

**307.21 Operations and finances.**

1. The department's administrator responsible for the operations and finances of the department shall:

a. Provide for the proper maintenance and protection of the grounds, buildings, and equipment of the department, in cooperation with the department of administrative services.

b. Establish, supervise, and maintain a system of centralized electronic data processing for the department, in cooperation with the department of administrative services.

c. Assist the director in preparing the departmental budget.

d. Provide centralized purchasing services for the department, if authorized by the department of administrative services. The administrator shall, when the price is reasonably competitive and the quality as intended, purchase soybean-based inks and plastic products with recycled content, including but not limited to plastic garbage can liners, and shall purchase these items in accordance with the schedule established in [section 8A.315](#). However, the administrator need not purchase garbage can liners in accordance with the schedule if the liners are utilized by a facility approved by the environmental protection commission created under [section 455A.6](#), for purposes of recycling. For purposes of [this section](#), "recycled content" means that the content of the product contains a minimum of thirty percent postconsumer material.

e. Assist the director in employing the professional, technical, clerical, and secretarial staff for the department and maintain employee records, in cooperation with the department of administrative services and provide personnel services, including but not limited to training, safety education, and employee counseling.

f. Assist the director in coordinating the responsibilities and duties of the various divisions within the department.

g. Carry out all other general administrative duties for the department.

h. Perform such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the director.

2. When performing the duty of providing centralized purchasing services under [subsection 1](#), the administrator shall do all of the following:

a. Purchase and use recycled printing and writing paper in accordance with the schedule established in [section 8A.315](#).

b. Establish a wastepaper recycling program in accordance with recommendations made by the department of natural resources and the requirements of [section 8A.329](#).

c. Require in accordance with [section 8A.311](#) product content statements and compliance with requirements regarding procurement specifications.

d. Comply with the requirements for the purchase of lubricating oils, industrial oils, greases, and hydraulic fluids as established pursuant to [section 8A.316](#).

e. Give preference to purchasing designated biobased products in the same manner as provided in [section 8A.317](#).

3. The department shall report to the general assembly by February 1 of each year, the following:

a. A listing of plastic products which are regularly purchased by the board for which recycled content product alternatives are available, including the cost of the plastic products purchased and the cost of the recycled content product alternatives.

b. Information relating to soybean-based inks and plastic garbage can liners with recycled content regularly purchased by the department, including the cost of purchasing soybean-based inks and plastic garbage can liners with recycled content and the percentages of soybean-based inks and plastic garbage can liners with recycled content that have been purchased.

4. A gasoline-powered vehicle purchased by the administrator shall not operate on gasoline other than ethanol blended gasoline as defined in [section 214A.1](#). A diesel-powered motor vehicle purchased by the administrator shall not operate on diesel fuel other than biodiesel fuel as defined in [section 214A.1](#), if commercially available. A state-issued credit card shall not be valid to purchase gasoline other than ethanol blended gasoline or to purchase diesel fuel other than biodiesel fuel, if commercially available. The motor vehicle shall also be affixed with a brightly visible sticker which notifies the traveling public that the motor vehicle is being operated on ethanol blended gasoline or biodiesel fuel, as applicable.

However, the sticker is not required to be affixed to an unmarked vehicle used for purposes of providing law enforcement or security.

5. a. Of all new passenger vehicles and light pickup trucks purchased by the administrator, a minimum of ten percent of all such vehicles and trucks purchased shall be equipped with engines which utilize alternative methods of propulsion, including but not limited to any of the following:

(1) A flexible fuel which is any of the following:

(a) E-85 gasoline as provided in [section 214A.2](#).

(b) B-20 biodiesel blended fuel as provided in [section 214A.2](#).

(c) A renewable fuel approved by the office of renewable fuels and coproducts pursuant to [section 159A.3](#).

(2) Compressed or liquefied natural gas.

(3) Propane gas.

(4) Solar energy.

(5) Electricity.

b. The provisions of [this subsection](#) do not apply to vehicles and trucks purchased and directly used for law enforcement or off-road maintenance work.

6. The administrator shall, whenever technically feasible, purchase and use degradable loose foam packing material manufactured from grain starches or other renewable resources, unless the cost of the packing material is more than ten percent greater than the cost of packing material made from nonrenewable resources. For the purposes of [this subsection](#), “*packing material*” means material, other than an exterior packing shell, that is used to stabilize, protect, cushion, or brace the contents of a package.

7. The administrator may purchase items from the department of administrative services and may cooperate with the director of the department of administrative services by providing purchasing services for the department of administrative services.

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86 Acts, ch 1245, §1910, 1911; 88 Acts, ch 1185, §3; 89 Acts, ch 272, §24; 90 Acts, ch 1237, §4; 91 Acts, ch 97, §42; 91 Acts, ch 254, §18; 92 Acts, ch 1095, §3; 93 Acts, ch 26, §6; 93 Acts, ch 176, §40; 94 Acts, ch 1119, §28; 95 Acts, ch 44, §3; 95 Acts, ch 62, §4; 98 Acts, ch 1082, §6; 99 Acts, ch 114, §17; 99 Acts, ch 121, §10; 2000 Acts, ch 1109, §6; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §241, 242, 286; 2006 Acts, ch 1142, §66, 67; 2007 Acts, ch 22, §68; 2008 Acts, ch 1104, §6; 2008 Acts, ch 1169, §39, 42; 2009 Acts, ch 133, §113; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §75; 2015 Acts, ch 123, §7, 8