Acts, ch 1180, §4

C93, §216A.3

2010 Acts, ch 1031, §103, 170; 2010 Acts, ch 1189, §44; 2013 Acts, ch 140, §18; 2019 Acts, ch 156, §1; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §286

Referred to in §216A.1

Section amended

216A.4 Definitions.

For purposes of [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Board*” means the human rights board.
2. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.
3. “*Director*” means the director of health and human services.
4. “*Underrepresented*” means the historical marginalization of populations or groups in the United States and Iowa, including but not limited to African Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, persons with disabilities, Latinos, Native Americans, women, persons who have low socioeconomic status, at-risk youth, and adults or juveniles with a criminal history.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1204

C87, §601K.4

90 Acts, ch 1180, §5

C93, §216A.4

2010 Acts, ch 1031, §104, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §287

Subsections 2 and 3 amended

216A.5 Repeal. Repealed by 97 Acts, ch 52, §1.

216A.6 Confidentiality of individual client advocacy records.

1. For purposes of [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

a. “*Advocacy services*” means services in which a department staff member writes or speaks in support of a client or a client’s cause or refers a person to another service to help alleviate or solve a problem.

b. “*Individual client advocacy records*” means those files or records which pertain to problems divulged by a client to the department or any related papers or records which are released to the department about a client for the purpose of assisting the client.

2. Information pertaining to clients receiving advocacy services shall be held confidential, including but not limited to the following:

a. Names and addresses of clients receiving advocacy services.

b. Information about a client reported on the initial advocacy intake form and all documents, information, or other material relating to the advocacy issues or to the client which could identify the client, or divulge information about the client.

c. Information concerning the social or economic conditions or circumstances of particular clients who are receiving or have received advocacy services.

d. Department or office evaluations of information about a person seeking or receiving advocacy services.

e. Medical or psychiatric data, including diagnoses and past histories of disease or disability, concerning a person seeking or receiving advocacy services.

f. Legal data, including records which represent or constitute the work product of an attorney, which are related to a person seeking or receiving advocacy services.

3. Information described in [subsection 2](#) shall not be disclosed or used by any person or agency except for purposes of administration of advocacy services, and shall not be disclosed to or used by a person or agency outside the department except upon consent of the client as evidenced by a signed release.

4. [This section](#) does not restrict the disclosure or use of information regarding the cost, purpose, number of clients served or assisted, and results of an advocacy program administered by the department, and other general and statistical information, so long as the information does not identify particular clients or persons provided with advocacy services.

88 Acts, ch 1106, §1

C89, §601K.6

C93, §216A.6

2011 Acts, ch 34, §48; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §288

Subsection 2, paragraph d amended

216A.7 Access to information.

Upon request of the director, or an office, a commission, or a council created under [this chapter](#), all boards, agencies, departments, and offices of the state shall make available nonconfidential information, records, data, and statistics which are relevant to the populations or groups served by the offices, councils, and commissions.

2010 Acts, ch 1031, §105, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §289

Section amended

216A.8 through 216A.10 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER II
LATINO AFFAIRS

216A.11 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the commission of Latino affairs.
2. “*Office*” means the office of Latino affairs of the department.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1205](#)

C87, §601K.11

[90 Acts, ch 1180, §6](#)

C93, §216A.11

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §106, 107, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §290](#)

Subsection 2 amended

216A.12 Commission of Latino affairs established.

1. The commission of Latino affairs consists of seven members, appointed by the governor, and subject to confirmation by the senate pursuant to [section 2.32](#). Commission members shall be appointed in compliance with [sections 69.16](#) and [69.16A](#). Commission members shall reside in the state.

2. The members of the commission shall be appointed during the month of June and shall serve for staggered four-year terms which shall begin and end pursuant to [section 69.19](#). Members appointed shall continue to serve until their respective successors are appointed. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority and in the manner of the original appointments. Members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

3. The commission shall select from its membership a chairperson and other officers as it deems necessary and shall meet at least quarterly each fiscal year. A majority of the members currently appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1206](#)

C87, §601K.12

[87 Acts, ch 115, §71; 90 Acts, ch 1180, §7; 91 Acts, ch 50, §1](#)

C93, §216A.12

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §108, 170; 2010 Acts, ch 1189, §45](#)

216A.13 Commission of Latino affairs — duties.

The commission shall have the following duties:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the Latino population of this state.
2. Serve as liaison between the department and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.
3. Recommend to the board the adoption of rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary.
4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.
5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1207](#)

C87, §601K.13

C93, §216A.13

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §109, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §291](#)

See also [§216A.15](#)

Subsection 2 amended

216A.14 Office of Latino affairs — duties.

The office of Latino affairs is established and shall do the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for Latino persons.
2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino persons in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and by providing direct assistance to those who request it.
3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public organizations which serve Latino persons.
4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist Latino persons.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1208](#)

C87, §601K.14

[90 Acts, ch 1180, §8](#)

C93, §216A.14

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §110, 170](#)

216A.15 Duties.

The commission shall:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the Latino population of this state.
2. Serve as liaison between the office and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.
3. Recommend to the board for adoption rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.
4. Recommend to the director policies and programs for the office.
5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1209](#)

C87, §601K.15

[90 Acts, ch 1180, §9](#)

C93, §216A.15

[2004 Acts, ch 1062, §1](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §111, 170](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §292](#)

See also [§216A.13](#)

Subsection 4 amended

216A.16 and 216A.17 Repealed by [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170](#).

216A.18 through 216A.50 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER III

STATUS OF WOMEN

216A.51 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the commission on the status of women.
2. “*Office*” means the office on the status of women of the department.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1221](#)

C87, §601K.51

[87 Acts, ch 115, §2](#)

C93, §216A.51

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §112, 113, 170](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §293](#)

Subsection 2 amended

216A.52 Office on the status of women.

The office on the status of women is established, and shall do the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for women and girls.
2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve

the needs of women and girls in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.

3. Serve as a clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist women and girls.

4. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve women and girls.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1222](#)

C87, §601K.52

[88 Acts, ch 1150, §2; 90 Acts, ch 1223, §30](#)

C93, §216A.52

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §114, 170](#)

216A.53 Commission on the status of women established.

1. The commission on the status of women is established and shall consist of seven voting members who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate pursuant to [section 2.32](#), and shall represent a cross section of the citizens of the state. All members shall reside in the state.

