

CHAPTER 218

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218.1 Institutions controlled.

The director of human services shall have the general and full authority given under statute to control, manage, direct, and operate the following institutions under the director's jurisdiction, and may at the director's discretion assign the powers and authorities given the director by statute to any one of the deputy directors, division administrators, or officers or employees of the divisions of the department of human services:

1. Glenwood state resource center.
2. Woodward state resource center.
3. Mental health institute, Cherokee, Iowa.
4. Mental health institute, Clarinda, Iowa.
5. Mental health institute, Independence, Iowa.
6. Mental health institute, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.
7. State training school.
8. Iowa juvenile home.
9. Other facilities not attached to the campus of the main institution as program developments require.

[S13, §2727-a8, -a77; SS15, §2713-n2, 2727-a96; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3287; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.1; 81 Acts, ch 73, §1; 82 Acts, ch 1260, §18]

83 Acts, ch 96, §66, 157, 159; 83 Acts, ch 101, §37; 92 Acts, ch 1140, §21; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §1, 45

Referred to in §218.2, 218.3, 218.4, 218.13, 218.42, 218.58, 222.2, 225C.13, 227.19, 229.1, 230.34, 232.69, 237.4, 237C.1, 280.16, 282.33, 357H.1, 708.3A, 709.16

218.2 Powers of governor — report of abuses.

Nothing contained in [section 218.1](#) shall limit the general supervisory or examining powers vested in the governor by the laws or Constitution of the State of Iowa, or legally vested by the governor in any committee appointed by the governor.

The administrator to whom primary responsibility of a particular institution has been assigned shall make reports to the director of human services as are requested by the director and the director shall report, in writing, to the governor any abuses found to exist in any of the institutions.

[S13, §2727-a9, -a18; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3288, 3289; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §218.2, 218.3; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.2]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §2; 2006 Acts, ch 1010, §67

218.3 Definitions.

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

1. “Administrator” means the person to whom the director of human services has assigned power and authority over an institution in accordance with [section 218.1](#).

2. “Institution” means an institution listed in [section 218.1](#).

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.3; 81 Acts, ch 78, §20, 24; 82 Acts, ch 1260, §19]

83 Acts, ch 96, §67, 157, 159; 83 Acts, ch 101, §38; 91 Acts, ch 258, §36; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §29; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §3

218.4 Recommendation for rules.

1. The administrators of particular institutions shall recommend to the council on human services for adoption such rules not inconsistent with law as they may deem necessary for the discharge of their duties, the management of each of such institutions, the admission of residents thereto and the treatment, care, custody, education and discharge of residents. It is made the duty of the particular administrators to establish rules by which danger to life and property from fire will be minimized. In the discharge of their duties and in the enforcement of their rules, they may require any of their appointees to perform duties in addition to those required by statute.

2. Rules adopted by the council shall be uniform and shall apply to all institutions under the particular administrator and to all other institutions under the administrator’s jurisdiction, and the primary rules for use in institutions where persons with mental illness are served shall, unless otherwise indicated, uniformly apply to county or private hospitals in which persons with mental illness are served, but the rules shall not interfere with proper medical treatment administered to patients by competent physicians. Annually, signed copies of the rules shall be sent to the superintendent of each institution or hospital under the control or supervision of a particular administrator and copies shall also be sent to the clerk of each district court, the chairperson of the board of supervisors of each county and, as appropriate, to the officer in charge of institutions or hospitals caring for persons with

mental illness in each county who shall be responsible for seeing that the rules are posted in each institution or hospital in a prominent place. The rules shall be kept current to meet the public need and shall be revised and published annually.

3. The state fire marshal shall cause to be made an annual inspection of all the institutions listed in [section 218.1](#) and shall make written report thereof to the particular administrator of the state department of human services in control of such institution.

[S13, §2727-a30, -a48, 5718-a3; SS15, §2727-a50, -a96; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3290; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.4]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159, 160; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §30; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §4; 2017 Acts, ch 54, §76](#)

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218.5 Fire protection contracts.

The administrators shall have power to enter into contracts with the governing body of any city or other municipal corporation for the protection from fire of any property under the administrators' primary control, located in any municipal corporation or in territory contiguous to the municipal corporation, upon terms as may be agreed upon.

[C31, 35, §3290-d1; C39, §3290.1; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.5]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §5](#)

218.6 Transfer of appropriations made to institutions.

Notwithstanding [section 8.39, subsection 1](#), without the prior written consent and approval of the governor and the director of the department of management, the director of human services may transfer funds between the appropriations made for the institutions, listed as follows:

1. The state resource centers.
2. The state mental health institutes.
3. The state training school.
4. The civil commitment unit for sexual offenders.

[2005 Acts, ch 175, §93; 2017 Acts, ch 174, §110](#)

Section amended

218.7 and 218.8 Reserved.

218.9 Appointment of superintendents.

The administrator in charge of an institution, subject to the approval of the director of human services, shall appoint the superintendent of the institution.

