

Studies Compilation

2014 Legislative Interim Study Information

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Overview. This is a compilation of studies and studies-related information for consideration by the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council. Attached to the compilation is the original legislation or document that caused the item to be included. Each attachment item is marked to correspond with the listing number; for example, item 1 under part A is marked as A-1.

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A. Mandated or Authorized Legislative Studies and Reports in Code or Session Law or Resolution

1. The **School Finance Formula Review Committee** is required to be appointed every five years to conduct regular reviews of the school finance formula and produce a school finance formula status report for submission to the General Assembly. The third status report is required to be submitted by January 1, 2015. (Iowa Code §257.1(4))
2. The **Administrative Rules Review Committee** is required to consider the scope, impact, and long-term consequences of legislation requiring **narrowly construed rulemaking authority** for state agencies and departments and to submit a report to the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate by January 12, 2015. (2013 Acts, chapter 140, §13 (SF 452, §13))
3. The **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** was created in 2010 as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. The committee consists of five legislators from each chamber appointed by the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The fourth scheduled review is in 2014, relating to seven enumerated credits. (Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48(3)(d))

4. The **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** is created as a permanent legislative committee with five Senate and five House members appointed at the beginning of a new General Assembly that meets, as directed by the Legislative Council, every two years to review state government organization and efficiency. The next report is due January 2015. The committee met during the 2013 Interim. (Iowa Code §2.69)
5. The **Iowa Commission on Interstate Cooperation** is required to be appointed in accordance with a resolution of the Legislative Council. The commission is required to carry forward Iowa's participation as a member of the Council of State Governments, encourage and assist the friendly contact between officials and employees of this state with officials and employees of other states, the federal government, and local governments, and to encourage cooperation in the adoption of compacts and uniform laws. (Iowa Code §28B.2)
6. The **Public Retirement Systems Committee**, in accordance with Iowa Code §97D.4, is required to review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System (Iowa Code chapter 411), the Department of Public Safety Police Officers' Retirement System (PORS), and the Judicial Retirement System. The committee usually meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years. (Iowa Code §97D.4)
7. The **Senate Committee on Government Oversight** is authorized to conduct an investigation of issues relating to management practices and procedures at state agencies and department. (SR 121 adopted by the Senate).

B. Legislative Study Requests in Enacted Legislation

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee relating to **aging Iowans and long-term care** during the 2014 Legislative Interim. (2014 Iowa Acts, HF 2463, §104)
2. The Legislative Council is requested to establish a **Child Welfare Services Committee** to review child welfare services in this state and to improve collaboration and coordination of such services with special attention given to children's mental and behavioral health, among other objectives. The committee shall include members of the General Assembly as appointed by the Legislative Council in addition to various state agency and interest group members. A letter from the Department of Public Health, submitted to Legislative Leadership and Studies Committee members, requests inclusion of the Director of Public Health as a member if the committee is created. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §92)

C. Legislative Study and Permanent Committee Requests in Filed Resolutions

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee to make recommendations relating to the establishment of a **medical cannabis program** during the 2014 Legislative Interim. (SR 112)

2. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee to review the **indigent defense system** in this state during the 2014 Legislative Interim and to make recommendations and submit a final report to the General Assembly. (SR 105)
3. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee to review the reasons for the **racial disparity in incarceration rates** in this state during the 2014 Legislative Interim and to make recommendations and submit a final report to the General Assembly. (HR 106)
4. The House standing Committee on Government Oversight would be directed to **investigate certain state government matters** and would be empowered to employ independent legal counsel to conduct such investigations. (HR 126)

D. Legislative Study Requests Submitted in a Letter or Memo

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to **unfunded mandates on local governments**. (Letter from Chairperson Mary Jo Wilhelm, Ranking Member Amy Sinclair, Chairperson Jason Schultz, and Ranking Member Art Staed of the standing Committees on Local Government to Senator Michael E. Gronstal and Speaker Kraig Paulsen dated April 23, 2014.)
2. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to **local government public records** policies in this state. (Letter from Senator Thomas Courtney to Senator Michael E. Gronstal and Speaker Kraig Paulsen dated April 23, 2014.)
3. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to **medical malpractice remedies** if discussions by the Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Association for Justice produce recommendations. (Memo from Senator Rob Hogg and Representative Chip Baltimore to Chairperson Kraig Paulsen, Vice-chairperson Amanda Ragan, and members of the Studies Committee dated June 12, 2014.)
4. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to the implementation of the **Medical Cannabidiol Act** (2014 Iowa Acts, SF 2360). (Memo from Senator Joe Bolkcom to Chairperson Kraig Paulsen, Vice-chairperson Amanda Ragan, and members of the Studies Committee dated June 12, 2014.)

E. Executive Branch Studies Involving Legislative Appointments or a Special Directive

Administration and Regulation-related Items

1. The Iowa Finance Authority is required to annually report to the Legislative Services Agency, on or before January 15, on all projects that received moneys from the **Workforce Housing Assistance Grant Fund**. (2014 Acts, SF 2328, §45)
2. The **Iowa Finance Authority** is required to propose legislation to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2017 Legislative Session related to the repeal of the Beginning

Farmer Tax Credit Program and the enactment of the Agricultural Assets Transfer Tax Credit. (2014 Acts, SF 2328, §124)

3. The Auditor of State is required to report to the legislative Fiscal Committee, the Legislative Services Agency, and the Department of Management if the Auditor retains additional full-time employees to perform certain **reimbursable audits**. (2014 Acts, SF 2342, §2)
4. The Treasurer of State and Department of Management are required to provide certain documentation to the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate and to the Legislative Services Agency at the time of making a specified request or certification relating to certain **state bond repayments**. (2014 Acts, SF 2363, §1) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
5. The Department of Cultural Affairs is required to report to the General Assembly by October 15, 2014, related to a study for planning, design, construction, and renovation of the **State Historical Building**, including information related to cash flow needs. (2014 Acts, SF 2363, §6(2)(d)) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
6. Any state agency that received an appropriation pursuant to SF 2363, including the Judicial Branch, the Board of Regents, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Public Safety, among others, is required to report on the **status of all projects completed or in progress** to the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management. (2014 Acts, SF 2363, §9) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
7. The Office of Grants Enterprise Management is currently required to report certain information on grants to the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency on an annual basis. New provisions in HF 2473 require that the office include additional information related to **receipt of federal moneys and related requirements** and require that the Fiscal Services Division compile such information for the consideration of the joint appropriations subcommittees. (2014 Acts, HF 2473, §12) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**

Agriculture and Natural Resources-related Items

8. The Department of Natural Resources is required to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2014, on the findings and recommendations of a stakeholder group relating to the **funding of air quality programs** under the department. (2014 Acts, HF 2473, §10)

Education-related Items

9. The Board of Regents, the Board of Directors of each community college, and accredited private institutions in this state are each required to report annually, beginning December 15, 2015, to the Governor and the General Assembly on **educational credits awarded to veterans** for military education, training, and experience. (2014 Acts, SF 303, §§30, 32, and 33)

10. The Department of Education is required to report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2015, on information collected related to school district and accredited nonpublic **school radon testing and mitigation** plans. (2014 Acts, SF 366, §1)
11. The Department of Education is required to report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2015, detailing the department's **antibullying program** as well as information related to current and projected program expenditures for that fiscal year. (2014 Acts, SF 2347, §4(1)(a))
12. The Educational Examiners Board is currently required to submit a detailed annual financial report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and to the Legislative Services Agency. Under SF 2347, the **detailed annual financial report** is instead required to be filed with the General Assembly and the Legislative Services Agency. (2014 Acts, SF 2347, §21)
13. The Executive Director of the Educational Examiners Board is currently required to submit a report every three years, including findings and recommendations related to the board's administrative rules, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and to the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate standing Committees on Education. Under SF 2347, the **Board of Educational Examiners Administrative Rules Report** is instead required to be filed with the General Assembly. (2014 Acts, SF 2347, §22)

