

**605—1.1(29C) Description.** The department of homeland security and emergency management is created in Iowa Code chapter 29C. The department of homeland security and emergency management shall be under the management of a director appointed by the governor subject to senate approval. The director shall be vested with the authority to administer homeland security and emergency management affairs in this state and is responsible for preparing and executing the homeland security and emergency management programs of this state subject to the direction of the governor. The director, upon the direction of the governor, shall carry out the duties and responsibilities detailed in applicable Iowa Code provisions, including Iowa Code chapters 29C; 29D as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate Files 583 and 619; 30; 34A; and 418. The director shall also carry out duties and responsibilities of applicable federal code and regulations. The director, with the approval of the governor, may employ a deputy administrator and such technical, clerical, and other personnel and make such expenditures within the appropriation or from other funds made available to the department for purposes of homeland security and emergency management, as may be necessary to administer the purposes of Iowa Code chapters 29C; 29D as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate Files 583 and 619; 30; 34A; and 418.

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