The superintendent or warden shall have immediate custody and control, subject to the orders and policies of the division administrator in charge of the institution, of all property used in connection with the institution except as provided in [this chapter](#). The tenure of office shall be at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The appointing authority may transfer a superintendent or warden from one institution to another.

[S13, §2727-a24; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3292; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.9; [81 Acts, ch 27, §3, ch 73, §2, ch 78, §20, 25; 82 Acts, ch 1260, §20](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §68, 157, 159; 83 Acts, ch 101, §39; 84 Acts, ch 1277, §17; 90 Acts, ch 1239, §4; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §31; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §6](#)

218.10 Subordinate officers and employees.

The administrator in charge of a particular institution, with the consent and approval of the director of human services, shall determine the number of subordinate officers and employees for the institution. Subject to [this chapter](#), the officers and employees shall be appointed and discharged by the superintendent or business manager pursuant to [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#). The superintendent shall keep, in the record of each subordinate officer and employee,

the date of employment, the compensation, and the date of each discharge, and the reasons for discharge.

[S13, §2727-a37; SS15, §2713-n2, 2727-a96; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3293; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.10]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 86 Acts, ch 1245, §260; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §7; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §210

218.11 Interagency case information service. Repealed by 2013 Acts, ch 19, §2.

218.12 Bonds.

The administrator in charge of any particular institution shall require each officer and any employee of such administrator and of every institution under the administrator's control who may be charged with the custody or control of any money or property belonging to the state to give an official bond, properly conditioned, and signed by sufficient sureties in a sum to be fixed by the administrator, which bond shall be approved by the administrator, and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

[S13, §2727-a31; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3295; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.12]

218.13 Record checks.

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

a. "Department" means the department of human services.

b. "Institution" means an institution controlled by the department as described in [section 218.1](#).

c. "Resident" means a person committed or admitted to an institution.

2. If a person is being considered for employment involving direct responsibility for a resident or with access to a resident when the resident is alone, or if a person will reside in a facility utilized by an institution, and if the person has been convicted of a crime or has a record of founded child or dependent adult abuse, the department shall perform an evaluation to determine whether the crime or founded abuse warrants prohibition of employment or residence in the facility. The department shall conduct criminal and child and dependent adult abuse record checks of the person in this state and may conduct these checks in other states. The investigation and evaluation shall be performed in accordance with procedures adopted for this purpose by the department.

3. If the department determines that a person, who is employed by an institution or resides in a facility utilized by an institution, has been convicted of a crime or has a record of founded child or dependent adult abuse, the department shall perform an evaluation to determine whether prohibition of the person's employment or residence is warranted. The evaluation shall be performed in accordance with procedures adopted for this purpose by the department.

4. In an evaluation, the department shall consider the nature and seriousness of the crime or founded child or dependent adult abuse in relation to the position sought or held, the time elapsed since the commission of the crime or founded abuse, the circumstances under which the crime or founded abuse was committed, the degree of rehabilitation, the likelihood that the person will commit the crime or founded abuse again, and the number of crimes or founded abuses committed by the person involved. The department may permit a person who is evaluated to be employed or reside or to continue employment or residence if the person complies with the department's conditions relating to employment or residence which may include completion of additional training.

5. If the department determines that the person has committed a crime or has a record of founded child or dependent adult abuse which warrants prohibition of employment or residence, the person shall not be employed by an institution or reside in a facility utilized by an institution.

91 Acts, ch 138, §3; 97 Acts, ch 169, §12

Referred to in §218.64, 235A.15

218.14 Dwelling of superintendent or other employee.

1. The administrator having control over an institution may, with consent of the director of human services, furnish the superintendent of the institution, in addition to salary, with a dwelling or with appropriate quarters in lieu of the dwelling, or the administrator may compensate the superintendent of the institution in lieu of furnishing a dwelling or quarters. If the superintendent of the institution is furnished with a dwelling or quarters, either of which is owned by the state, the superintendent may also be furnished with water, heat, and electricity.

2. The administrator having control over an institution may furnish assistant superintendents or other employees, or both, with a dwelling or with appropriate quarters, owned by the state. The assistant superintendent or employee, who is so furnished, shall pay rent for the dwelling or quarters in an amount to be determined by the superintendent of the institution, which shall be the fair market rental value of the dwelling or quarters. If an assistant superintendent or employee is furnished with a dwelling or quarters, either of which is owned by the state, the assistant superintendent or employee may also be furnished with water, heat, and electricity. However, the furnishing of these utilities shall be considered in determining the fair market rental value of the dwelling or quarters.

[S13, §2727-a38; SS15, §2713-n2, 2727-a96, 5717; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3297, 3746; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, §218.14, 246.7; C81, §218.14]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §8](#)

Referred to in [§35D.13](#)

Similar provisions, see [§35D.13](#) and [904.305](#)

218.15 Salaries — how paid.

The salaries and wages shall be included in the semimonthly payrolls and paid in the same manner as other expenses of the several institutions.