Health-related Items

14. The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy are required to submit a report annually, beginning July 1, 2015, to the General Assembly and the Department of Public Health related to the **use of cannabidiol** on certain patient populations. (2014 Acts, SF 2360, §10)
15. The Department of Public Health is required to submit findings and recommendations related to reimbursement provisions applicable to **substance-related disorder providers** to the General Assembly by December 15, 2014. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §3(1)(f))
16. The University of Iowa College of Dentistry is required to submit a proposal by December 15, 2014, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and health and human services-related legislators and staff related to the offering of a **residency program in geriatric dentistry**. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §3(2)(i))
17. The Department of Public Health and the Department of Education are required to submit recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 15, 2014, related to options for continuing the foundation established by the **Youth and Young Adult Suicide Prevention Program Project**. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §3(2)(j))

18. The **Iowa Veterans Home Expenditure Report** is required to be submitted monthly to the Legislative Services Agency. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §6) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
19. The Department of Public Health, after the creation of a task force on implementation of the **Iowa Healthiest Children Initiative**, is required to submit an implementation plan to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 15, 2014. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §105) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**

Human Services-related Items

20. The Department on Aging, Department of Human Services, Department of Inspections and Appeals, Department of Public Health, and the Office of the Attorney General are required to submit a unified report and recommendations or separate individual reports and recommendations for strengthening Iowa's **elder abuse prevention, detection, and intervention efforts**. The written recommendations and reports must be submitted to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Department of Management before August 15, 2014. (2014 Acts, SF 2239, §30)
21. The Council on Homelessness, previously established in Iowa Code §16.100A, and recreated in new Iowa Code §16.2D, is required to submit a report on **homelessness** to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1 in each odd-numbered year. (2014 Acts, SF 2328, §10(9))
22. The Department of Inspections and Appeals, in coordination with its Investigations Division, is required to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2014, on **fraud in public assistance programs** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014. (2014 Acts, SF 2342, §10(3))
23. The Department of Human Services, after a request for proposal procedure, is required to select a private entity to report to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Department of Human Services by November 1, 2014, on a study assessing the **placement of sex offenders or other hard-to-place persons**. (2014 Acts, HF 2363, §6(6)(b)) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
24. The Department on Aging is required to report by December 15, 2014, on an analysis of **meal programs** coordinated through the area agencies on aging to health and human services-related legislators and staff. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §1(8))
25. The Department of Human Services is required to report on implementation of any **cost containment** annually to health and human services-related legislators and staff. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §17) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
26. The Department of Human Services is required to report by December 15, 2014, on an analysis of the inclusion of **pharmacy benefits** for enrollees in the managed care plan covered by the managed care organization contract, to health and human services-related legislators and staff. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §18) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**

27. The Department of Human Services is required to submit a progress report by December 15, 2014, regarding implementation of a **uniform cost report** to health and human services-related legislators and staff. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §19(8)) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
28. The Department of Human Services is required to submit a report by January 1, 2015, regarding **children adjudicated as delinquent and children in need of assistance** to the Legislative Services Agency and the Governor and to report to the Legislative Services Agency regarding certain related appropriation transfers. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §24(2)) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
29. The Department of Human Services is required to report on the first of each month to chairpersons and ranking members of the standing Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate, and health and human services-related legislators and staff concerning the status of filling certain **field operations positions**. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §32) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
30. The Department of Human Services is required to submit all **human services reports and compilations** due to be submitted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, to health and human services-related legislators and staff. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §46)
31. The Department of Human Services is required to notify the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing Committees on Human Resources of the House and Senate, the Legislative Services Agency, and the legislative caucus staffs before submitting a **Medicaid or hawk-i program state plan amendment or waiver** to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §91) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
32. The Department of Human Services is required to report by September 1, 2014, on the progress of a request for proposals related to **Medicaid program asset, income, and identity verification** to health and human services-related legislators and staff. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §93) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
33. The Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, Department on Aging, Department of Workforce Development, and Department of Corrections are required to report by December 15, 2014, on efforts to **coordinate medical and psychological services for individuals released from the correctional system** to health and human services-related legislators and staff. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §95)
34. The Department of Human Services is required to report recommendations by December 15, 2014, to the General Assembly and the Governor related to a potential Medicaid state plan amendment on **home and community-based services for elders**. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §107) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
35. The Commissioner of Insurance is required to report findings and recommendations by December 15, 2014, to the General Assembly and the Governor related to a review of bases

used for external review of adverse determinations as applied to **dental care services**. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §112)

Justice System-related Items

- 36.** The Attorney General is required to submit a report by January 15 of each year to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on the Justice System, the Executive Council, and the Legislative Services Agency detailing the amount of annual **money receipts generated by certain settlements** in excess of \$250,000 collected pursuant to certain legal proceedings. (2014 Acts, HF 2450, §17)
- 37.** The Department of Justice is required to submit an annual report relating to the **victim assistance grant programs** by January 15, 2015, and each January 15 thereafter, to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on the Justice System, the Governor, and the Legislative Services Agency. (2014 Acts, HF 2450, §18)

Mental Health and Disability Services System-related Items

- 38.** The Department of Human Services and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Education are required to report by December 15, 2014, on **expenditures to integrate employment-related services** through federal match funding to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, the Legislative Services Agency, and the legislative caucus staffs. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §70)
- 39.** The Department of Human Services is required to submit a report following a collaborative study of **community-based service options for persons with serious mental illness** by December 15, 2014, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Governor, the Legislative Services Agency, and the legislative caucus staffs. (2014 Acts, HF 2463, §72)

Public Defense and Veterans-related Items

- 40.** Beginning December 15, 2016, and each year thereafter, each professional and occupation licensing board governed by Iowa Code chapter 272C is required to file a report with the General Assembly and the Governor to provide information and statistics on **credits for military education, training, or experience** applied towards licensing of veterans. (2014 Acts, SF 303, §34)
- 41.** Each professional and occupation licensing board governed by Iowa Code chapter 272C is required to file a report with the General Assembly and the Governor by January 31, 2015, providing information on the substance of **rules and procedures adopted to award credits to and expedite licensing of veterans** pursuant to Division VI of SF 303. (2014 Acts, SF 303, §35)

42. Each professional and occupation licensing board governed by Iowa Code chapter 272C is required to file a report with the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing Committees on Veterans Affairs of the House and Senate making recommendations related to modifying the **expedited licensing provisions to include the spouses of veterans**. (2014 Acts, SF 303, §36)
43. The Adjutant General is required to submit a report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing Committees on Veterans Affairs and the Governor on the number and types of certain **offenses reported to civilian law enforcement authorities by members of the state military forces**. (2014 Acts, SF 2321, §5)

Public Safety-related Items

44. The Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the Attorney General, state and local agencies, and other interested parties, is required to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2014, on whether the Iowa Criminal Code should be modified to regulate the use of **unmanned aerial vehicles**. (2014 Acts, HF 2289, §3)
45. The Peace Officers' Retirement, Accident, and Disability System of the Department of Public Safety is required to conduct an actuarial investigation during the 2019 calendar year and every five years thereafter related to the costs of implementing a **cancer and infectious disease presumption**. The system is required to report the findings of the actuarial investigations to the General Assembly following the investigations. (2014 Acts, HF 2450, §26)