2. The term of office for voting members is four years. Terms shall be staggered. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed. Vacancies in voting membership positions on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Voting members of the commission may receive a per diem as specified in [section 7E.6](#) and shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity, subject to statutory limits.

3. Members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson and any other officers as the commission deems necessary. The commission shall meet at least quarterly during each fiscal year. A majority of the voting members currently appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum of the members shall be required for the conduct of business of the commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed voting members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1223](#)

C87, §601K.53

[88 Acts, ch 1150, §3](#)

C93, §216A.53

[2008 Acts, ch 1156, §27, 58; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §115, 170](#)

216A.54 Commission powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the women and girls of this state.

2. Serve as liaison between the office and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.

3. Recommend to the board the adoption of rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.

4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.

5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1224](#)

C87, §601K.54

[88 Acts, ch 1150, §4; 90 Acts, ch 1256, §52](#)

C93, §216A.54

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §116, 170](#)

216A.55 through 216A.60 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.61 through 216A.70 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER IV
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

216A.71 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the commission of persons with disabilities.
2. “*Office*” means the office of persons with disabilities of the department.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1231](#)

C87, §601K.71

C93, §216A.71

[95 Acts, ch 212, §10; 99 Acts, ch 201, §12; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §117, 118, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §294](#)

Subsection 2 amended

216A.72 Office of persons with disabilities.

The office of persons with disabilities is established, and shall do all of the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for persons with disabilities.
2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of persons with disabilities in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.
3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve persons with disabilities.
4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist persons with disabilities.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1232](#)

C87, §601K.72

C93, §216A.72

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §119, 170](#)

216A.73 Ex officio members. Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.74 Commission of persons with disabilities established.

1. The commission of persons with disabilities is established and shall consist of seven voting members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate pursuant to [section 2.32](#). A majority of the commission shall be persons with disabilities. All members shall reside in the state.

2. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms which shall begin and end pursuant to [section 69.19](#). Members whose terms expire may be reappointed. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Voting members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity, subject to statutory limits. Voting members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

3. Members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson. The commission shall meet at least quarterly during each fiscal year. A majority of the voting members currently appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed voting members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1234](#)

C87, §601K.74

C93, §216A.74

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §120, 170](#)

216A.75 Commission powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of persons with disabilities in this state.
2. Serve as liaisons between the office and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.
3. Recommend to the board the adoption of rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.
4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.
5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1235](#)

C87, §601K.75

C93, §216A.75

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §121, 170](#)

216A.76 through 216A.79 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.80 through 216A.90 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER V

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

216A.91 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the commission on community action agencies.
2. “*Community action agency*” means a public agency or a private nonprofit agency which is authorized under its charter or bylaws to receive funds to administer community action programs and is designated by the governor to receive and administer the funds.
3. “*Community action program*” means a program conducted by a community action agency which includes projects to provide a range of services to improve the conditions of poverty in the area served by the community action agency.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1240](#)

C87, §601K.91

[90 Acts, ch 1242, §1](#)

C93, §216A.91

[2023 Acts, ch 19, §295](#)

Referred to in [§16.57B, 23A.2, 2561.8](#)

Section amended

216A.92 Community action agencies.

1. The department shall strengthen, supplement, and coordinate efforts to develop the full potential of each citizen by recognizing certain community action agencies and supporting certain community-based programs delivered by community action agencies.

2. The department shall do all of the following:

a. Provide financial assistance for community action agencies to implement community action programs, as permitted by the community service block grant and subject to the funding made available for the program.

b. Administer the community services block grant, the low-income energy assistance block grants, department of energy funds for weatherization, and other possible funding sources. If a political subdivision is the community action agency, the financial assistance shall be allocated to the political subdivision.

c. Implement accountability measures for its programs and require regular reporting on the measures by the community action agencies.

d. Issue an annual report to the governor and general assembly by July 1 of each year.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1241](#)

C87, §601K.92

90 Acts, ch 1242, §2

C93, §216A.92

2010 Acts, ch 1031, §122, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §296

Section amended

216A.92A Commission established.

1. The commission on community action agencies is created, composed of nine members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. The membership of the commission shall reflect the composition of local community action agency boards as follows:

- a. One-third of the members shall be elected officials.
- b. One-third of the members shall be representatives of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, and educational organizations, or other major interest groups.
- c. One-third of the members shall be persons who, according to federal guidelines, have incomes at or below one hundred eighty-five percent of poverty level.

2. Commission members shall serve three-year terms which shall begin and end pursuant to [section 69.19](#), and shall serve the entire term even if the member experiences a change in the status which resulted in their appointment under [subsection 1](#). Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the original appointment. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed. Members of the commission shall receive actual expenses for their services. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#). Members as specified under [subsection 1](#), paragraph “c”, however, shall receive per diem compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#) and actual expenses. The membership of the commission shall also comply with the political party affiliation and gender balance requirements of [sections 69.16](#) and [69.16A](#).

3. The commission shall select from its membership a chairperson and other officers as it deems necessary. The commission shall meet no less than four times per year. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

90 Acts, ch 1242, §3

C91, §601K.92A

92 Acts, ch 1237, §13

C93, §216A.92A

99 Acts, ch 201, §13; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §123, 124, 170

Referred to in [§541A.1](#)

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

216A.92B Commission powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Recommend to the board the adoption of rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and department.
2. Supervise the collection of data regarding the scope of services provided by the community action agencies.
3. Serve as liaisons between the department and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.
4. Make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly for executive and legislative action designed to improve the status of low-income persons in the state.
5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

90 Acts, ch 1242, §4

C91, §601K.92B

C93, §216A.92B

2010 Acts, ch 1031, §125, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §297

Subsections 1 and 3 amended

216A.93 Establishment of community action agencies.

The department shall recognize and assist in the designation of certain community action agencies to assist in the delivery of community action programs. These programs shall include but not be limited to outreach, community services block grant, low-income energy assistance, and weatherization programs. If a community action agency is in effect

and currently serving an area, that community action agency shall become the designated community action agency for that area. If any geographic area of the state ceases to be served by a designated community action agency, the department may solicit applications and assist the governor in designating a community action agency for that area in accordance with current community services block grant requirements.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1242](#)

C87, §601K.93

C93, §216A.93

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §126, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §298](#)

Referred to in [§423.3](#)

Section amended

216A.94 Community action agency board.

