

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2D.1 International relations advisory council.

1. An international relations advisory council is created to provide coordination of state and local international relations activities, through both the public and private sectors, and to provide recommendations to the governor and to the general assembly relating to international relations activities.
2. The international relations advisory council shall consist of all of the following members:
 - a. The co-chairpersons of the international relations committee established by the legislative council, or their designees.
 - b. Two members of the senate who are members of the international relations committee of the legislative council, appointed by the majority leader of the senate, after consultation with the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate, and two members of the house of representatives who are members of the international relations committee of the legislative council, appointed by the speaker of the house, after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house of representatives.
 - c. The director of the department of economic development, or the director's designee.
 - d. The secretary of agriculture, or the secretary's designee.
 - e. The director of the department of administrative services, or the director's designee.
 - f. The director of the department of workforce development, or the director's designee.
 - g. The director of the department of cultural affairs, or the director's designee.
 - h. The director of the department of education, or the director's designee.
 - i. The director of public health, or the director's designee.
 - j. Representatives of agriculture, private business and industry, international programs provided through universities and colleges located in this state, Iowa sister states, the refugee services center of the department of human services, and others, selected by the legislative council, based upon recommendations made by the international relations committee of the legislative council.
3. The co-chairpersons of the international relations committee of the legislative council shall serve as co-chairpersons of the advisory council.
4. The executive branch protocol officer and the legislative branch protocol officer shall act in a consultative capacity to the advisory council. The legislative branch protocol officer shall provide staff support to the advisory council.
5. The advisory council shall do all of the following:
 - a. Create a statewide network to coordinate international relations activities involving the executive and legislative branches, business and industry, public and private educational institutions, and other entities involved in promoting international relations. The network shall include provision of information to the public via electronic access utilizing the most advanced and cost-effective and efficient technology.
 - b. Coordinate existing resources, provided through state agencies and other entities with international

relations expertise, to facilitate international relations activities. Resources shall be utilized in a manner which is most appropriate to the type of international relations activity involved.

c. Provide continuity, over time, at the state level in the development and enhancement of partnerships with international colleagues.

d. Develop a comprehensive, state international relations policy and define the state's role in the international relations arena.

e. Coordinate efforts with the executive branch and legislative branch protocol officers.

f. Sponsor an annual state summit on international relations capacity to promote international relations activities in a variety of arenas including but not limited to international market development and civic, cultural, and educational opportunities. The summit should incorporate input from city, county, and state entities from both the public and private sectors.

g. Inform and educate the public, workforce, students, businesses, and state policymakers regarding the importance of international involvement in both economic and noneconomic international relations activities.

h. Compile reference materials and a listing of resources to be available to policymakers and the public in preparing for international relations activities and travel. The compiled materials and listing of resources shall be provided via electronic access utilizing the most advanced and cost-effective and efficient technology.

2000 Acts, ch 1102, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286

2D.2 International relations committee protocol.

1. The international relations committee of the legislative council shall establish and utilize protocol for visitors to the capitol, who may include state, national, or international visitors. The protocol established shall include provisions relating to transportation of visitors to and from the capitol, the designation of an official point of entry and a receiving area for visitors, security provisions, official introduction of visitors to the general assembly while the general assembly is in session, the provision of gifts to visitors, and other provisions appropriate to the visitor's position.

2. The international relations committee shall work with the executive branch protocol officer and with the legislative branch protocol officer in developing the protocol and in coordinating the visits of state, national, and international visitors to the capitol.

2000 Acts, ch 1102, §2

2D.3 Legislative branch protocol officer.

The legislative services agency shall employ a legislative branch protocol officer to coordinate activities related to state, national, and international visitors to the state capitol or with an interest in the general assembly, and related to travel of members of the general assembly abroad. The protocol officer shall serve in a consultative capacity and shall provide staff support to the international relations advisory council. The protocol officer shall also work with the executive branch protocol officer to coordinate state, national, and international relations activities. The legislative branch protocol officer shall submit periodic reports to the international relations committee of the legislative council regarding the visits of state, national, and international visitors and regarding international activities.

2000 Acts, ch 1102, §3; 2000 Acts, ch 1232, §41; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §44, 49

2D.4 Executive branch protocol officer.

The lieutenant governor, or the lieutenant governor's designee, shall be the executive branch protocol officer. The protocol officer shall serve in a consultative capacity to the international relations advisory council. The protocol officer shall work with the international relations committee of the legislative council and the legislative branch protocol officer in developing and implementing protocol for state, national, and international visitors to the state capitol and in improving coordination between the legislative and executive branches in international relations activities.

2000 Acts, ch 1102, §4