

331.381 Duties relating to services.

The board shall:

1. Proceed in response to a petition to establish a unified law enforcement district in accordance with [sections 28E.21 through 28E.28A](#), or the board may proceed under those sections on its own motion.
 2. Provide for emergency management planning in accordance with [sections 29C.9 through 29C.13](#).
 3. Proceed in response to a petition to establish a county conservation board in accordance with [section 350.2](#).
 4. Comply with [chapter 222](#) in regard to the care of persons with an intellectual disability.
 5. Comply with [chapters 229 and 230](#) in regard to the care of persons with mental illness.
 6. Audit and pay the burial expense for indigent veterans, as provided in [section 35B.14, subsection 4](#).
 7. Make determinations regarding emergency relief services in accordance with [sections 251.5 and 251.6](#).
 8. Administer general assistance for the poor in accordance with [chapter 252](#).
 9. Comply with [chapter 256, subchapter V](#), in regard to the payment of costs for pupils at the Iowa school for the deaf.
 10. Enforce the interstate library compact in accordance with [sections 8A.231 through 8A.234](#).
 11. Proceed in response to a petition to establish or end an airport commission in accordance with [sections 330.17 through 330.20](#).
 12. Proceed in response to a petition for a city hospital to become a county hospital in accordance with [section 347.23](#).
 13. Provide for the seizure, impoundment, and disposition of dogs in accordance with [chapter 351](#).
 14. Proceed in response to a petition to establish a county library district in accordance with [sections 336.2 through 336.5](#), or a petition to provide library service by contract or to terminate the service under [section 336.18](#).
 15. Establish a sanitary disposal project in accordance with [sections 455B.302, 455B.305, and 455B.306](#).
 16.
 - a. Furnish a place for the confinement of prisoners as required in [section 903.4](#), and in accordance with [chapter 356](#) or [356A](#).
 - b. Notwithstanding paragraph “a”, after consulting with and obtaining the approval of the chief judge of the judicial district, the board of a county with a population of less than fifteen thousand according to the 1990 census may enter into an agreement with a contiguous county to share costs and to provide space for the county’s prisoners and space for the district court.
 17. Perform other duties required by state law.
 - 1 – 7. [S81, §331.381(1 – 7); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
 8. [C51, §820, 825 – 827; R60, §1388, 1393 – 1395; C73, §1365, 1369 – 1371; C97, §2234, 2238 – 2240; S13, §2234; C24, 27, §5329, 5334 – 5336; C31, 35, §5329, 5334, 5334-c1, 5335, 5336; C39, **§3828.106, 3828.110 – 3828.113**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §252.34, 252.38 – 252.41; S81, §331.381(8); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
 9. [C35, §2554-g9; C39, **§2554.09**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, §150.9; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §150.9, 150A.5; S81, §331.381(9); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
 - 10 – 13. [S81, §331.381(10 – 13); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
 14. [C97, §458; S13, §458; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, **§5425**; C46, 50, 54, 58, §351.6; C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §332.3(21), 351.6; S81, §331.381(14); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
 15. [S81, §331.381(15); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
 16. [C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, §332.31; S81, §331.381(16); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
 - 17, 18. [S81, §331.381(17, 18); [81 Acts, ch 117, §380](#)]
- [83 Acts, ch 79, §3](#); [92 Acts, ch 1139, §25](#); [92 Acts, ch 1164, §1](#); [92 Acts, ch 1212, §32](#); [93 Acts, ch 48, §52](#); [94 Acts, ch 1173, §20](#); [96 Acts, ch 1129, §113](#); [2005 Acts, ch 167, §53, 66](#); [2012 Acts,](#)

ch 1019, §113; 2014 Acts, ch 1116, §51; 2020 Acts, ch 1102, §25; 2021 Acts, ch 80, §201; 2022 Acts, ch 1021, §83; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §2508; 2024 Acts, ch 1161, §113, 137

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