1. A recognized community action agency shall be governed by a board of directors composed of at least nine members. The board membership shall be as follows:

a. One-third of the members of the board shall be elected public officials currently holding office or their representatives. However, if the number of elected officials available and willing to serve is less than one-third of the membership of the board, the membership of the board consisting of appointive public officials may be counted as fulfilling the requirement that one-third of the members of the board be elected public officials.

b. At least one-third of the members of the board shall be chosen in accordance with procedures established by the community action agency to assure representation of the poor in an area served by the agency.

c. The remainder of the members of the board shall be members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, or other major groups or interests in the community.

2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), a public agency shall establish an advisory board to assist the governing board in meeting the requirements of [section 216A.95](#). The advisory board shall be composed of the same type of membership as a board of directors for community action agencies under [subsection 1](#). In addition, the advisory board of the community action agency shall have the sole authority to determine annual program budget requests.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1243](#)

C87, §601K.94

[87 Acts, ch 115, §73; 90 Acts, ch 1242, §5](#)

C93, §216A.94

[93 Acts, ch 56, §1; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §127, 170](#)

216A.95 Duties of board.

1. The governing board or advisory board shall fully participate in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs to serve low-income communities.

2. The governing board may:

a. Own, purchase, and dispose of property necessary for the operation of the community action agency.

b. Receive and administer funds and contributions from private or public sources which may be used to support community action programs.

c. Receive and administer funds from a federal or state assistance program pursuant to which a community action agency could serve as a grantee, a contractor, or a sponsor of a project appropriate for inclusion in a community action program.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1244](#)

C87, §601K.95

C93, §216A.95

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §128, 170](#)

Referred to in [§216A.94](#)

216A.96 Duties of community action agency.

A community action agency shall:

1. Plan and implement strategies to alleviate the conditions of poverty and encourage

self-sufficiency for citizens in its service area and in Iowa. In doing so, an agency shall plan for a community action program by establishing priorities among projects, activities, and areas to provide for the most efficient use of possible resources.

2. Obtain and administer assistance from available sources on a common or cooperative basis, in an attempt to provide additional opportunities to low-income persons.

3. Establish effective procedures by which the concerned low-income persons and area residents may influence the community action programs affecting them by providing for methods of participation in the implementation of the community action programs and by providing technical support to assist persons to secure assistance available from public and private sources.

4. Encourage and support self-help, volunteer, business, labor, and other groups and organizations to assist public officials and agencies in supporting a community action program by providing private resources, developing new employment opportunities, encouraging investments in areas of concentrated poverty, and providing methods by which low-income persons can work with private organizations, businesses, and institutions in seeking solutions to problems of common concern.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1245](#)

C87, §601K.96

C93, §216A.96

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §129, 130, 170; 2011 Acts, ch 34, §49](#)

216A.97 Administration.

A community action agency may administer the components of a community action program when the program is consistent with plans and purposes and applicable law. The community action programs may be projects which are eligible for assistance from any source. The programs shall be developed to meet local needs and may be designed to meet eligibility standards of a federal or state program.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1246](#)

C87, §601K.97

C93, §216A.97

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §131, 170; 2011 Acts, ch 34, §50](#)

216A.98 Audit.

Each community action agency shall be audited annually but shall not be required to obtain a duplicate audit to meet the requirements of [this section](#). In lieu of an audit by the auditor of state, the community action agency may contract with or employ a certified public accountant to conduct the audit, pursuant to the applicable terms and conditions prescribed by [sections 11.6, 11.14, and 11.19](#) and an audit format prescribed by the auditor of state. Copies of each audit shall be furnished to the department in a manner prescribed by the department.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1247](#)

C87, §601K.98

[89 Acts, ch 264, §9](#)

C93, §216A.98

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §132, 170; 2011 Acts, ch 75, §36; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §299](#)

Section amended

216A.99 Allocation of financial assistance.

1. The department shall provide financial assistance for community action agencies to implement community action programs, as permitted by the community service block grant, administer the low-income energy assistance block grants, department of energy funds for weatherization received in Iowa, and other possible funding sources.

2. If a political subdivision is the agency, the financial assistance shall be allocated to the political subdivision.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1248](#)

C87, §601K.99
 C93, §216A.99
[2020 Acts, ch 1062, §94](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §300](#)
 Subsection 1 amended

216A.100 Reserved.

216A.101 Emergency weatherization fund. Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.102 Energy crisis fund.

1. An energy crisis fund is created in the state treasury. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be used to assist low-income families who qualify for the low-income home energy assistance program to avoid loss of essential heating.

2. The fund may receive moneys including, but not limited to, the following:

a. Moneys appropriated by the general assembly for the fund.

b. After July 1, 1988, unclaimed patronage dividends of electric cooperative corporations or associations shall be applied to the fund following the time specified in [section 556.12](#) for claiming the dividend from the holder.

c. The fund may also receive contributions from customer contribution funds established under [section 476.66](#).

3. Under rules adopted by the department, the fund may be used to negotiate reconnection of essential utility services with the energy provider.

[88 Acts, ch 1175, §6](#)

C89, §601K.102

[91 Acts, ch 270, §6](#)

C93, §216A.102

[2002 Acts, ch 1119, §146](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1126, §14, 33](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §133, 170](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §301](#)

Subsection 3 amended

216A.103 Iowa affordable heating program established. Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.104 Energy utility assessment and resolution program.

1. The general assembly finds that provision of assistance to prevent utility disconnections will also prevent the development of public health risks due to such disconnections. The department shall establish an energy utility assessment and resolution program administered by each community action agency for persons with low incomes who have or need a deferred payment agreement or are in need of an emergency fuel delivery to address home energy utility costs.

2. A person must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for the program:

a. The person is eligible for the federal low-income home energy assistance program.

b. The person is a residential customer of an energy utility approved for the program by the department.

c. The person has or is in need of a deferred payment agreement to address the person's home energy utility costs.

d. The person is able to maintain or regain residential energy utility service in the person's own name.

e. The person provides the information necessary to determine the person's eligibility for the program.

f. The person complies with other eligibility requirements adopted in rules by the department.

3. The program components shall include but are not limited to all of the following:

a. Analysis of a program participant's current financial situation.

b. Review of a program participant's resource and money management options.

c. Skills development and assistance for a program participant in negotiating a deferred payment agreement with the participant's energy utility.

- d. Development of a written household energy affordability plan.
- e. Provision of energy conservation training and assistance.
- f. A requirement that a program participant must make uninterrupted, regular utility payments while participating in the program.