[S13, §2727-a38; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3298; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.15]

218.16 Reserved.

218.17 Authorized leave.

Vacations and sick leave with pay as authorized in [section 70A.1](#) shall only be taken at such times as the superintendent or the business manager in charge of an officer or employee, as the case may be, may direct, and only after written authorization by the superintendent or business manager, and for the number of days specified in the authorization. A copy of the authorization shall be attached to the institution's copy of the payroll of the institution, for audit purposes, for the period during which the vacation was taken, and the semimonthly payroll shall show the number of days the person was absent under the authorization.

[S13, §2727-a74c, -a74d; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3300; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.17]

[2000 Acts, ch 1112, §9](#)

218.18 Repealed by 90 Acts, ch 1129, §2.

218.19 Districts.

The administrator having control over a type of institution shall, from time to time, divide the state into districts from which the type of institution may receive residents. The particular administrator shall promptly notify the proper county or judicial officers of all changes in the districts.

[S13, §2727-a21; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3302; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.19]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §10](#)

218.20 Place of commitments — transfers.

Commitments, unless otherwise permitted by the administrator having control over an institution, shall be to the institution located in the district embracing the county from which

the commitment is issued. An administrator may, at the expense of the state, transfer a resident of one institution to another like institution.

[S13, §2727-a26; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3303; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.20]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §11](#)

218.21 Record of residents.

The administrator of the department of human services in control of a state institution shall, as to every person committed to any of said institutions, keep the following record: Name, residence, sex, age, nativity, occupation, civil condition, date of entrance or commitment, date of discharge, whether a discharge was final, condition of the person when discharged, the name of the institutions from which and to which such person has been transferred, and, if dead, the date, and cause of death.

[S13, §2727-a22; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3304; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.21]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159, 160](#)

Referred to in [§218.22](#)

218.22 Record privileged.

Except with the consent of the administrator in charge of an institution, or on an order of a court of record, the record provided in [section 218.21](#) shall be accessible only to the administrator of the division of the department of human services in control of such institution, the director of the department of human services and to assistants and proper clerks authorized by such administrator or the administrator's director. The administrator of the division of such institution is authorized to permit the division of library services of the department of education and the historical division of the department of cultural affairs to copy or reproduce by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, microcard or other process which accurately reproduces a durable medium for reproducing the original and to destroy in the manner described by law such records of residents designated in [section 218.21](#).

[S13, §2727-a22; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3305; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.22]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159, 160; 93 Acts, ch 48, §11; 2011 Acts, ch 132, §40, 106](#)

218.23 Reports to administrator.

The superintendent of an institution shall, within ten days after the commitment or entrance of a person to the institution, cause a true copy of the person's entrance record to be made and forwarded to the administrator in control of the institution. When a patient or resident leaves, or is discharged, or transferred, or dies in an institution, the superintendent or person in charge shall within ten days after that date send the information to the office of the institution's administrator on forms which the administrator prescribes.

[S13, §2727-a22; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3306; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.23]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §12](#)

218.24 Questionable commitment.

The superintendent is required to immediately notify the administrator in control of the superintendent's particular institution if there is any question as to the propriety of the commitment or detention of any person received at such institution, and said administrator, upon such notification, shall inquire into the matter presented, and take such action as may be deemed proper in the premises.

[S13, §2727-a29; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3307; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.24]

218.25 Religious beliefs.

The superintendent of an institution, receiving a person committed to the institution, shall inquire of the person as to the person's religious preference and enter the preference in the book kept for the purpose, and cause the person to sign the book.

[S13, §5718-a1; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3308; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.25]

[2000 Acts, ch 1112, §13](#)

218.26 Religious worship.

Any such resident, during the time of the resident's detention, shall be allowed, for at least one hour on each Sunday and in times of extreme sickness, and at such other suitable and reasonable times as is consistent with proper discipline in said institution, to receive spiritual advice, instruction, and ministrations from any recognized member of the clergy of the church or denomination which represents the resident's religious belief.

[S13, §5718-a1, -a2; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3309; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.26]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160](#)

218.27 Religious belief of minors.

In case such resident is a minor and has formed no choice, the minor's preference may, at any time, be expressed by the minor with the approval of parents or guardian, if the minor has any such.

[S13, §5718-a3; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3310; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.27]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160](#)

218.28 Investigation.

The administrator of the department of human services in control of a particular institution or the administrator's authorized officer or employee shall visit, and minutely examine, at least once in six months, and more often if necessary or required by law, the institutions under such administrator's control, and the financial condition and management thereof.

[S13, §2727-a10, -a19; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3311; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.28]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2005 Acts, ch 3, §51](#)

218.29 Scope of investigation.

The administrator of the department of human services in control of a particular institution or the administrator's authorized officer or employee shall, during such investigation and as far as possible, see every resident of each institution, especially those admitted since the preceding visit, and shall give such residents as may require it, suitable opportunity to converse with such administrator or authorized officer or employee apart from the officers and attendants.

