

84A.1B Duties of the workforce development board.

The workforce development board shall do all of the following:

1. Develop and coordinate the implementation of a four-year comprehensive workforce development plan of specific needs, goals, strategies, and policies for the state. This plan shall be updated every two years and revised as necessary. All other state agencies involved in workforce development activities and the local workforce development boards shall submit to the board for its review and potential inclusion in the plan their needs, goals, strategies, and policies.
2. Develop and coordinate the implementation of statewide workforce development policies, procedures, and guidance to align the state's workforce development programs and activities in an integrated and streamlined state workforce development system that is data driven and responsive to the needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.
3. Develop a method of evaluation of the attainment of needs and goals from pursuing the strategies and policies of the four-year plan.
4. Implement the requirements of [chapter 73](#).
5. Approve the budget of the department of workforce development related to workforce development as prepared by the director.
6. Establish guidelines, procedures, and policies for the awarding of grants for workforce development services by the department of workforce development.
7. Review grants or contracts awarded by the department of workforce development, with respect to the department's adherence to the guidelines and procedures and the impact on the four-year plan.
8. Make recommendations concerning the use of federal funds received by the department of workforce development.
9. Adopt all necessary rules related to workforce development recommended by the director prior to their adoption pursuant to [chapter 17A](#).
10. Develop and coordinate strategies for technological improvements to facilitate access to, and improve the quality of, the state's workforce development services, including all of the following:
 - a. Enhance digital literacy skills as defined in 20 U.S.C. §9101.
 - b. Accelerate the acquisition of skills and recognized postsecondary credentials by participants.
 - c. Strengthen the professional development of providers and workforce professionals.
 - d. Ensure such technology is accessible to individuals with disabilities and individuals residing in remote areas.
11. Develop and coordinate strategies for aligning technology and data systems across state agencies in order to improve the integration and coordination of the delivery of workforce development services.
12. Identify and disseminate information on proven and promising practices for meeting the needs of workers, job seekers, and employers, including but not limited to proven and promising practices for the effective operation of workforce centers and systems; the development of effective local workforce development boards; the development of effective training programs; effective engagement with stakeholders in the state's workforce development system; effective engagement with employers; and increasing access to workforce services for all Iowans, in particular for individuals with a barrier to employment as defined in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, section 3(24).
13. Develop and coordinate the implementation of allocation formulas for the distribution of funds available for employment and training activities in local workforce development areas under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, sections 128(b)(3) and 133(b)(3).
14. Provide recommendations to the governor regarding the certification of local workforce development boards.
15. Develop and coordinate the analysis of labor market information in order to identify in-demand industries and occupations.
16. Make recommendations to the governor regarding the designation of local workforce

development areas and regions in the state under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, section 106.

17. Make recommendations to the general assembly and governor regarding workforce development services, programs, and activities.

[96 Acts, ch 1186, §10](#); [2001 Acts, ch 24, §22](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1118, §4 – 6, 21](#)

Referred to in [§84A.1](#), [§84A.1C](#), [§84A.4](#)

Subsection 1 amended

Subsection 2 stricken and rewritten

Subsections 3, 7, and 8 amended

NEW subsections 10 – 17