Transportation-related Items

46. The Department of Transportation is required to report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2014, identifying **administrative needs, projected demands, necessary capital, and public transit service structures**. (2014 Acts, SF 2349, §22)
47. The Department of Transportation was previously required to submit quarterly **Road Use Tax Fund** reports. Under SF 2355, however, the department is only required to file such reports on an annual basis by December 31 of each year. (2014 Acts, SF 2355, §21)
48. The Department of Transportation is required to report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2014, detailing the number and locations of certain **intersections that lack official traffic control signals or devices**. (2014 Acts, SF 2355, §22)

F. Mandatory Future Legislative-related Studies

1. The Government Oversight Committees are required to review the **priorities of the distribution of E911 funds** at least every two years. (Iowa Code §34A.7A(3) enacted by 2004 Acts)

2. The Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation is required to submit a status report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2017, and every third year thereafter, related to **teacher career paths, leadership roles, and the compensation framework** for legislative review. (Iowa Code §284.15(14))
3. The Department of Revenue is required to submit a report by August 1, 2015, detailing recommendations for changes to the current system of **assessing telecommunications company property and levying property tax against telecommunications services companies**. Upon receipt of the report, a legislative Telecommunications Company Property Tax Review Committee is required to be created to review the information and recommendations included in the report. The committee membership is to include six members of the General Assembly, with two members appointed by the Speaker of the House, two by the Majority Leader of the Senate, and one each by the minority leaders of each chamber. (2013 Acts, chapter 123, §36 (SF 295))
4. A legislative intent section provides for the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals to consider issues relating to the **statute of repose periods for bringing civil actions** in cases arising out of the unsafe or defective conditions to real property. (2014 Acts, SF 2349, §21)

G. Boards and Commissions Established in 2014 Iowa Acts

1. The **Iowa Corn Checkoff Task Force** is created to study allowing certain producers to cast mail ballots in limited special referendums for corn producers and an increase in refund awareness. The task force includes four members of the General Assembly, to serve as ex-officio members, one member being appointed by the Speaker of the House, one by the Majority Leader of the Senate, and one each by the minority leaders of each chamber. The task force is required to report to the Secretary of Agriculture by September 1, 2014. (2014 Acts, HF 2427, §2)
2. A **Commercial Air Service Retention and Expansion Committee** is established within the Aviation Office of the Department of Transportation to develop a plan for the retention and expansion of passenger air service in Iowa. The committee includes four members of the General Assembly, one member appointed by the Speaker of the House, one by the Majority Leader of the Senate, and one each by the minority leaders of each chamber. (2014 Acts, SF 2355, §19)
3. The **Apprenticeship Training Program Advisory Board** is established to advise the Economic Development Authority on issues concerning the apprenticeship training program. The advisory board shall include four members of the General Assembly, to serve as ex-officio members, one member being appointed by the Speaker of the House, one by the Majority Leader of the Senate, and one each by the ranking members of each chamber. (2014 Acts, HF 2460, §21) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
4. The previously established **Agricultural Development Board** is transferred from Iowa Code §175.3 to new Iowa Code §16.2D. The board, consisting of five members, is tasked with overseeing the agricultural development division of the Iowa Finance Authority. (2014 Acts, SF 2328, §§9 and 112)

5. The previously established **Council on Homelessness** is transferred from Iowa Code §16.100A to new Iowa Code §16.2D. The council, consisting of 38 voting members from the general public and executive branch officials, is tasked with conducting certain work related to homelessness in this state and is required to meet a minimum of six times each year. (2014 Acts, SF 2328, §§10 and 111)

H. Boards and Commissions Repealed in 2014 Acts

(None identified to date.)

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School Finance Formula Review Committee

Iowa Code §257.1(4)

§257.1 State school foundation program – state aid.

4. Legislative review. The provisions of this chapter shall be subject to legislative review at least every five years. The review shall be based upon a school finance formula status report containing the recommendations of a legislative interim committee appointed to conduct a review of the school finance formula, to be prepared with the assistance of the department of education, in association with the departments of management and revenue. The report shall include recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution. The first such report shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2005, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every fifth year thereafter.

Administrative Rules Review Committee: Narrowly Construed Rulemaking Authority

2013 Acts, chapter 140, (S.F. 452 §13)

Sec. 13. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE. The administrative rules review committee shall consider the scope, impact, and long-term consequences of legislation requiring delegations of authority to state agencies be construed narrowly. The committee shall submit a report of the committee findings to the speaker of the house and the majority leader of the senate by January 12, 2015. The legislative services agency shall provide necessary staff support for the committee consideration.

Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee

Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48(3)(d)

§2.45 Committees of the legislative council.

5. a. The legislative tax expenditure committee which shall be composed of ten members of the general assembly, consisting of five members from each house, to be appointed by the legislative council. In appointing the five members of each house to the committee, the council shall appoint three members from the majority party and two members from the minority party.

b. The legislative tax expenditure committee shall have the powers and duties described in section 2.48.

§2.48 Legislative tax expenditure committee – review of tax incentive programs.

3. Schedule of review of all tax expenditures. The committee shall review the following tax expenditures and incentives according to the following schedule:

d. In 2014:

- (1) Tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds under chapter 15E, division V.
- (2) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits under chapter 404A.
- (3) Wind energy production tax credits under chapter 476B.
- (4) Renewable energy tax credits under chapter 476C.
- (5) The ethanol promotion tax credits available under section 422.11N.
- (6) The E-85 gasoline promotion tax credits available under section 422.11O.
- (7) The biodiesel blended fuel tax credits available under section 422.11P.

State Government Efficiency Review Committee

Iowa Code §2.69

2.69 State government efficiency review committee established.

1. A state government efficiency review committee is established which shall meet at least every two years to review the operations of state government. The committee shall meet as directed by the legislative council.

2. a. The committee shall consist of three members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, two members of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate, three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

b. Members shall be appointed prior to January 31 of the first regular session of each general assembly and shall serve for terms ending upon the convening of the following general assembly or when their successors are appointed, whichever is later. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

c. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson.

3. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and shall be paid a per diem as specified in section 2.10 for each day in which they engaged in the performance of their duties. However, per diem compensation and expenses shall not be paid when the general assembly is actually in session at the seat of government. Expenses and per diem shall be paid from funds appropriated pursuant to section 2.12.

4. The committee shall do the following:

a. Review and consider options for reorganizing state government to improve efficiency, modernize processes, eliminate duplication and outdated processes, reduce costs, and increase accountability. The review shall address the expanded use of the internet and other technology, and the incorporation of productivity improvement measures.

b. Review recommendations received through a process to receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees.

c. Comprehensively review on a regular basis the programs and projects administered by state government to determine whether each program and project reviewed is effectively and efficiently meeting the needs for which created, and whether the needs remain applicable. The review shall consider whether modifications to the program or project reviewed could better meet the needs identified in a more effective manner.

d. Issue a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the general assembly.

5. The first report required by this section shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2013, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every second year thereafter.

6. Administrative assistance shall be provided by the legislative services agency.

Iowa Commission on Interstate Cooperation

Iowa Code §28B.2

28B.2 Purpose.

It shall be the function of this commission:

1. To carry forward the participation of this state as a member of the council of state governments.

2. To encourage and assist the legislative, executive, administrative and judicial officials and employees of this state to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence, by conference, and otherwise, with officials and employees of the other states, of the federal government, and of local units of government.

3. To encourage cooperation between this state and other units of government in the adoption of compacts and uniform laws and in working relationships with officials of other states.

Public Retirement Systems Committee

Iowa Code §97D.4

97D.4 Public retirement systems committee established.

