

IOWA COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE

15H.1 Findings.

The general assembly finds:

1. There is a compelling need for more civic participation to solve community and state problems, and to address many of the country's unmet social, environmental, educational, and public safety needs.
2. Promoting the capability of Iowa's people, communities, and enterprises to work collaboratively is vital to the long-term prosperity of this state.
3. Building and encouraging community services and volunteerism is an integral part of the state's future well-being, and requires cooperative efforts by the public and private sectors.
4. The development of a volunteer service program in Iowa requires an administrative vehicle which conforms with federal guidelines detailed in the federal National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

2005 Acts, ch 42, §1

15H.2 Iowa commission on volunteer service established.

1. The governor shall establish the Iowa commission on volunteer service which shall be part of the governor's office. The governor shall appoint the commission's members.
2. The mission of the commission is to advise and assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive, statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation in Iowa, as well as to serve as the state's liaison to national and state organizations which support the commission's mission.
3. The commission shall do all of the following:
 - a.* Prepare a three-year national service plan as called for under the federal National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.
 - b.* Fulfill federal program administration requirements, including provision of health care and child care for program participants.
 - c.* Submit annual state applications for federal funding of commission-selected AmeriCorps programs.
 - d.* Integrate AmeriCorps programs, the corporation for national and community service program, and the older American volunteer program into the state strategic service plan.
 - e.* Conduct local outreach to develop a comprehensive and inclusive state service plan and coordinate with existing programs in order to prevent unnecessary competition for private sources of funding.
 - f.* Provide technical assistance to service programs, including the development of training methods and curriculum materials.
 - g.* Develop a statewide recruitment and placement system for individuals interested in community service opportunities.
 - h.* Prepare quarterly reports on progress for submission to the governor and the general assembly.

i. Administer the retired and senior volunteer program.

2005 Acts, ch 42, §2

15H.3 Volunteer service commission membership.

1. The Iowa commission on volunteer service shall consist of the following members:

- a.* An individual with expertise in the educational training and developmental needs of youth.
- b.* An individual with experience in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism.
- c.* A representative of community-based agencies within the state.
- d.* The director of the department of education, or the director's designee.
- e.* The executive secretary of the state board of regents, or the executive secretary's designee.
- f.* A representative of local government.
- g.* A representative of a local labor organization.
- h.* A representative of a for-profit business.
- i.* An individual between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five who is or has been a participant or supervisor in a volunteer or service program.
- j.* A representative of the corporation for national and community service who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

2. No more than twenty-five percent of the commission members shall be employees of the state, though additional state agency representatives may sit on the commission as nonvoting, ex officio members.

3. A commission member shall not vote on issues affecting organizations for which the member has served as a staff person or as a volunteer at any time during the preceding twelve-month period.

4. The membership of the commission shall comply with sections 69.16 and 69.16A. The membership of the commission shall also reflect the diversity of the state's population.

5. Members shall serve staggered terms of three years beginning July 1. Members of the commission shall serve no more than two three-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

6. The chairperson of the commission shall be selected by the governor and serve at the governor's discretion.

2005 Acts, ch 42, §3; 2005 Acts, ch 175, §54, 129

15H.4 Administration funding.

1. The governor's office shall serve as the lead agency for administration of the commission. The department of education, the state board of regents, the department of workforce development, and the department of

economic development shall provide additional administrative support as necessary to fulfill the duties of the commission. All other state agencies shall provide assistance to the commission to ensure a fully coordinated state effort for promoting national and community service.

2. The commission may accept funds and in-kind services from other state, federal, and private entities.

2005 Acts, ch 42, §4