2007 Acts, ch 218, §136; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §134, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §302, 303

Subsection 1 amended

Subsection 2, paragraphs b and f amended

216A.105 and 216A.106 Reserved.

216A.107 Family development and self-sufficiency — council and grant program.

1. A family development and self-sufficiency council is established within the department. The council shall consist of the following persons:

- a. The director of the department or the director's designee.
- b. The director of the school of social work at the university of Iowa or the director's designee.
- c. The dean of the college of human sciences at Iowa state university or the dean's designee.
- d. Two recipients or former recipients of the family investment program, selected by the other members of the council.
- e. One recipient or former recipient of the family investment program who is a member of a racial or ethnic minority, selected by the other members of the council.
- f. One member representing providers of services to victims of domestic violence, selected by the other members of the council.
- g. The head of the department of design, textiles, gerontology, and family studies at the university of northern Iowa or that person's designee.
- h. The director of the department of education or the director's designee.
- i. The director of the department of workforce development or the director's designee.
- j. Two persons representing the business community, selected by the other members of the council.
- k. Two members from each chamber of the general assembly serving as ex officio, nonvoting members. The two members of the senate shall be appointed one each by the majority leader and the minority leader of the senate. The two members of the house of representatives shall be appointed one each by the speaker and the minority leader of the house of representatives.

2. Unless otherwise provided by law, terms of members, election of officers, and other procedural matters shall be as determined by the council. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the council, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed voting members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the council. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

3. The family development and self-sufficiency council shall do all of the following:

- a. Identify the factors and conditions that place Iowa families at risk of dependency upon the family investment program. The council shall seek to use relevant research findings and national and Iowa-specific data on the family investment program.
- b. Identify the factors and conditions that place Iowa families at risk of family instability. The council shall seek to use relevant research findings and national and Iowa-specific data on family stability issues.
- c. Subject to the availability of funds for this purpose, award grants to public or private organizations for provision of family development services to families at risk of dependency on the family investment program or of family instability. Not more than five percent of any funds appropriated by the general assembly for the purposes of this lettered paragraph may be used for staffing and administration of the grants. Grant proposals for the family development and self-sufficiency grant program shall include the following elements:

(1) Designation of families to be served that meet one or more criteria for being at risk of dependency on the family investment program or of family instability, and agreement to

serve clients that are referred by the department from the family investment program which meet the criteria. The criteria may include but are not limited to factors such as educational level, work history, family structure, age of the youngest child in the family, previous length of stay on the family investment program, and participation in the family investment program or the foster care program while the head of a household was a child. Grant proposals shall also establish the number of families to be served under the grant.

(2) Designation of the services to be provided for the families served, including assistance regarding job-seeking skills, family budgeting, nutrition, self-esteem, methamphetamine education, health and hygiene, child rearing, child education preparation, and goal setting. Grant proposals shall indicate the support groups and support systems to be developed for the families served during the transition between the need for assistance and self-sufficiency.

(3) Designation of the manner in which other needs of the families will be provided for, including but not limited to child care assistance, transportation, substance use disorder treatment, support group counseling, food, clothing, and housing.

(4) Designation of the process for training of the staff which provides services, and the appropriateness of the training for the purposes of meeting family development and self-sufficiency goals of the families being served.

(5) Designation of the support available within the community for the program and for meeting subsequent needs of the clients, and the manner in which community resources will be made available to the families being served.

(6) Designation of the manner in which the program will be subject to audit and to evaluation.

(7) Designation of agreement provisions for tracking and reporting performance measures developed pursuant to paragraph “d”.

d. Develop appropriate performance measures for the grant program to demonstrate how the program helps families achieve self-sufficiency.

e. Seek to enlist research support from the Iowa research community in meeting the duties outlined in paragraphs “a” through “d”.

f. Seek additional support for the funding of grants under the program, including but not limited to funds available through the federal government in serving families at risk of long-term welfare dependency, and private foundation grants.

g. Make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly on the effectiveness of programs in Iowa and throughout the country that provide family development services that lead to self-sufficiency for families at risk of welfare dependency.

4. a. The department shall administer the family development and self-sufficiency grant program.

b. To the extent that the family development and self-sufficiency grant program is funded by the federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant and by the state maintenance of efforts funds appropriated in connection with the block grant, the department shall comply with all federal requirements for the block grant. The department is responsible for payment of any federal penalty imposed that is attributable to the grant program and shall receive any federal bonus payment attributable to the grant program.

c. The department shall ensure that expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department from the general fund of the state for the family development and self-sufficiency grant program are eligible to be considered as state maintenance of effort expenditures under federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant requirements.

d. The department shall consider the recommendations of the council in adopting rules pertaining to the grant program.

e. The department shall submit to the governor and general assembly on or before November 30 following the end of each state fiscal year, a report detailing performance measure and outcome data evaluating the family development and self-sufficiency grant program for the fiscal year that just ended.

2008 Acts, ch 1072, §1; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §135, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §304 – 306

Referred to in [§232.69](#), [239B.8](#)

Legislative appointments, see [§69.16B](#)

Subsection 1 amended

Subsection 3, paragraph c, subparagraphs (1) and (3) amended
Subsection 4 amended

216A.108 through 216A.110 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER VI

DEAF SERVICES

216A.111 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the commission of deaf services.
2. “*Office*” means the office of deaf services of the department.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1250](#)

C87, §601K.111

C93, §216A.111

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §136, 137, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §307](#)

Subsection 2 amended

216A.112 Office of deaf services.

The office of deaf services is established, and shall do all of the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.
2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.
3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.
4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1251](#)

C87, §601K.112

[87 Acts, ch 58, §1; 87 Acts, ch 115, §74](#)

C93, §216A.112

[93 Acts, ch 75, §3; 95 Acts, ch 212, §11; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §138, 170](#)

216A.113 Deaf services commission established.

1. The commission of deaf services is established, and shall consist of seven voting members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate pursuant to [section 2.32](#). Membership of the commission shall include at least four members who are deaf and at least one member who is hard of hearing. All members shall reside in Iowa.

2. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms which shall begin and end pursuant to [section 69.19](#). Members whose terms expire may be reappointed. Vacancies on the commission may be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity, subject to statutory limits. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

3. Members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson and other officers as the commission deems necessary. The commission shall meet at least quarterly during each fiscal year. A majority of the members currently appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1252](#)

C87, §601K.113

C93, §216A.113

2010 Acts, ch 1031, §139, 170; 2010 Acts, ch 1193, §42, 80; 2020 Acts, ch 1102, §9

216A.114 Commission powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Study the changing needs and opportunities for the deaf and hard-of-hearing people in this state.
2. Serve as a liaison between the office and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.
3. Recommend to the board for adoption rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.
4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.
5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1253](#)

C87, §601K.114

[87 Acts, ch 115, §75; 89 Acts, ch 54, §1](#)

C93, §216A.114

[93 Acts, ch 75, §4; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §140, 170](#)

216A.115 through 216A.117 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.118 through 216A.120 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER VII

216A.121 Iowa Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission. Repealed by its own terms; 2007 Acts, ch 99, §1.

216A.122 through 216A.130 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER VIII

CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING

216A.131 Definitions.

For the purpose of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Board” means the justice advisory board.
2. “Department” means the department of health and human services.

[88 Acts, ch 1277, §14](#)

C89, §601K.131

[90 Acts, ch 1124, §1](#)

C93, §216A.131

[2010 Acts, ch 1193, §151; 2019 Acts, ch 156, §2; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §308](#)

Section amended

216A.131A Criminal and juvenile justice planning.

The department shall fulfill the responsibilities of [this subchapter](#), including the duties specified in [sections 216A.135, 216A.136, 216A.137, 216A.138, and 216A.140.](#)

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §141, 170; 2019 Acts, ch 156, §3; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §309](#)

Section amended

216A.132 Board established — terms — compensation.

1. A justice advisory board is established consisting of twenty-eight members who shall all reside in the state.

a. The governor shall appoint nine voting members each for a four-year term beginning and ending as provided in [section 69.19](#) and subject to confirmation by the senate as follows:

(1) Three persons, each of whom is a county supervisor, county sheriff, mayor, nonsupervisory police officer, or a chief of police of a department with fewer than eleven police officers.

(2) Two persons who are knowledgeable about Iowa's juvenile justice system.

(3) One person representing the general public, who is not employed in any law enforcement, judicial, or corrections capacity.

(4) One person who is either a crime victim, or who represents a crime victim organization.

(5) One person who represents a recognized civil rights organization that advocates for minorities.

(6) One person who was formerly under juvenile court or correctional supervision, or a representative of an organization that advocates for individuals who have been under juvenile court or correctional supervision.

b. Additional voting members of the board, each serving a four-year term, shall include one representative from each of the following:

(1) The Iowa coalition against sexual assault.

(2) The American civil liberties union of Iowa.

(3) The Iowa county attorneys association.

(4) The department of health and human services.

(5) The department of corrections.

(6) A judicial district department of correctional services.

(7) The department of public safety.

(8) The board of parole.

(9) The department of justice.

(10) The state public defender.

(11) The office of drug control policy.

c. The chief justice of the supreme court shall designate one member who is a district judge and one member who is either a district associate judge or associate juvenile judge. The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members for four-year terms beginning and ending as provided in [section 69.19](#), unless the member ceases to serve as a judge.

d. The chairperson and ranking member of the senate committee on judiciary shall be ex officio, nonvoting members. In alternating two-year terms, beginning and ending as provided in [section 69.16B](#), the chairperson and ranking member of the house committee on judiciary or of the house committee on public safety shall be ex officio, nonvoting members, with the chairperson and ranking member of the house committee on public safety serving during the term beginning in January 2020.

2. Vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority in the manner of the original appointments.

3. Members of the board shall receive reimbursement from the state for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties and may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#). All expense moneys paid to nonlegislative members shall be paid from funds appropriated to the department. Legislative members shall receive compensation as provided in [sections 2.10](#) and [2.12](#).

4. Members of the board shall appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson and other officers as the board deems necessary. A majority of the voting members currently appointed to the board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the board and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the board. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

5. Membership on the board shall be bipartisan as provided in [section 69.16](#) and gender balanced as provided in [section 69.16A](#).

6. Meetings of the board shall be open to the public as provided in [chapter 21](#).

7. The board may call upon any department, agency, or office of the state, or any political subdivision of the state, for information or assistance as needed in the performance of its duties. The information or assistance shall be furnished to the extent that it is within the resources and authority of the department, agency, office, or political subdivision. [This section](#) does not require the production or opening of any records which are required by law to be kept private or confidential.

[88 Acts, ch 1277, §15](#)

C89, §601K.132

[90 Acts, ch 1124, §2](#)

C93, §216A.132

[2006 Acts, ch 1010, §66; 2007 Acts, ch 22, §51; 2008 Acts, ch 1085, §1, 2; 2008 Acts, ch 1156, §28, 58; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §142 – 144, 170; 2010 Acts, ch 1193, §152; 2012 Acts, ch 1138, §110; 2019 Acts, ch 156, §4; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §310, 311](#)

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

Subsection 1, paragraph b amended

Subsection 3 amended

216A.133 Purpose and duties.

1. The purpose of the board shall be all of the following:
 - a. Develop short-term and long-term goals to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems.
 - b. Identify and analyze justice system issues.
 - c. Develop and assist others in implementing recommendations and plans for justice system improvement.
 - d. Provide the general assembly with an analysis of current and proposed criminal code provisions.
 - e. Provide for a clearinghouse of justice system information to coordinate with data resource agencies and assist others in the use of justice system data.
2. The board shall advise the department on its administration of state and federal grants and appropriations and shall carry out other functions consistent with [this subchapter](#).
3. The duties of the board shall consist of the following:
 - a. Identifying issues and analyzing the operation and impact of present criminal and juvenile justice policy and making recommendations for policy changes.
 - b. Coordinating with data resource agencies to provide data and analytical information to federal, state, and local governments, and assisting agencies in the use of criminal and juvenile justice data.
 - c. Reporting criminal justice system needs to the governor, the general assembly, and other decision makers to improve the criminal justice system.
 - d. Reporting juvenile justice system needs to the governor, the general assembly, and other decision makers to address issues specifically affecting the juvenile justice system, including evidence-based programs for group foster care placements and the state training school, diversion, and community-based services for juvenile offenders.
 - e. Providing technical assistance upon request to state and local agencies.
 - f. Administering federal funds and funds appropriated by the state or that are otherwise available in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and other requirements for purposes of study, research, investigation, planning, and implementation in the areas of criminal and juvenile justice.
 - g. Making grants to cities, counties, and other entities pursuant to applicable law.
 - h. Maintaining an Iowa correctional policy project as provided in [section 216A.137](#).
 - i. Providing input to the director in the development of budget recommendations for the department.
 - j. Developing and making recommendations to the director.
 - k. Serving as a liaison between the department and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.
 - l. Recommending to the department the adoption of rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the board and department.
 - m. Recommending legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.

n. Establishing advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

o. Providing the general assembly with an analysis and recommendations of current criminal code provisions and proposed legislation which include but are not limited to all of the following:

- (1) Potential disparity in sentencing.
- (2) Truth in sentencing.
- (3) Victims.
- (4) The proportionality of specific sentences.
- (5) Sentencing procedures.
- (6) Costs associated with the implementation of criminal code provisions, including costs to the judicial branch, department of corrections, and judicial district departments of correctional services, costs for representing indigent defendants, and costs incurred by political subdivisions of the state.