1. A public retirement systems committee is established.
 - a. The committee shall consist of three members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, two members of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate, three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
 - b. Members shall be appointed prior to January 31 of the first regular session of each general assembly and shall serve for terms ending upon the convening of the following general assembly or when their successors are appointed, whichever is later. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.
 - c. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. Meetings may be called by the chairperson or a majority of the members.
2. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and shall be paid a per diem as specified in section 2.10 for each day in which they engaged in the performance of their duties. However, per diem compensation and expenses shall not be paid when the general assembly is actually in session at the seat of government. Expenses and per diem shall be paid from funds appropriated pursuant to section 2.12.
3. The committee shall:
 - a. Develop and recommend retirement standards and a coherent state policy on public retirement systems.
 - b. Continuously survey pension and retirement developments in other states and in industry and business and periodically review the state's policy and standards in view of these developments and changing economic and social conditions.
 - c. Review the provisions in the public retirement systems in effect in this state.
 - d. Review individually sponsored bills relating to the public retirement systems.
 - e. Review proposals from interested associations and organizations recommending changes in the state's retirement laws.
 - f. Study the feasibility of adopting a consolidated retirement system for the public employees of this state.
 - g. Make recommendations to the general assembly.
4. The committee may:
 - a. Contract for actuarial assistance deemed necessary, and the costs of actuarial studies are payable from funds appropriated in section 2.12, subject to the approval of the legislative council.
 - b. Administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and cite for contempt with the approval of the general assembly when the general assembly is in session and with the approval of the legislative council when the general assembly is not in session.
5. Administrative assistance shall be provided by the legislative services agency.

Senate Committee on Government Oversight

S.R. 121

Operative Clauses

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the standing Committee on Government Oversight is authorized to conduct an investigation of issues relating to the management practices and procedures at state agencies and departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the investigation shall be conducted in accordance with the full authority granted the standing Committee on Government Oversight by law including but not limited to the authority to conduct the investigation, call witnesses, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, cite and impose punishment for contempt, and otherwise exercise and enforce these investigative powers as authorized by and in accordance with law, subject to the following:

1. The scope of the investigation shall be confined to confidential settlement agreements with former employees and related payments, hiring and employment practices, and bidding, purchasing, and contracting policies and practices at the Department of Administrative Services and other state departments and agencies; and the management of Administrative Law Judges in the Unemployment Insurance Services Division, the effect of this management on decisions made by Administrative Law Judges, and management and fiduciary practices related to unemployment insurance compensation.

2. Subpoena authority conferred by this Resolution shall exist until December 31, 2014.

3. A citation and punishment for contempt may be issued and imposed according to the following schedule:

a. An initial citation may be issued by the standing Committee on Government Oversight by a majority vote of the members of the committee and is punishable by a fine of \$500.

b. A second or subsequent citation may be issued by the standing Committee on Government Oversight by a majority vote of the members of the committee and is punishable by a fine of \$1,000.

c. In addition to the fines authorized pursuant to paragraphs "a" and "b", the Senate may by resolution impose a punishment of imprisonment for a period of up to six months.

4. Subpoenas and citations for contempt shall be signed by the Chairperson of the standing Committee on Government Oversight, the President of the Senate, and the Secretary of the Senate. Warrants for contempt shall be signed by the President of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the standing Committee on Government Oversight may meet at such times and at such places as the Chairperson of the Committee deems necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the investigation shall continue until completed, or until such time as the investigation is terminated by the standing Committee on Government Oversight by majority vote of the members of the committee.

Ageing Iowans And Long-Term Care

2014 Iowa Acts, H.F. 2463, §104

Sec. 104. INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE DELIVERY.

1. The legislative council is requested to establish a study committee for the 2014 interim to examine issues relating to aging Iowans and long-term care. The interim committee shall comprehensively review the existing long-term care delivery system and make recommendations to create a sustainable, person-centered approach that increases health and life outcomes; supports maximum independence by providing the appropriate level of care and services through a balance of facility-based and home and community-based options; addresses medical and social needs in a coordinated, integrated manner; provides for sufficient resources including a stable, well-qualified workforce; and is fiscally accountable.

2. The interim committee shall provide a forum for open and constructive dialogue among stakeholders representing individuals involved in the delivery and financing of long-term care services and supports, consumers and families of consumers in need of such services and supports, legislators, and representatives of agencies responsible for oversight, funding, and regulation of such services and supports.

3. The interim committee shall specifically address the cost and financing of long-term care and services, the coordination of services among providers, the availability of and access to a well-qualified workforce including both the compensated workforce and family and other uncompensated caregivers, and the balance between facility-based and home and community-based care and services. In addition, the interim committee shall consider methods to educate consumers and enhance engagement of consumers in the broader conversation regarding long-term care issues, including their experiences with, concerns about, and expectations and recommendations for action regarding the long-term care delivery system in the state.

4. Members of the interim committee shall include all of the following:

a. Five members of the senate and five members of the house of representatives including the following:

(1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the committees on human resources of the senate and house of representatives, or a member of the committee designated by the chairperson or ranking member.

(2) The co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on health and human services of the senate and house of representatives, or a member of the subcommittee designated by the chairperson or ranking member.

b. Five members of the general public who are individual consumers or a member of a consumer's family, one each to be selected by the following:

(1) The older Iowans legislature.

(2) The Iowa alliance of retired Americans.

(3) The Iowa association of area agencies on aging.

(4) The Iowa caregivers association.

(5) AARP Iowa.

c. The director of the department on aging, or the director's designee.

d. The state long-term care ombudsman, or the ombudsman's designee.

e. Five members who represent those involved in the delivery of long-term care services.

Aging Iowans And Long-Term Care (CONTINUED)

2014 Iowa Acts, H.F. 2463, §104

5. The interim committee may request from state agencies including the department of human services, the department of public health, the department on aging, the office of long-term care ombudsman, the department of inspections and appeals, the insurance division of the department of commerce, and the department of workforce development, information and assistance as needed to complete its work.

6. The interim committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the general assembly for consideration during the 2015 legislative session.

Child Welfare Services Committee

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, §92

Sec. 92. CHILD WELFARE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

1. The legislative council is requested to establish a child welfare services committee.
2. The committee membership shall include the following persons:
 - a. The director of human services or the director's designee.
 - b. The administrator of child welfare programs under the department of human services or the administrator's designee.
 - c. The administrator of the division of criminal and juvenile justice planning in the department of human rights or the administrator's designee.
 - d. The administrator of the child advocacy board in the department of inspections and appeals or the administrator's designee.
 - e. The chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designee.
 - f. The director of the department of education or the director's designee.
 - g. The executive director of the Iowa foster and adoptive parent association or the executive director's designee.
 - h. The executive director of the coalition for family and children's services in Iowa or the executive director's designee.
 - i. The presiding officer of the Iowa juvenile court services association or the presiding officer's designee.
 - j. The director of the child health specialty clinics at the university of Iowa or the director's designee.
 - k. A youth member of the achieving maximum potential program designated by the program's director.
 - l. The director of the child and family policy center or the director's designee.
 - m. Members of the general assembly appointed by the legislative council.
 - n. Other persons designated by the legislative council.
3. The committee shall perform the following duties:
 - a. Review the array of child welfare services in the state.
 - b. Identify options for improving the coordination and collaboration between the public and private entities involved with child welfare services.
 - c. Direct special attention to children's mental and behavioral health services.
 - d. Identify policies to support the growth and expansion of community-based pediatric integrated health homes.
 - e. Identify options to support continuous improvement of pediatric mental health services and innovation by service providers of such services at the state and community levels.
 - f. Consider proposals for creation of a center of collaborative children's mental and behavioral health services.
 - g. Evaluate the adequacy of the public funding of child welfare services and identify options to address shortfalls and for shifting resources.
4. The committee shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the governor and general assembly for action in the 2015 legislative session.