[S13, §2727-a19; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3312; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.29]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159](#)

218.30 Investigation of other institutions.

The administrators to whom control of institutions has been assigned, or their authorized officers or employees, may investigate charges of abuse, neglect, or mismanagement on the part of an officer or employee of a private institution which is subject to the administrator's particular supervision or control. The administrator who has been assigned to have authority over the state mental health institutes, or the administrator's authorized officer or employee,

shall also investigate charges concerning county care facilities in which persons with mental illness are served.

[S13, §2727-a74b; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3313; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.30]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §32; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §14](#)

218.31 Witnesses.

In aid of any investigation the administrator shall have the power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses; to examine the same under oath, which the administrator shall have power to administer; to have access to all books, papers, and property material to such investigation, and to order the production of any other books or papers material thereto. Witnesses other than those in the employ of the state shall be entitled to the same fees as in civil cases in the district court.

[S13, §2727-a10; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3314; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.31]

Referred to in [§218.32](#)

Witness fees, §622.69 – 622.75

218.32 Contempt.

Any person failing or refusing to obey the orders of the administrator issued under [section 218.31](#), or to give or produce evidence when required, shall be reported by the administrator to the district court in the county where the offense occurs, and shall be dealt with by the court as for contempt of court.

[S13, §2727-a10; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3315; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.32]

Contempts, chapter 665

218.33 Transcript of testimony.

The particular administrator involved shall cause the testimony taken at such investigation to be transcribed and filed in the administrator's office at the seat of government within ten days after the same is taken, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and when so filed the same shall be open for the inspection of any person.

[S13, §2727-a10; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3316; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.33]

218.34 through 218.39 Reserved.

218.40 Services required.

Residents of said institutions subject to the provisions hereinafter provided, may be required to render any proper and reasonable service either in the institutions proper or in the industries established in connection therewith.

[S13, §2727-a51; SS15, §5718-a11; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3323; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.40]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160](#)

218.41 Custody.

When a resident of an institution is so working outside the institution proper, the resident shall be deemed at all times in the actual custody of the head of the institution.

[SS15, §5718-a11; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3324; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.41]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160](#)

218.42 Wages of residents.

If a resident performs services for the state at an institution listed in [section 218.1](#), the administrator in control of the institution shall pay the resident a wage in accordance with

federal wage and hour requirements. However, the wage amount shall not exceed the amount of the prevailing wage paid in the state for a like service or its equivalent.

[SS15, §5718-a11a; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3325; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.42]

83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160; 95 Acts, ch 82, §1

218.43 Deduction to pay court costs.

If such wage be paid, the administrator in control of such institution may deduct therefrom an amount sufficient to pay all or a part of the costs taxed to such resident by reason of the resident's commitment to said institution. In such case the amount so deducted shall be forwarded to the clerk of the district court or proper official.

[SS15, §5718-a11a; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3326; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.43]

83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160

218.44 Wages paid to dependent — deposits.

If such wage be paid, the administrator in control of such institution may pay all or any part of the same directly to any dependent of such resident, or may deposit such wage to the account of such resident, or may so deposit part thereof and allow the resident a portion for the resident's own personal use, or may pay to the county of commitment all or any part of the resident's care, treatment or subsistence while at said institution from any credit balance accruing to the account of said resident.

[SS15, §5718-a11a; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3327; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.44]

83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160

218.45 Conferences.

Quarterly conferences of the superintendents of the institutions shall be held with the administrator in control of the institutions at Des Moines or at institutions under the administrator's jurisdiction, for the consideration of all matters relative to the management of the institutions. Full minutes of the conferences shall be preserved in the records of the administrator. The administrator in control may cause papers on appropriate subjects to be prepared and read at the conferences.

[S13, §2727-a20; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3328; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.45]

2000 Acts, ch 1112, §15

218.46 Scientific investigation.

1. The administrator who is in charge of an institution shall encourage the scientific investigation, on the part of the superintendent and medical staff of the institution, as to the most successful methods of institutional management and treating the persons committed to the institution. In addition, the administrator shall procure and furnish to the superintendent and medical staff information relative to such management and treatment and, from time to time, publish bulletins and reports of scientific and clinical work done in that type of institution.

2. The administrators of such state institutions are authorized to provide services and facilities for the scientific observation, rechecking, and treatment of persons with mental illness within the state. Application by, or on behalf of, any person for such services and facilities shall be made to the administrator in charge of the particular institution involved and shall be made on forms furnished by such administrator. The time and place of admission of any person to outpatient or clinical services and facilities for scientific observation, rechecking and treatment and the use of such services and facilities for the benefit of persons who have already been hospitalized for psychiatric evaluation and appropriate treatment

or involuntarily hospitalized as seriously mentally ill shall be in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the administrator in control of the particular institution involved.