(7) Best practices related to the department of corrections including recidivism rates, safety and the efficient use of correctional staff, and compliance with correctional standards set by the federal government and other jurisdictions.

(8) Best practices related to the Iowa child death review team established in [section 135.43](#) and the Iowa domestic abuse death review team established in [section 135.109](#).

p. Studying and making recommendations for treating and supervising adult and juvenile sex offenders in institutions, community-based programs, and in the community, in areas which include but are not limited to all of the following:

- (1) The effectiveness of electronically monitoring sex offenders.
- (2) The cost and effectiveness of special sentences pursuant to [chapter 903B](#).
- (3) Risk assessment models created for sex offenders.
- (4) Determining the best treatment programs available for sex offenders and the efforts of Iowa and other states to implement treatment programs.
- (5) The efforts of Iowa and other states to prevent sex abuse-related crimes including child sex abuse.

(6) Any other related issues the board deems necessary, including but not limited to computer and internet sex-related crimes, sex offender case management, best practices for sex offender supervision, the sex offender registry, and the effectiveness of safety zones.

q. Providing expertise and advice to the legislative services agency, the department of corrections, the judicial branch, and others charged with formulating fiscal, correctional, or minority impact statements.

r. Reviewing data supplied by the department, the department of management, the legislative services agency, the Iowa supreme court, and other departments or agencies for the purpose of determining the effectiveness and efficiency of the collection of such data.

4. The board shall submit reports, in accordance with [section 216A.135](#), to the governor and general assembly regarding actions taken, issues studied, and board recommendations.

[88 Acts, ch 1277, §16](#)

[C89, §601K.133](#)

[90 Acts, ch 1124, §3; 92 Acts, ch 1231, §47](#)

[C93, §216A.133](#)

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §145, 146, 170; 2010 Acts, ch 1193, §153, 154; 2019 Acts, ch 89, §9; 2019 Acts, ch 156, §5; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §312, 313](#)

Subsection 2 amended

Subsection 3, paragraphs i, j, k, l, and r amended

216A.133A Public safety advisory board — duties. Repealed by 2019 Acts, ch 156, §8.

216A.134 Administrator. Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.135 Plan and report.

1. The board shall submit a three-year criminal and juvenile justice plan for the state, beginning December 1, 2020, and every three years thereafter, by December 1. The three-year plan shall be updated annually. Each three-year plan and annual updates of the three-year plan shall be submitted to the governor and the general assembly by December 1.

2. The three-year plan and annual updates shall include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Short-term and long-term goals for the criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- b. The identification of issues and studies on the effective treatment and supervision of adult and juvenile sex offenders in institutions, community-based programs, and the community.
- c. Analysis of and recommendations regarding current criminal code provisions.
- d. The effectiveness and efficiencies of current criminal and juvenile justice policies, practices, and services.
- e. Collection of criminal and juvenile justice data.
- f. Recommendations to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

[88 Acts, ch 1277, §18](#)

C89, §601K.135

[92 Acts, ch 1231, §48](#)

C93, §216A.135

[2010 Acts, ch 1193, §156; 2019 Acts, ch 156, §6; 2020 Acts, ch 1063, §75](#)

Referred to in [§216A.131A](#), [216A.133](#), [216A.137](#)

216A.136 Statistical analysis center — access to records.

The department shall maintain an Iowa statistical analysis center for the purpose of coordinating with data resource agencies to provide data and analytical information to federal, state, and local governments, and assist agencies in the use of criminal and juvenile justice data. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, unless prohibited by federal law or regulation, the department shall be granted access, for purposes of research and evaluation, to criminal history records, official juvenile court records, juvenile court social records, and any other data collected or under control of the board of parole, department of corrections, department of workforce development, district departments of correctional services, judicial branch, and department of public safety. However, intelligence data and peace officer investigative reports maintained by the department of public safety shall not be considered data for the purposes of [this section](#). Any record, data, or information obtained by the department under [this section](#) and the department itself is subject to the federal and state confidentiality laws and regulations which are applicable to the original record, data, or information obtained by the department and to the original custodian of the record, data, or information. The access shall include but is not limited to all of the following:

1. Juvenile court records and all other information maintained under [sections 232.147 through 232.151](#).
2. Child abuse information under [sections 235A.15 through 235A.19](#).
3. Dependent adult abuse records maintained under [chapter 235B](#).
4. Criminal history data maintained under [chapter 692](#).
5. Sex offender registry information maintained under [chapter 692A](#).
6. Presentence investigation reports maintained under [section 901.4](#).
7. Corrections records maintained under [sections 904.601 and 904.602](#).
8. Community-based correctional program records maintained under [chapter 905](#).
9. Parole records maintained under [chapter 906](#).
10. Deferred judgment, deferred or suspended sentence, and probation records maintained under [chapter 907](#).
11. Violation of parole or probation records maintained under [chapter 908](#).
12. Fines and victim restitution records maintained under [chapters 909 and 910](#).
13. Employment records maintained under [section 96.11](#).

[88 Acts, ch 1277, §19](#)

C89, §601K.136

[90 Acts, ch 1124, §4](#)

C93, §216A.136

[96 Acts, ch 1150, §2; 96 Acts, ch 1193, §3, 4; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §18; 2008 Acts, ch 1085, §3, 4; 2020 Acts, ch 1063, §76; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §314](#)

Referred to in [§216A.131A](#), [232.147](#), [232.149](#), [232.149A](#)

Unnumbered paragraph 1 amended

216A.137 Correctional policy project.