Medical Cannabis Program

S.R. 112

Operative Clause

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative council is requested to establish a legislative interim study committee for the 2014 legislative interim to make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a medical cannabis program in this state allowing qualifying resident patients to purchase and possess cannabis for medical purposes, and to file a final report including recommendations with the general assembly by December 30, 2014.

Indigent Defense System

S.R. 105

Operative Clause

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative council is requested to establish a legislative interim study committee on indigent defense for the 2014 legislative interim to review the indigent defense system in this state and to make recommendations and to file a final report with the general assembly.

Racial Disparity in Incarceration Rates

H.R. 106

Operative Clause

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the legislative council is requested to establish a legislative interim study committee on racial disparity in incarceration rates for the 2014 legislative interim to review the reasons for such a disparity and to make recommendations and to file a final report with the general assembly by January 15, 2015.

Investigation of Certain State Government Matters

H.R. 126

Operative Clauses

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the standing Committee on Government Oversight is directed to thoroughly investigate the issues described in this resolution and any related issues that may arise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House standing Committee on Government Oversight is encouraged to consult and cooperate with the Senate standing Committee on Government Oversight regarding any or all of the issues described in this resolution or on other related issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the standing Committee on Government Oversight, in conducting such investigation, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 2.15 and 2.23, is authorized to call witnesses, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and cite for contempt, and to meet at such times and at such places as the Chairperson of the Committee deems necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the standing Committee on Government Oversight is directed to receive and review any relevant public records information available through a request for examination or copying of public records pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the standing Committee on Government Oversight is authorized to retain, at a reasonable rate of compensation, independent legal counsel, with expertise in investigatory work, and special investigators to coordinate, direct, and conduct such investigation, as necessary, to reimburse such persons for reasonable expenses related to such investigation, and to make recommendations to the committee regarding legislative and prosecutorial actions.

Unfunded Mandates on Local Governments

Letter from Chairperson Mary Jo Wilhelm, Ranking Member Amy Sinclair, Chairperson Jason Schultz, and Ranking Member Art Staed of the standing Committees on Local Government.

TO: Senator Michael Gronstal, Senate Majority Leader
Speaker Kraig Paulsen, Speaker of the House
RE: Request for Interim Study Regarding Unfunded Mandates on Local Government

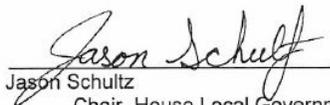
Working on a variety of issues over the past several legislative sessions, it has come to our attention that there are many instances in state code that may inadvertently shift what should be expenses born by the state, on to local property tax payers.

As the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Local Government Committees, we are writing to ask that you appoint an interim committee of legislators to determine the instances where the state may impose an unfunded or underfunded mandate on local governments. We would also recommend that this interim committee develop recommendations for the next, and subsequent legislatures to address these issues.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
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Local Government Public Records Policies

Letter from Senator Thomas Courtney.

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April 23, 2014

The Honorable Mike Gronstal
The Honorable Kraig Paulsen
Iowa State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Senator Gronstal and Speaker Paulsen:

Please consider this request for an interim study committee relating to public records policies for local governments.

It has come to my attention that there is nothing in the Iowa Code to require local governments to retain any emails or other public records or to adopt a record retention policy.

This is contrary to requirements in the Iowa Code – including Section 22.11 (Iowa Fair Information Practices Act) and Chapter 305 (State Archives and Records Act) – relating to records retention by state government agencies.

I think we have an opportunity to bring together a bi-partisan group of legislators to consult with a variety of stakeholders – including the Iowa League of Cities, Iowa State Association of County, Iowa Association of School Boards, and Iowa Public Information Board -- to recommend legislation for the 2015 session.

Best regards,

Senator Courtney

Medical Malpractice Remedies

Memo from Senator Rob Hogg and Representative Chip Baltimore.

June 12, 2014

TO: Chairperson Kraig Paulsen, Vice-chairperson Amanda Ragan, and Members of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Rob Hogg and Representative Chip Baltimore

RE: Possible Interim Study

The Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Association for Justice are planning to discuss the "Early Disclosure and Resolution" concept as a potential alternative to traditional medical malpractice remedies in the state of Iowa.

If the discussions by the organizations produce recommendations, we request that the Legislative Council establish an interim study committee for the 2014 Interim to consider the recommendations and whether an Early Disclosure and Resolution model is an effective and appropriate alternative that would better serve Iowa citizens whose lives have been impacted by adverse medical outcomes.

Medical Cannabidiol Act

Memo from Senator Joe Bolckom.

June 12, 2014

TO: Chairperson Kraig Paulsen, Vice-chairperson Amanda Ragan, and Members of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council
FROM: Senator Joe Bolckom
RE: Interim Study Request

As you know, at the close of the 2014 Regular Session, the General Assembly enacted 2014 Iowa Acts, SF 2360, the Medical Cannabidiol Act, significant legislation to provide limited legalization of the use of cannabidiol by persons suffering from intractable epilepsy. Because of the extensive discussion and debate concerning this legislation, it would be beneficial for a legislative interim committee to follow-up on implementation of the legislation. I hope the Studies Committee will recommend creation of an interim committee to do so.

The interim committee should be charged to do the following.

1. Monitor the implementation of the new rules and the new law. Is it helping the people it is supposed to help? What challenges need to be addressed?
2. Review the University of Iowa College of Medicine research study called for in the legislation.

I appreciate your consideration of this important request.

Workforce Housing Assistance Grant Fund Report

2014 Acts, S.F. 2328, § 45(4)

Sec. 45. NEW SECTION. **16.50 Workforce housing assistance grant fund.**

1. A workforce housing assistance grant fund is created under the control of the authority. The fund shall consist of appropriations made to the fund. The fund shall be separate from the general fund of the state and the balance in the fund shall not be considered part of the balance of the general fund of the state. However, the fund shall be considered a special account for the purposes of section 8.53, relating to generally accepted accounting principles.

2. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

3. a. Moneys in the fund in a fiscal year are appropriated to the authority to be used for grants for projects that create workforce housing or for projects that include adaptive reuse of buildings for workforce housing. For purposes of this section, "*workforce housing*" means housing that is affordable for a household whose income does not exceed one hundred twenty percent of the median income for the area.

b. Priority shall be given to the following types of projects:

(1) Projects that are eligible for historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits under section 404A.1.

(2) Projects for the construction of new single-family dwellings that incorporate one or more energy-efficient measures. The authority shall by rule identify the types of energy-efficient measures that will qualify a project for priority under this subparagraph.

(3) Projects that utilize new markets tax credits, established under the federal Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763A, and undertaken by a qualified community development entity, as defined in the federal Act.

(4) Projects that are located in an area where other state funding has been used to support the creation of new jobs.

c. In any fiscal year, an area shall not receive grants totaling more than twenty-five percent of the moneys expended from the fund in that fiscal year. For purposes of this paragraph, "*area*" means the same area used to determine the median income under paragraph "a".

4. Annually, on or before January 15 of each year, the authority shall report to the legislative services agency and the department of management the status of all projects that received moneys from the workforce housing assistance grant fund. The report shall include a description of each project, the progress of work completed, the total estimated cost of each project, a list of all revenue sources being used to fund each project, the amount of funds expended, the amount of funds obligated, and the date each project was completed or an estimated completion date of each project, where applicable.

5. Payment of moneys from appropriations from the fund shall be made in a manner that does not adversely affect the tax exempt status of any outstanding bonds issued by the treasurer of state pursuant to section 12.87.