[S13, §2727-a27; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3329; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.46]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §113; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §16](#)

Publications; §7A.27

218.47 Monthly report.

The superintendent or business manager of each institution shall, on the first day of each month, account to the administrator in control of the particular institution for all state funds received during the preceding month, and, at the same time, remit the accounting to the treasurer of state.

[S13, §2727-a40; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3330; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.47]

[2000 Acts, ch 1112, §17](#)

218.48 Annual reports.

The superintendent or business manager of each institution shall make an annual report to the administrator in control of the particular institution and include in the report a detailed and accurate inventory of the stock and supplies on hand, and their amount and value, under the following headings:

1. Livestock.
2. Farm produce on hand.
3. Vehicles.
4. Agricultural implements.
5. Machinery.
6. Mechanical fixtures.
7. Real estate.
8. Furniture.
9. Bedding in residents' department.
10. State property in superintendent's department.
11. Clothing.
12. Dry goods.
13. Provisions and groceries.
14. Drugs and medicine.
15. Fuel.
16. Library.

17. All other state property under appropriate headings to be determined by the particular administrator involved.

[S13, §2705-b, 2727-a32; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3331; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.48]

[2000 Acts, ch 1112, §18; 2017 Acts, ch 29, §52](#)

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218.49 Contingent fund.

The administrator in control of an institution may permit the superintendent or the business manager of each institution to retain a stated amount of funds under the superintendent's or business manager's supervision as a contingent fund for the payment of freight, postage, commodities purchased on authority of the particular superintendent or business manager involved on a cash basis, salaries, and bills granting discount for cash.

[SS15, §2727-a44; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3332; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.49]

[2000 Acts, ch 1112, §19](#)

218.50 Requisition for contingent fund.

If necessary, the director of the department of human services shall make proper requisition upon the director of the department of administrative services for a warrant on the state treasurer to secure the said contingent fund for each institution.

[SS15, §2727-a44; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3333; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.50]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286](#)

218.51 Monthly reports of contingent fund.

A monthly report of the status of such contingent fund shall be submitted by the proper officer of said institution to the administrator in control of the institution involved and such rules as such administrator may establish.

[SS15, §2727-a44; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3334; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.51]

218.52 Supplies — competition.

The administrator in control of a state institution shall, in the purchase of supplies, afford all reasonable opportunity for competition, and shall give preference to local dealers and Iowa producers when such can be done without loss to the state.

[S13, §2727-a46; SS15, §2727-a50; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3335; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.52]

Preference to Iowa products, §8A.311, 73.1 et seq.

218.53 Dealers may file addresses.

Jobbers or others desirous of selling supplies shall, by filing with the administrator in control of a state institution a memorandum showing their address and business, be afforded an opportunity to compete for the furnishing of supplies, under such rules as such administrator may prescribe.

[SS15, §2727-a50; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3336; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.53]

218.54 Samples preserved.

When purchases are made by sample, the same shall be properly marked and retained until after an award or delivery of such items is made.

[SS15, §2727-a50; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3337; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.54]

218.55 Purchase from an institution.

An administrator may purchase supplies of any institution under the administrator's control, for use in any other institution under the administrator's control, and reasonable payment for the supplies shall be made as in the case of other purchases.

[S13, §2727-a47; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3338; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.55]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §20](#)

218.56 Purchase of supplies — vendor warrants.

The administrators shall, from time to time, adopt and make of record, rules and regulations governing the purchase of all articles and supplies needed at the various institutions under their control, and the form and verification of vouchers for such purchases.

The department of human services shall mail vendor warrants for the department of corrections.

[S13, §2727-a41, -a42, -a49; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3339; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.56]

[90 Acts, ch 1247, §4](#)

218.57 Combining appropriations.

The director of the department of administrative services may combine the balances carried in all specific appropriations into a special account for each institution under the control of a particular administrator, except that the support fund for each institution shall be carried as a separate account.

[S13, §2727-a43; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3344; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.57]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §21; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286](#)

218.58 Construction, repair, and improvement projects — emergencies.

The department shall work with the department of administrative services to accomplish the following responsibilities:

1. The department shall prepare and submit to the director of the department of management, as provided in [section 8.23](#), a multiyear construction program including estimates of the expenditure requirements for the construction, repair, or improvement of buildings, grounds, or equipment at the institutions listed in [section 218.1](#).

2. The director shall have plans and specifications prepared by the department of administrative services for authorized construction, repair, or improvement projects costing over the competitive bid threshold in [section 26.3](#), or as established in [section 314.1B](#). An appropriation for a project shall not be expended until the department of administrative services has adopted plans and specifications and has completed a detailed estimate of the cost of the project, prepared under the supervision of a licensed architect or licensed professional engineer. Plans and specifications shall not be adopted and a project shall not proceed if the project would require an expenditure of money in excess of the appropriation.

3. The department of administrative services shall comply with the competitive bid procedures in [chapter 26](#) to let all contracts under [chapter 8A, subchapter III](#), for authorized construction, repair, or improvement of departmental buildings, grounds, or equipment.

