

**96.12 State employment service.**

1. *Duties of department.* The department shall establish and maintain free public employment services accessible to all Iowans for the purposes of [this chapter](#), and for the purpose of performing the duties required by federal and state laws relating to employment and training including the Wagner-Peyser Act, 48 Stat. 113, codified at 29 U.S.C. §49. All duties and powers conferred upon any other department, agency, or officer of this state relating to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of free employment services shall be vested in the department. This state accepts and shall comply with the provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended. The department is designated and constituted the agency of this state for the purpose of the Wagner-Peyser Act. The department may cooperate with the railroad retirement board with respect to the establishment, maintenance, and use of department facilities. The railroad retirement board shall compensate the department for the services or facilities in the amount determined by the department to be fair and reasonable.

2. *Financing.* For the purpose of establishing and maintaining free public employment offices, the department is authorized to enter into agreements with the railroad retirement board, or any other agency of the United States charged with the administration of an employment security law, with any political subdivision of this state, or with any private, nonprofit organization, and as a part of any such agreement the department may accept moneys, services, or quarters as a contribution to the employment security administration fund.

[C39, §1551.18; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §96.12]

[96 Acts, ch 1186, §19, 23](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1010, §46](#)

Referred to in [§96.13](#)