Iowa Finance Authority Legislative Proposal

2014 Acts, S.F. 2328, § 124

Sec. 124. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY. The Iowa finance authority established in chapter 16 shall propose legislation to the general assembly necessary to implement this division of this Act. The Iowa finance authority shall propose such legislation for consideration by the general assembly during its 2017 legislative session.

Reimbursable Audits

2014 Acts, S.F. 2342, § 2

Sec. 2. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 135, section 34, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 34. AUDITOR OF STATE.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the office of the auditor of state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....	\$	457,253
		<u>944,506</u>
.....	FTEs	103.00

2. The auditor of state may retain additional full-time equivalent positions as is reasonable and necessary to perform governmental subdivision audits which are reimbursable pursuant to section 11.20 or 11.21, to perform audits which are requested by and reimbursable from the federal government, and to perform work requested by and reimbursable from departments or agencies pursuant to section 11.5A or 11.5B. The auditor of state shall notify the department of management, the legislative fiscal committee, and the legislative services agency of the additional full-time equivalent positions retained.

3. The auditor of state shall allocate moneys from the appropriation in this section solely for audit work related to the comprehensive annual financial report, federally required audits, and investigations of embezzlement, theft, or other significant financial irregularities until the audit of the comprehensive annual financial report is complete.

State Bond Repayments

2014 Acts, S.F. 2363, §1

1. Notwithstanding section 8.55, subsection 2, paragraph "b", if the Iowa economic emergency fund reaches its maximum balance in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, after the designated portion of the excess moneys is transferred to the taxpayers trust fund pursuant to section 8.55, subsection 2, paragraph "a", the next \$60,050,000 is transferred to the state bond repayment fund created in section 8.57F.

2. If the treasurer of state determines that the amount transferred pursuant to subsection 1 is not sufficient to defease or redeem the bonds specified in section 8.57F, subsection 2A, as enacted by this division of this Act, and to pay the costs relating to the defeasance or redemption, to the entire extent that the bonds may be defeased or redeemed, the treasurer of state may submit a written request to the department of management that the department certify the amount of the insufficiency as determined by the treasurer of state. The request shall detail the information needed by the department of management to determine whether the department concurs with the treasurer of state's determination. Upon issuance of the department of management's written certification of the insufficiency amount, there is transferred from the Iowa economic emergency fund, after the transfer made pursuant to subsection 1 to the state bond repayment fund, an amount equal to the insufficiency amount certified by the department of management. The treasurer of state's request, any documents relating to the request, and the department of management's certification shall also be submitted to the chairpersons and ranking members of the committees on appropriations of the senate and house of representatives and the legislative services agency at the time of submission or certification.

3. To the extent the vision Iowa program bonds issued pursuant to section 12.71 are defeased or redeemed by moneys transferred or credited to the state bond repayment fund created in section 8.57F, there is transferred to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund from the revenue source otherwise designated by law or existing practice for payment of the vision Iowa program bonds, an amount equal to that which otherwise would have been paid in connection with the vision Iowa program bonds issued pursuant to section 12.71 from such revenue source for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter as provided in section 8.57, subsection 5, paragraph "e".

State Historical Building

2014 Acts, S.F. 2363, §6

d. (1) For the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the state historical building:

..... \$ 3,800,000

(2) By October 15, 2014, the department shall submit a report to the general assembly on the results of the planning and study of the building including the use of and anticipated cash flow needs for the final building design.

Status of Projects

2014 Acts, S.F. 2363, §9

Sec. 9. REPORTING.

1. On or before January 15 of each year, a state agency that received an appropriation in this division of this Act shall report to the legislative services agency and the department of management the status of all projects completed or in progress. The report shall include a description of the project, the progress of work completed, the total estimated cost of the project, a list of all revenue sources being used to fund the project, the amount of funds expended, the amount of funds obligated, and the date the project was completed or an estimated completion date of the project, where applicable.

2. On or before December 31 of each year, a recipient of moneys appropriated in this division of this Act for any purpose shall report to the state agency to which the moneys are appropriated the status of all projects completed or in progress. The report shall include a description of the project, the progress of work completed, the total estimated cost of the project, a list of all revenue sources being used to fund the project, the amount of funds expended, the amount of funds obligated, and the date the project was completed or an estimated completion date of the project, where applicable.

Receipt of Federal Moneys and Related Requirements

2014 Acts, H.F. 2473, § 12

Sec. 12. Section 8.9, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

a. All grant applications submitted and grant moneys received by a department on behalf of the state shall be reported to the office of grants enterprise management. The office shall by ~~January 31~~ December 1 of each year submit to the fiscal services division of the legislative services agency a written report listing all grants received during the ~~previous calendar~~ most recently completed federal fiscal year with a value over one thousand dollars and the funding entity and purpose for each grant. However, the reports on grants filed by the state board of regents pursuant to section 8.44 shall be deemed sufficient to comply with the requirements of this subsection. In addition, each department shall submit and the office shall report, as applicable, for each grant applied for or received and other federal moneys received the expected duration of the grant or the other moneys, maintenance of effort or other matching fund requirements throughout and following the period of the grant or the other moneys, the sources of the federal funding and any match funding, any policy, program, or operational requirement associated with receipt of the funding, a status report on changes anticipated in the federal requirements associated with the grant or other federal funding during the fiscal year in progress and the succeeding fiscal year, and any other information concerning the grant or other federal funding that would be helpful in the development of policy or budget decisions. The fiscal services division of the legislative services agency shall compile the information received for consideration by the standing joint appropriations subcommittees of the general assembly.

Funding of Air Quality Programs

2014 Acts, H.F. 2473, § 10

Sec. 10. AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDER GROUP. The director of the department of natural resources shall convene a stakeholder group for purposes of studying the funding of air quality programs administered by the department. By December 1, 2014, the department shall submit a written report to the general assembly regarding the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group.

Educational Credits Awarded to Veterans

2014 Acts, S.F. 303, §§ 30, 32, and 33

Sec. 30. Section 260C.14, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 24. a. Beginning December 15, 2015, annually file a report with the governor and the general assembly providing information and statistics for the previous five academic years on the number of students who are veterans per year who received education credit for military education, training, and service, that number as a percentage of veterans known to be enrolled at the college, the average number of credits received by students, and the average number of credits applied towards the award of a certificate, competency-based credential, postsecondary diploma, or associate degree.

b. For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means a veteran as defined in section 35.1.

Sec. 32. Section 261.9, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. i. (1) Adopts a policy to require that the institution shall annually, beginning December 15, 2015, file a report with the governor and the general assembly providing information and statistics for the previous five academic years on the number of students per year who are veterans who received education credit for military education, training, and service, that number as a percentage of veterans known to be enrolled at the institution, the average number of credits received by students, and the average number of credits applied towards the award or completion of a course of instruction, postsecondary diploma, degree, or other evidences of distinction.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph, "veteran" means a veteran as defined in section 35.1.

Sec. 33. Section 262.9, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 38. a. Beginning December 15, 2015, annually file a report with the governor and the general assembly providing information and statistics for the previous five academic years on the number of students who are veterans per year who received education credit for military education, training, and service, that number as a percentage of veterans known to be enrolled at the institution, the average number of credits received by students, and the average number of credits applied towards the award or completion of a course of instruction, postsecondary diploma, degree, or other evidences of distinction.

b. For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means a veteran as defined in section 35.1.

Radon Testing and Mitigation Plans

2014 Acts, S.F. 366, § 1

Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — RADON NOTIFICATION AND TESTING — REPORT.