4. If the director of the department of human services and the director of the department of administrative services determine that emergency repairs or improvements estimated to cost more than the competitive bid threshold in [section 26.3](#), or as established in [section 314.1B](#) are necessary to assure the continued operation of a departmental institution, the requirements of [subsections 2 and 3](#) for preparation of plans and specifications and competitive procurement procedures are waived. A determination of necessity for waiver by the director of the department of human services and the director of the department of administrative services shall be in writing and shall be entered in the project record for emergency repairs or improvements. Emergency repairs or improvements shall be accomplished using plans and specifications and competitive quotation or bid procedures, as applicable, to the greatest extent possible, considering the necessity for rapid completion of the project. A waiver of the requirements of [subsections 2 and 3](#) does not authorize an expenditure in excess of an amount otherwise authorized for the repair or improvement.

5. A claim for payment relating to a project shall be itemized on a voucher form pursuant to [section 8A.514](#), certified by the claimant and the architect or engineer in charge, and audited and approved by the department of administrative services. Upon approval by the department of administrative services, the director of the department of administrative services shall draw a warrant to be paid by the treasurer of state from funds appropriated for the project. A partial payment made before completion of the project does not constitute final acceptance of the work or a waiver of any defect in the work.

6. Subject to the prior approval of the administrator in control of a departmental institution, minor projects costing five thousand dollars or less may be authorized and completed by the executive head of the institution through the use of day labor. A contract is not required if a minor project is to be completed with the use of resident labor.

[84 Acts, ch 1256, §1; 86 Acts, ch 1245, §314; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §211, 286; 2006 Acts, ch 1017, §23, 42, 43; 2007 Acts, ch 126, §44; 2017 Acts, ch 131, §7](#)

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218.59 through 218.63 Reserved.

218.64 Investigation of death.

1. For the purposes of [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires, “institution” and “resident” mean the same as defined in [section 218.13](#).

2. Upon the death of a resident of an institution, the county medical examiner shall conduct a preliminary investigation of the death as provided in [section 331.802](#). The cost of the preliminary investigation shall be paid by the department of human services.

[2008 Acts, ch 1187, §134](#)

Referred to in [§222.12, 226.34, 331.802](#)

218.65 Property of deceased resident.

The superintendent or business manager of each institution shall, upon the death of any resident or patient, immediately take possession of all property of the deceased left at the institution, and deliver the property to the duly appointed and qualified representative of the deceased.

[S13, §2727-a72; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3352; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.65]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §22](#)

218.66 Property of small value.

If administration be not granted within one year from the date of the death of the decedent, and the value of the estate of decedent is so small as to make the granting of administration inadvisable, then delivery of the money and other property left by the decedent may be made to the surviving spouse and heirs of the decedent.

[S13, §2727-a72; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3353; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.66]

218.67 Estate administrator not identified.

If an estate administrator is not identified within one year from the death of a decedent in an institution, and a surviving spouse or heir is not known, the superintendent of the institution may convert all the decedent’s property into cash and in so doing the superintendent shall have the powers possessed by a general administrator of an estate.

[S13, §2727-a72; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3354; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.67]

[2000 Acts, ch 1112, §23](#)

218.68 Money deposited with treasurer of state.

Said money shall be transmitted to the treasurer of state as soon after one year after the death of the intestate as practicable, and be credited to the support fund of the institution of which the intestate was a resident.

[S13, §2727-a72; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3355; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.68]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160](#)

Referred to in [§218.69](#)

218.69 Permanent record.

A complete permanent record of the money transmitted to the treasurer of state under [section 218.68](#), showing by whom and with whom it was left, its amount, the date of the death of the owner, the owner’s reputed place of residence before the owner became a resident of the institution, the date on which it was transmitted to the state treasurer, and any other facts which may tend to identify the intestate and explain the case, shall be kept by the superintendent of the institution or business manager, as the case may be, and a transcript of the record shall be sent to, and kept by, the treasurer of state.

[S13, §2727-a72; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3356; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.69]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §24](#)

218.70 Payment to party entitled.

Said money shall be paid, at any time within ten years from the death of the intestate, to any person who is shown to be entitled thereto. Payment shall be made from the state treasury out of the support fund of such institution in the manner provided for the payment of other claims from that fund.

[S13, §2727-a73, -a74; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3357; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.70]

218.71 Reserved.**218.72 Temporary quarters in emergency.**

In case the buildings at any institution under the control of an administrator are destroyed or rendered unfit for habitation by reason of fire, storms, or other like causes, to such an extent that the residents cannot be housed and cared for, the administrator shall make temporary provision for the housing and care of the residents at some other place in the state. Like provision may be made in case any pestilence breaks out among the residents. The reasonable cost of the change, including transfer of residents, shall be paid from any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[C51, §3143; R60, §5156; C73, §4795; C97, §5693; SS15, §2713-n18; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3359; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.72]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159, 160; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §25](#)

218.73 through 218.77 Reserved.**218.78 Institutional receipts deposited.**

1. All institutional receipts of the department of human services, including funds received from client participation at the state resource centers under [section 222.78](#) and at the state mental health institutes under [section 230.20](#), shall be deposited in the general fund except for reimbursements for services provided to another institution or state agency, for receipts deposited in the revolving farm fund under [section 904.706](#), for deposits into the medical assistance fund under [section 249A.11](#), and rentals charged to employees or others for room, apartment, or house and meals, which shall be available to the institutions.