1. The department shall maintain an Iowa correctional policy project for the purpose of conducting analyses of major correctional issues affecting the criminal and juvenile justice system. The board shall identify and prioritize the issues and studies to be addressed by the department through this project and shall report project plans and findings annually along with the report required in [section 216A.135](#). Issues and studies to be considered by the board shall include but are not limited to a review of the information systems available to assess corrections trends and program effectiveness, the development of an evaluation plan for assessing the impact of corrections expenditures, and a study of the desirability and feasibility of changing the state's sentencing practices, which includes a prison population forecast.

2. The department may form subcommittees for the purpose of addressing major correctional issues affecting the criminal and juvenile justice system. The department shall establish a subcommittee to address issues specifically affecting the juvenile justice system.

[90 Acts, ch 1124, §5](#)

C91, §601K.137

C93, §216A.137

[2019 Acts, ch 156, §7; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §315](#)

Referred to in [§216A.131A, 216A.133](#)

Section amended

216A.138 Multiagency database concerning juveniles.

1. The department shall coordinate the development of a multiagency database to track the progress of juveniles through various state and local agencies and programs. The department shall develop a plan which utilizes existing databases, including the Iowa court information system, the federally mandated national adoption and foster care information system, and the other state and local databases pertaining to juveniles, to the extent possible.

2. The department of corrections, judicial branch, department of public safety, department of education, local school districts, and other state agencies and political subdivisions shall cooperate with the department in the development of the plan.

3. The database shall be designed to track the progress of juveniles in various programs, evaluate the experiences of juveniles, and evaluate the success of the services provided.

4. The department shall develop the plan within the context of existing federal privacy and confidentiality requirements. The plan shall build upon existing resources and facilities to the extent possible.

5. The plan shall include proposed guidelines for the sharing of information by case management teams, consisting of designated representatives of various state and local agencies and political subdivisions to coordinate the delivery of services to juveniles under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. The guidelines shall be developed to structure and improve the information-sharing procedures of case management teams established pursuant to any applicable state or federal law or approved by the juvenile court with respect to a juvenile who is the recipient of the case management team services. The plan shall also contain proposals for changes in state laws or rules to facilitate the exchange of information among members of case management teams.

6. The plan shall include development of a resource guide outlining successful programs and practices established within this state which are designed to promote positive youth development and that assist delinquent and other at-risk youth in overcoming personal and social problems. The guide shall be made publicly available.

7. If the department has insufficient funds and resources to implement [this section](#), the department shall determine what, if any, portion of [this section](#) may be implemented, and the remainder of [this section](#) shall not apply.

[92 Acts, ch 1231, §49; 97 Acts, ch 126, §9; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §19; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §147, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §316](#)

Referred to in [§216A.131A](#)

Subsections 1, 2, 4, and 7 amended

216A.139 Sex offender research council. Repealed by 2019 Acts, ch 156, §8.

216A.140 Iowa collaboration for youth development council — state of Iowa youth advisory council.

1. *Definitions.* For the purposes of [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. “Youth” means children and young persons who are ages six through twenty-one years.
 - b. “Youth advisory council” means the state of Iowa youth advisory council created by [this section](#).
 - c. “Youth development council” means the Iowa collaboration for youth development council created by [this section](#).
2. *Collaboration council created.* An Iowa collaboration for youth development council is created as an alliance of state agencies that address the needs of youth in Iowa.
3. *Purpose.* The purpose of the youth development council is to improve the lives and futures of Iowa’s youth by doing all of the following:
 - a. Adopting and applying positive youth development principles and practices at the state and local levels.
 - b. Increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of opportunities and services and other supports for youth.
 - c. Improving and coordinating state youth policy and programs across state agencies.
4. *Vision statement.* All youth development activities addressed by the youth development council shall be aligned around the following vision statement:

“All Iowa youth will be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared for adulthood.”
5. *Membership.* The youth development council membership shall be determined by the council itself and shall include the directors or chief administrators, or their designees, from the following state agencies and programs:
 - a. Child advocacy board.
 - b. Department of education.
 - c. Department of health and human services.
 - d. Department of workforce development.
 - e. Office of drug control policy.
 - f. Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics.
6. *Procedure.* Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth development council shall determine its own rules of procedure and operating policies, including but not limited to terms of members. The youth development council may form committees or subgroups as necessary to achieve its purpose.
7. *Duties.* The youth development council’s duties shall include but are not limited to all of the following:
 - a. Study, explore, and plan for the best approach to structure and formalize the functions and activities of the youth development council to meet its purpose, and make formal recommendations for improvement to the governor and general assembly.
 - b. Review indicator data and identify barriers to youth success and develop strategies to address the barriers.
 - c. Coordinate across agencies the state policy priorities for youth.
 - d. Strengthen partnerships with the nonprofit and private sectors to gather input, build consensus, and maximize use of existing resources and leverage new resources to improve the lives of youth and their families.
 - e. Oversee the activities of the youth advisory council.
 - f. Seek input from and engage the youth advisory council in the development of more effective policies, practices, and programs to improve the lives and futures of youth.
 - g. Report annually by February 1 to the governor and general assembly.
8. *State of Iowa youth advisory council.* A state of Iowa youth advisory council is created to provide input to the governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers on youth issues.
 - a. The purpose of the youth advisory council is to foster communication among a group of engaged youth and the governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers

regarding programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families; and to advocate for youth on important issues affecting youth.

b. The youth advisory council shall consist of no more than twenty-one youth ages fourteen through twenty years who reside in Iowa. Membership shall be for two-year staggered terms. The director or the director's designee shall select council members using an application process. The director or the director's designee shall strive to maintain a diverse council membership and shall take into consideration race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender, and geographic location of residence of the applicants.

c. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth advisory council shall determine its own rules of procedure and operating policies, subject to approval by the director or the director's designee.

d. The youth advisory council shall meet at least quarterly.

9. *Lead agency.* The lead agency for support of the Iowa collaboration for youth development council and the state of Iowa youth advisory council is the department. The department shall coordinate activities and, with funding made available to it for such purposes, provide staff support for the youth development council and the youth advisory council.

[2009 Acts, ch 53, §1](#); [2009 Acts, ch 179, §35](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §295](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §317, 318](#)

Referred to in [§216A.131A](#)

Subsection 5 amended

Subsection 8, paragraphs b and c amended

SUBCHAPTER IX

STATUS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

216A.141 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the commission on the status of African Americans.
2. “*Office*” means the office on the status of African Americans of the department.