1. The department of education shall notify each school district and accredited nonpublic school in this state of the risks associated with radon gas and radon progeny at attendance centers. Such notification shall include information on radon testing and mitigation, including relevant statistical data and information on sources of funding available for radon testing and mitigation, and shall encourage school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to implement a radon testing and mitigation plan.

2. Each school district and accredited nonpublic school in this state shall notify the department of education by December 1, 2014, indicating whether it has a radon testing and mitigation plan in place. Any school district or accredited nonpublic school that does not have a radon testing and mitigation plan in place as of December 1, 2014, shall also notify the department of any plans the district or school has to implement a radon testing and mitigation plan in the future.

3. The department of education shall submit a report to

Antibullying Program

2014 Acts, S.F. 2347, § 4

Sec. 4. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 141, section 26, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 26. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

- 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	3,044,406
		<u>8,304,047</u>
.....	FTEs	81.67

a. By January 15, 2015, the department shall submit a written report to the general assembly detailing the department's antibullying programming and current and projected expenditures for such programming for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

Detailed Annual Financial Report

2014 Acts, S.F. 2347, § 21

Sec. 21. Section 272.10, subsection 4, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

4. The board shall submit a detailed annual financial report by January 1 to the ~~chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education~~ general assembly and the legislative services agency.

Board of Educational Examiners Administrative Rules Report

2014 Acts, S.F. 2347, § 22

Sec. 22. Section 272.29, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

272.29 Annual administrative rules review.

The executive director shall annually review the administrative rules adopted pursuant to this chapter and related state laws. The executive director shall submit the executive director's findings and recommendations in a report every three years to the board and the ~~chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house standing committees on education and the joint appropriations subcommittee on education~~ general assembly by January 15.

Use of Cannabidiol

2014 Acts, S.F. 2360, § 10

Sec. 10. REPORTS. The university of Iowa carver college of medicine and college of pharmacy shall, on or before July 1 of each year, beginning July 1, 2015, submit a report detailing the scientific literature, studies, and clinical trials regarding the use of cannabidiol on patients diagnosed with intractable epilepsy to the department of public health and the general assembly.

Reimbursement Provisions Applicable to Substance-Related Disorder Providers

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 3

Sec. 3. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 133, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 133. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of public health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. ADDICTIVE DISORDERS

f. The department of public health shall engage stakeholders to review reimbursement provisions applicable to substance-related disorder providers. The issues considered shall include but not be limited to the adequacy of the reimbursement provisions, whether it is appropriate to rebase reimbursement, equity of the reimbursement provisions as compared to the reimbursement methodologies used for providers of similar behavioral health services, and the effect of health coverage expansion through the Iowa health and wellness plan on such providers. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or before December 15, 2014.

Residency Program in Geriatric Dentistry

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 3

Sec. 3. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 133, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 133. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of public health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2. HEALTHY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

i. The university of Iowa college of dentistry shall develop and submit a proposal by December 15, 2014, to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports and to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education to offer a residency program in geriatric dentistry that prepares dentists with the specific skills needed to treat geriatric patients and provides incentives for the participants to remain in the state to practice dentistry upon completion of the program. The proposal shall include at a minimum, the curriculum to be utilized, the number of residency positions to be made available, the incentives for participants to practice dentistry in the state upon completion of the residency, the projected cost of the program, and any potential funding sources.

Youth and Young Adult Suicide Prevention Program Foundation

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 3

Sec. 3. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 133, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 133. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of public health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2. HEALTHY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

j. In preparation for the completion of the youth and young adult suicide prevention program (Y-YASP) project funded through the federal Garrett Lee Smith youth suicide prevention grant awarded to the department of public health, the department of public health and the department of education shall submit recommendations by December 15, 2014, to the governor and the general assembly regarding options for continuing the foundation established by the project beyond the project's completion.

Iowa Veterans Home Expenditure Report

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 6

Sec. 6. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 134, subsection 2, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. e. The Iowa veterans home expenditure report shall be submitted monthly to the legislative services agency.

Iowa healthiest children initiative

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 105

Sec. 105. NEW SECTION. **135.181 Iowa healthiest children initiative.**

1. The Iowa healthiest children initiative is established in the department. The purpose of the initiative is to develop and implement a plan for Iowa children to become the healthiest children in the nation by January 1, 2020. The areas of focus addressed by the initiative shall include improvement of physical, dental, emotional, behavioral, and mental health and wellness; access to basic needs such as food security, appropriate nutrition, safe and quality child care settings, and safe and stable housing, neighborhoods, and home environments; and promotion of healthy, active lifestyles by addressing adverse childhood events, reducing exposures to environmental toxins, decreasing exposures to violence, advancing tobacco-free and drug abuse-free living, increasing immunization rates, and improving family well-being.

2. The department shall create a task force, including members who are child health experts external to the department, to develop an implementation plan to achieve the purpose of the initiative. The implementation plan, including findings, recommendations, performance benchmarks, data collection provisions, budget needs, and other implementation provisions shall be submitted to the governor and general assembly on or before December 15, 2014.

Elder Abuse Prevention, Detection, and Intervention Efforts

2014 Acts, S.F. 2239, § 30

Sec. 30. AGENCY COLLABORATION AND REPORT. The department on aging, department of human services, department of inspections and appeals, department of public health, and the office of the attorney general shall collaborate and provide written recommendations on strengthening Iowa's elder abuse prevention, detection, and intervention efforts. To the extent possible, the departments and the office shall also include relevant budgetary considerations including staff and system needs, in their recommendations. If the departments and the office cannot reach consensus to develop a unified recommendation, the director of each department and the attorney general shall each provide a separate written report and an explanation of the differences in the proposed recommendations. The written recommendations and reports shall be submitted to the general assembly, the governor, and the department of management on or before August 15, 2014.

Council on Homelessness Report

2014 Acts, S.F. 2328, § 10(9)

Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. **16.2D Council on homelessness.**

9. a. The council shall make annual recommendations to the governor regarding matters which impact homelessness on or before September 15.

b. The council shall prepare and file with the governor and the general assembly on or before the first day of December in each odd-numbered year, a report on homelessness in Iowa.

c. The council shall assist in the completion of the state's continuum of care application to the United States department of housing and urban development.

Fraud in Public Assistance Programs

2014 Acts, S.F. 2342, § 10(3)

Sec. 10. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 135, section 42, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 42. DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of inspections and appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

3. INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	1,286,545
		<u>2,573,089</u>
.....	FTEs	61.50
		<u>55.00</u>

b. The department, in coordination with the investigations division, shall submit a report to the general assembly by December 1, 2014, concerning the division's activities relative to fraud in public assistance programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014. The report shall include but is not limited to a summary of the number of cases investigated, case outcomes, overpayment dollars identified, amount of cost avoidance, and actual dollars recovered.

Hard-to-Place Persons

2014 Acts, S.F. 2363, § 6(6)(b)

Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — FY 2013-2014. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the following departments and agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

6. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

b. For a study to assess placement of sex offenders or other hard-to-place persons in the state requiring the type of personal and medical care provided by a nursing facility, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 100,000

(1) From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph, the department of human services shall utilize a request for proposals process to select a private entity to study the implementation of facilities in other states that provide care for sex offenders and other hard-to-place persons needing the type of care provided by a nursing facility, to develop projections of the need for this type of facility in the state over the next twenty years, and to develop cost projections and financing considerations for facility options in the state. The department of human services shall issue a request for proposals within thirty days after the date of enactment of this division of this Act.