2. If approved by the director of human services, the department may use appropriated funds for the granting of educational leave.

[C77, 79, 81, §218.78, 218.101; [81 Acts, ch 11, §14, ch 75, §2](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 85 Acts, ch 146, §1; 88 Acts, ch 1249, §5; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §51; 2005 Acts, ch 167, §30, 66; 2010 Acts, ch 1141, §24](#)

218.79 through 218.82 Reserved.**218.83 Administrative improvement.**

The director of human services and the administrators assigned to have authority over the institutions shall cooperate with any department or agency of the state government in any manner, including the exchange of employees, calculated to improve administration of the affairs of the institutions.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.83]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §26](#)

218.84 Abstracting claims and keeping accounts.

The director of the department of human services shall have sole charge of abstracting and certifying claims for payment and the keeping of a central system of accounts in institutions under the director's control.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.84]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159](#)

218.85 Uniform system of accounts.

The director of human services through the administrators in control of the institutions shall install in all the institutions the most modern, complete, and uniform system of accounts, records, and reports possible. The system shall be prescribed by the director of the department of administrative services as authorized in [section 8A.502, subsection 13](#), and, among other matters, shall clearly show the detailed facts relative to the handling and uses of all purchases.

[S13, §2727-a13; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3286; C46, §217.12; C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.85]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 89 Acts, ch 284, §5; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §27; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §212](#)

Requirement of auditor of state, §11.5

218.86 Abstract of claims.

Vouchers for expenditures other than salaries shall be submitted to the director of the department of administrative services, who shall prepare in triplicate an abstract of claims submitted showing the name of the claimant and the institutions and institutional fund on account of which the payment is made. The claims and abstracts of claims shall be returned to the director of the department of human services where the correctness of the abstracts shall be certified by the director. The original abstract shall be delivered to the director of the department of administrative services, the duplicate to be retained in the office of the director of the department of human services and the triplicate forwarded to the proper institution to be retained as a record of claims paid.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.86]

[94 Acts, ch 1107, §9; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286](#)

Referred to in [§218.100](#)

218.87 Warrants issued by director of the department of administrative services.

Upon such certificate the director of the department of administrative services shall, if the institution named has sufficient funds, issue the director's warrants upon the state treasurer, for the amounts and to the claimants indicated thereon. The director of the department of administrative services shall deliver the warrants thus issued to the director of human services, who will cause same to be transmitted to the payees thereof.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.87]

[2003 Acts, ch 145, §286](#)

Referred to in [§218.100](#)

218.88 Institutional payrolls.

At the close of each pay period, the superintendent or business manager of each institution shall prepare and forward to the director of human services a semimonthly payroll which shall show the name of each officer and employee, the semimonthly pay, time paid for, the amount of pay, and any deductions. A substitute shall not be permitted to receive compensation in the name of the employee for whom the substitute is acting.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.88]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §28](#)

Referred to in [§218.100](#)

218.89 Abstracts of payrolls. Repealed by 2003 Acts, ch 145, §291.

218.90 and 218.91 Reserved.

218.92 Patients with dangerous mental disturbances.

When a patient in a state resource center for persons with an intellectual disability, a state mental health institute, or another institution under the administration of the department of human services has become so mentally disturbed as to constitute a danger to self, to other patients or staff of the institution, or to the public, and the institution cannot provide adequate security, the administrator in charge of the institution, with the consent of the director of the

Iowa department of corrections, may order the patient to be transferred to the Iowa medical and classification center, if the superintendent of the institution from which the patient is to be transferred, with the support of a majority of the medical staff, recommends the transfer in the interest of the patient, other patients, or the public. If the patient transferred was hospitalized pursuant to [sections 229.6 to 229.15](#), the transfer shall be promptly reported to the court that ordered the hospitalization of the patient, as required by [section 229.15, subsection 5](#). The Iowa medical and classification center has the same rights, duties, and responsibilities with respect to the patient as the institution from which the patient was transferred had while the patient was hospitalized in the institution. The cost of the transfer shall be paid from the funds of the institution from which the transfer is made.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.92; [82 Acts, ch 1100, §5](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §69, 159; 89 Acts, ch 83, §34; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §33; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §113; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §29, 51; 2012 Acts, ch 1019, §21](#)

See also [§226.30](#)

218.93 Consultants for director or administrators.

The director of human services or the administrators in control of the institutions are authorized to secure the services of consultants to furnish advice on administrative, professional, or technical problems to the director or the administrators, their employees, or employees of institutions under their jurisdiction or to provide in-service training and instruction for the employees. The director and administrators are authorized to pay the consultants at a rate to be determined by them from funds under their control or from any institutional funding under their jurisdiction as the director or administrator may determine.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.93]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §30](#)