[88 Acts, ch 1201, §1](#)

C89, §601K.141

[91 Acts, ch 50, §3](#)

C93, §216A.141

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §148, 149, 170](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §319](#)

Subsection 2 amended

216A.142 Commission on the status of African Americans established.

1. The commission on the status of African Americans is established and shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. All members shall reside in Iowa. At least five members shall be individuals who are African American.

2. Terms of office are staggered four-year terms. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the remainder of the term of and in the same manner as the original appointment. The commission shall meet quarterly and may hold special meetings on the call of the chairperson. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual expenses while engaged in their official duties. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

3. Members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson and other officers as the commission deems necessary. A majority of members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

[88 Acts, ch 1201, §2](#)

C89, §601K.142

[91 Acts, ch 50, §4](#)

C93, §216A.142

[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §150, 170](#)

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

216A.143 Commission powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the African American community in this state.

2. Serve as liaison between the office and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.

3. Recommend to the board for adoption rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.

4. Recommend executive and legislative action to the governor and general assembly.

5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[88 Acts, ch 1201, §3](#)

C89, §601K.143

C93, §216A.143

[95 Acts, ch 69, §1; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §151, 170](#)

216A.144 and 216A.145 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.146 Office on the status of African Americans.

The office on the status of African Americans is established and shall do the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for African Americans.

2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of African Americans in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.

3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve African Americans.

4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist African Americans.

[88 Acts, ch 1201, §6](#)

C89, §601K.146

[91 Acts, ch 50, §6](#)

C93, §216A.146

[2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §152, 170](#)

216A.147 through 216A.149 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

216A.150 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER X

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

216A.151 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Asian and Pacific Islander*” means an individual from any of the countries of Asia or islands of the Pacific.

2. “*Commission*” means the commission of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs.

3. “*Office*” means the office of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs of the department.

[2004 Acts, ch 1020, §3; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §153 – 155, 170; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §320](#)

Subsection 3 amended

216A.152 Commission of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs established.

1. The commission of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs is established and shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. Members shall be appointed representing every geographical area of the state and ethnic groups of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage. All members shall reside in Iowa.

2. Terms of office are four years and shall begin and end pursuant to [section 69.19](#). Members whose terms expire may be reappointed. Vacancies on the commission may be filled for the remainder of the term of and in the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity, subject to statutory limits. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

3. Members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson and other officers as the commission deems necessary. The commission shall meet at least quarterly during each fiscal year. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

[2004 Acts, ch 1020, §4; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §156, 170](#)

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

216A.153 Commission powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the Asian and Pacific Islander persons in this state.

2. Serve as liaison between the office and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.

3. Recommend to the board for adoption rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.

4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.

5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[2004 Acts, ch 1020, §5; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §157, 170](#)

216A.154 Office of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs.

The office of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs is established and shall do the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.

2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.

3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.

4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.

[2004 Acts, ch 1020, §6; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §158, 170](#)

216A.155 through 216A.160 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.

SUBCHAPTER XI

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

216A.161 Definitions.

For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the commission of Native American affairs.
2. “*Office*” means the office of Native American affairs of the department.
3. “*Tribal government*” means the governing body of a federally recognized Indian tribe. [2008 Acts, ch 1184, §39](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §159 – 161, 170](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §321](#)
Subsection 2 amended

216A.162 Establishment — purpose.

1. A commission of Native American affairs is established consisting of eleven voting members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate.

2. The purpose of the commission shall be to work in concert with Native American groups and Native Americans in this state to advance the interests of Native Americans in the areas of human rights, access to justice, economic equality, and the elimination of discrimination.

3. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

a. Seven public members appointed in compliance with [sections 69.16](#) and [69.16A](#) who shall be appointed with consideration given to the geographic residence of the member and the population density of Native Americans within the vicinity of the geographic residence of a member. Of the seven public members appointed, at least one shall be a Native American who is an enrolled tribal member living on a tribal settlement or reservation in Iowa and whose tribal government is located in Iowa.

b. Four members selected by and representing tribal governments.

c. All members of the commission shall be residents of Iowa.

4. Members of the commission shall appoint one of their members to serve as chairperson and may appoint such other officers as the commission deems necessary. The commission shall meet at least four times per year and shall hold special meetings on the call of the chairperson. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual expenses while engaged in their official duties. A member may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#). A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

[2008 Acts, ch 1184, §40](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1191, §52, 53](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §162, 163, 170](#)
Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

216A.163 Term of office.

Five of the members appointed to the initial commission shall be designated by the governor to serve two-year terms, and six shall be designated by the governor to serve four-year terms. Succeeding appointments shall be for a term of four years. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the original appointment.

[2008 Acts, ch 1184, §41](#)

216A.164 Meetings of the commission. Repealed by [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170](#).

216A.165 Duties.

The commission shall have all powers necessary to carry out the functions and duties specified in [this subchapter](#) and shall do all of the following:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of Native American persons in this state.

2. Serve as a liaison between the department and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.

3. Recommend to the board for adoption rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.

4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.

5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

[2008 Acts, ch 1184, §43](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1191, §54](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §164, 170](#)

216A.166 Office of Native American affairs.

The office of Native American affairs is established and shall do the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for Native Americans.
2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Native Americans in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.
3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve Native Americans.
4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist Native Americans.

[2008 Acts, ch 1184, §44](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1191, §55](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §165, 170](#)

216A.167 Limitations on authority.

1. The commission and office shall not have the authority to do any of the following:
 - a. Implement or administer the duties of the state of Iowa under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, shall not have any authority to recommend, negotiate, administer, or enforce any agreement or compact entered into between the state of Iowa and Indian tribes located in the state pursuant to [section 10A.104](#), and shall not have any authority relative to Indian gaming issues.
 - b. Administer the duties of the state under the federal National Historic Preservation Act, the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and [chapter 263B](#). The commission shall also not interfere with the advisory role of a separate Indian advisory council or committee established by the state archeologist by rule for the purpose of consultation on matters related to ancient human skeletal remains and associated artifacts.
2. [This subchapter](#) shall not diminish or inhibit the right of any tribal government to interact directly with the state or any of its departments or agencies for any purpose which a tribal government desires to conduct its business or affairs as a sovereign governmental entity.

[2008 Acts, ch 1184, §45](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §166, 167, 170](#)

216A.168 through 216A.170 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.