

Sec. 3. Section 915.21, subsection 1, Code 2001, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. bb. A victim may make a video recording of a statement or, if available, may make a statement from a remote location through a video monitor at the sentencing hearing, in the presence of the defendant, and at any hearing regarding reconsideration of sentence.

NEW PARAGRAPH. bc. A victim may make an audio recording of the statement or appear by audio via a speakerphone to make a statement, to be delivered in court in the presence of the defendant, and at any hearing regarding reconsideration of sentence.

Sec. 4. Section 915.21, Code 2001, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A victim shall not be placed under oath and subjected to cross examination at the sentencing hearing.

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the inherent power of the court to regulate the conduct of persons present in the courtroom.

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## CHAPTER 1040

### FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROCEDURES

*H.F. 2190*

**AN ACT** relating to the procedural requirements for foreign and international adoption and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 144.23, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 2001, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 144.25A CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH — FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS.

The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to establish a procedure for the issuance of a certificate of birth for children adopted pursuant to section 600.15.

Sec. 3. Section 600.13, subsection 5, Code Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

5. An interlocutory or a final adoption decree shall be entered with the clerk of court. Such decree shall set forth any facts of the adoption petition which have been proven to the satisfaction of the juvenile court or court and any other facts considered to be relevant by the juvenile court or court and shall grant the adoption petition. If so designated in the adoption decree, the name of the adopted person shall be changed by issuance of that decree. The clerk of the court shall, within thirty days of issuance, deliver one certified copy of any adoption decree to the petitioner, one copy of any adoption decree to the department and any agency or person making an independent placement who placed a minor person for adoption, and one certification of adoption as prescribed in section 144.19 to the state registrar of vital statistics. Upon receipt of the certification, the state registrar shall prepare a new birth certificate pursuant to section 144.23 and deliver to the parents named in the decree and any adult person adopted by the decree a copy of the new birth certificate. The parents shall pay the fee prescribed in

section 144.46. If the person adopted was born outside ~~the this state but in the United States,~~ the state registrar shall forward the certification of adoption to the appropriate agency in the state ~~or foreign nation~~ of birth. A copy of any interlocutory adoption decree vacation shall be delivered and another birth certificate shall be prepared in the same manner as a certification of adoption is delivered and the birth certificate was originally prepared.

Sec. 4. Section 600.15, Code Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:  
600.15 FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS.

~~1. a. A decree establishing a parent-child relationship by adoption which is issued pursuant to due process of law by a juvenile court or court of any other jurisdiction in within or outside the United States shall be recognized in this state.~~

~~b. A decree terminating a parent-child relationship which is issued pursuant to due process of law by a juvenile court or court of any other jurisdiction in the United States shall be recognized in this state.~~

~~c. Documentation demonstrating that a child has been legally released or approved for adoption by the child's country of origin shall be accepted as evidence that termination of parental rights has been completed in that country and shall be recognized in this state.~~

~~2. If an adoption has occurred in the minor person's country of origin, a further adoption must occur in the state where the adopting parents reside in accordance with the adoption laws of that state.~~

~~3. A licensed child-placing agency as defined in section 238.2, a person making an independent placement as defined in section 600A.2, or an investigator may provide necessary assistance to an eligible citizen of Iowa who desires to, in accordance with the immigration laws of the United States, make an international adoption.~~

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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## CHAPTER 1041

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FUND — USE OF FUND MONEYS

H.F. 2229

**AN ACT** relating to use of moneys in the strategic investment fund.

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

Section 1. Section 15.312, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:  
15.312 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this part shall be to provide a mechanism for the funding those of programs listed in section 15.313, subsection 2, in order to more efficiently meet the needs identified within those individual programs which meet the descriptions provided in section 15.313, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. Section 15.313, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code 2001, are amended to read as follows:

2. The assets of the fund shall be used by the department for the following programs and purposes to assist in relocation or expansion projects for existing businesses as well as entre-