218.94 Director may buy and sell real estate — options.

The director of the department of human services shall have full power to secure options to purchase real estate, to acquire and sell real estate, and to grant utility easements, for the proper uses of said institutions. Real estate shall be acquired and sold and utility easements granted, upon such terms and conditions as the director may determine. Upon sale of the real estate, the proceeds shall be deposited with the treasurer of state and credited to the general fund of the state. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state a sum equal to the proceeds so deposited and credited to the general fund of the state to the department of human services, which may be used to purchase other real estate or for capital improvements upon property under the director's control.

The costs incident to securing of options, acquisition and sale of real estate and granting of utility easements, including, but not limited to, appraisals, invitations for offers, abstracts, and other necessary costs, may be paid from moneys appropriated for support and maintenance to the institution at which such real estate is located. Such fund shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.94]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 86 Acts, ch 1244, §29](#)

218.95 Synonymous terms.

1. For purposes of construing the provisions of this and the following subtitles of this title and chapters [904](#), [913](#), and [914](#) relating to persons with mental illness and reconciling these provisions with other former and present provisions of statute, the following terms shall be considered synonymous:

a. “*Mentally ill*” and “*insane*”, except that the hospitalization or detention of any person for treatment of mental illness shall not constitute a finding or create a presumption that the individual is legally insane in the absence of a finding of incompetence made pursuant to [section 229.27](#).

b. “*Parole*” and “*convalescent leave*”.

c. “*Resident*” and “*patient*”.

d. “*Escape*” and “*depart without proper authorization*”.

- e. "Warrant" and "order of admission".
- f. "Escapee" and "patient".
- g. "Sane" and "in good mental health".
- h. "Commitment" and "admission".

2. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the general assembly that words which have come to have a degrading meaning shall not be employed in institutional records having reference to persons with various mental conditions and that in all records pertaining to persons with various mental conditions the less discriminatory of the foregoing synonyms shall be employed.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.95]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §159, 160](#); [96 Acts, ch 1129, §39](#); [2009 Acts, ch 41, §263](#); [2015 Acts, ch 30, §71](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1073, §65](#)

218.96 Gifts, grants and devises.

The director of the department of human services is authorized to accept gifts, grants, devises or bequests of real or personal property from the federal government or any source. The director may exercise such powers with reference to the property so accepted as may be deemed essential to its preservation and the purposes for which given, devised or bequeathed.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.96]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159](#)

218.97 Reserved.

218.98 Canteen maintained.

The administrators in control of the institutions may maintain a canteen at any institution under their jurisdiction and control for the sale to persons residing in the institution of toilet articles, candy, tobacco products, notions, and other sundries, and may provide the necessary facilities, equipment, personnel, and merchandise for such sale. The administrators shall specify what commodities will be sold in the canteen. The department may establish and maintain a permanent operating fund for each canteen. The fund shall consist of the receipts from the sale of commodities at the canteen.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.98]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1112, §31](#)

218.99 Counties to be notified of patients' personal accounts.

The administrator in control of a state institution shall direct the business manager of each institution under the administrator's jurisdiction which is mentioned in [section 331.424, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a", subparagraphs (1) and (2), and for which services are paid under [section 331.424A](#), to quarterly inform the county of residence of any patient or resident who has an amount in excess of two hundred dollars on account in the patients' personal deposit fund and the amount on deposit. The administrators shall direct the business manager to further notify the county of residence at least fifteen days before the release of funds in excess of two hundred dollars or upon the death of the patient or resident. If the patient or resident has no residency in this state or the person's residency is unknown so that the person is deemed to be a state case, notice shall be made to the director of human services and the administrator in control of the institution involved.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §218.99; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1026](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159, 160](#); [83 Acts, ch 123, §80, 209](#); [95 Acts, ch 206, §6, 12](#); [97 Acts, ch 169, §1](#); [98 Acts, ch 1100, §23](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1112, §32](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1090, §33](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1061, §165](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1120, §68, 130](#)

218.100 Central warehouse and supply depot.

The department of human services shall establish a fund for maintaining and operating a central warehouse as a supply depot and distribution facility for surplus government products, carload canned goods, paper products, other staples, and such other items as determined by the department. The fund shall be permanent and shall be composed of the

receipts from the sales of merchandise, recovery of handling, operating and delivery charges of such merchandise, and from the funds contributed by the institutions now in a contingent fund being used for this purpose. All claims for purchases of merchandise, operating, and salary expenses shall be subject to the provisions of [sections 218.86 to 218.88](#).

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.100]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §213](#)

Legislative intent that upon completion of the central warehouse and supply depot of the department of corrections pursuant to §904.118A, the department of human services cease utilizing the central warehouse and supply depot established under this section; [2008 Acts, ch 1180, §19](#)