(2) The study and report following the conclusion of the study shall include all of the following information:

(a) A summary of long-term care facilities operated in other states for the purpose of caring for sex offenders or other hard-to-place persons, whether the facility is operated by a governmental entity or through a contract with a private entity. The summary of the facilities shall include an overview of ownership and operations, populations served, financing sources and average costs per patient, public financing limitations, security or staff training policies, and other considerations deemed appropriate. The summary shall focus on models that may be adaptable to Iowa.

(b) A projection of the number of persons in the state who, in the next twenty years, would require the services of such a facility due to sex offender status, a history of abusive or violent behavior in previous nursing facility placements, or other unmet psychiatric needs.

(c) An analysis of options for the state based on the research of out-of-state models and projected need. The analysis shall identify potential ownership structures and public or private facility options, including an identification of state-owned facilities that may be underutilized and could be reconfigured. The analysis shall also include management structures, whether public or private, potential sources of revenue and limitations on those sources, the need for enhanced security or staff training for safety, and other considerations deemed appropriate.

(3) A report on the results of the study produced pursuant to this lettered paragraph shall be submitted to the governor, the general assembly, and the department of human services by November 1, 2014.

Hard-to-Place Persons (CONTINUED)

2014 Acts, S.F. 2363, § 6(6)(b)

(4) The departments of human services, corrections, inspections and appeals, and aging, the state public defender, the office of ombudsman, the office of the state long-term care ombudsman, and the judicial branch shall provide information for purposes of the study as requested by the private entity conducting the study. However, any information which is confidential shall continue to be maintained as confidential.

(5) Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year for which appropriated shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Meal Programs Coordinated through the Area Agencies on Aging

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 1(8)

Section 1. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 131, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 131. DEPARTMENT ON AGING. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department on aging for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

8. The department on aging shall analyze the meal programs coordinated through the area agencies on aging and shall submit its findings by December 15, 2014, to the persons designated in this Act for submission of reports.

Department of Human Services Cost Containment

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 17

Sec. 17. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 142, subsection 18, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. 0e. The department shall report the implementation of any cost containment strategies under this subsection to the individuals specified in this division of this Act for submission of reports on an annual basis.

Managed Care Plan Pharmacy Benefits

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 18

Sec. 18. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 142, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 22. Of the funds appropriated in this section, \$6,000,000 shall be used to implement reductions in the waiting lists of all medical assistance home and community-based services waivers.

NEW SUBSECTION. 23. The department of human services shall collaborate with the Medicaid managed care organization to perform an analysis to determine the cost effectiveness of including the pharmacy benefit for enrollees of the managed care plan within the managed care organization contract. The analysis shall determine if the change would result in savings to the Medicaid program, and if so, the best means of implementing the change. The department shall report the results of the analysis to the individuals identified in this division of this Act for submission of reports by December 15, 2014, and shall not implement the inclusion of the pharmacy benefit in the managed care organization contract without prior approval of the general assembly.

NEW SUBSECTION. 24. If authorized by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department of health and human services, the department of human services shall expand hospital presumptive eligibility as authorized under 42 C.F.R §435.1110, to include other provider types as qualified entities, including but not limited to federally qualified health centers, upon a center's or other entity's request.

Uniform Cost Progress Report

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 19(8)

Sec. 19. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 143, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 143. MEDICAL CONTRACTS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2013~~ 2014, and ending June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

8. The department shall submit a progress report to the individuals identified in this division of this Act for submission of reports by December 15, 2014, regarding implementation of a uniform cost report.

Children Adjudicated as Delinquent and Children in Need of Assistance

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 24(2)

Sec. 24. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. SEC. 147A. CHILDREN ADJUDICATED AS DELINQUENT OR CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE — IOWA JUVENILE HOME. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For the placement costs of female children adjudicated as delinquent and male and female children adjudicated as a child in need of assistance:

..... \$ 2,000,000

2. By January 1, 2015, the department shall provide a report to the governor and the legislative services agency that includes a description of the status of juvenile delinquent girls and boys and girls and boys adjudicated as a child in need of assistance who are hard-to-place in out-of-home placements during the period beginning December 1, 2013, and ending December 1, 2014; identifies their placement histories; provides the reason for placement; provides a status report on educational services and treatment of youth at department facilities; the efforts made by and with private providers to ensure the providers can provide adequate services to children adjudicated delinquent or as a child in need of assistance who are hard-to-place; and makes appropriate recommendations for legislation deemed necessary. The department shall engage with representatives designated by the chief juvenile court officers, by the division of criminal and juvenile justice planning of the department of human rights, and by the coalition for family and children’s services in Iowa to develop and implement a tracking information system concerning the children adjudicated as delinquent or as a child in need of assistance under chapter 232. The purpose of the system is to identify the outcomes experienced by the children during and immediately following placement in an out-of-home setting and during the two-year period following a child’s last such placement. The information shall include but is not limited to demographic information, the types of criminal activity and behavioral health characteristics that contributed to or resulted in the adjudication, the other interventions provided to the children and their families before, during, and after placement, the status of the children following placement, and identification of any patterns identified from the data. The department shall report the data to the general assembly and the governor on or before December 15, 2014, and annually on December 15 thereafter, and at other times upon request.

Department of Human Services Field Operations Positions

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 32

Sec. 32. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 156, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 156. FIELD OPERATIONS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For field operations, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 33,261,194
	<u>65,170,976</u>
.....	FTEs 1,837.00

1A. As a condition of this appropriation, the department shall make every possible effort to fill the entire number of positions authorized by this section and, unless specifically provided otherwise by an applicable collective bargaining agreement, the department is not subject to any approval requirement external to the department to fill a field operations vacancy within the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized by this section. The department shall report on the first of each month to the chairpersons and ranking members of the appropriations committees of the senate and house of representatives, and the persons designated by this Act for submission of reports concerning the status of filling the positions.

2. Priority in filling full-time equivalent positions shall be given to those positions related to child protection services and eligibility determination for low-income families.

Human Services Reports and Compilations

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 46

Sec. 46. 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 161, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 161. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2013~~ 2014, shall be submitted to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on health and human services, the legislative services agency, and the legislative caucus staffs on or before the dates specified for submission of the reports or information.

Medicaid or Hawk-I Program State Plan Amendment or Waiver Notification

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 91

Sec. 91. MEDICAID AND HAWK-I STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS — NOTIFICATION. The department of human services shall notify the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on health and human services, the chairpersons and ranking members of the committees on human resources of the senate and house of representatives, the legislative services agency, and the legislative caucus staffs prior to submission of any Medicaid or hawk-i program state plan amendment or waiver to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department of health and human services.

Medicaid Program Asset, Income, and Identity Verification

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 93

Sec. 93. MEDICAID PROGRAM — ASSET, INCOME, AND IDENTITY VERIFICATION. The department of human services shall issue a request for proposals to contract with a third-party vendor to establish an electronic asset, income, and identity eligibility verification system for the purposes of determining or redetermining the eligibility of an individual who is an applicant for or recipient of medical assistance under the Medicaid state plan on the basis of being aged, blind, or disabled in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §1396w. The third-party vendor selected shall be able to demonstrate in writing its current relationships or contracts with financial institutions in the state and nationally. Participation by financial institutions in providing account balances for asset verification shall remain voluntary. The department may transfer funds appropriated in this 2014 Act for the Medicaid program as necessary to pay the selected third-party vendor in accordance with this section. The department of human services shall submit by September 1, 2014, a progress report to the individuals identified in this 2014 Act for submission of reports.

Service Coordination for Individuals Released from the Correctional System

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 95

Sec. 95. INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION — INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM.

1. The department of human services, the department of public health, the department on aging, the department of workforce development, and the department of corrections shall implement an interagency collaborative effort to provide an integrated approach to address the medical and psychosocial needs of individuals upon release from a correctional facility. The collaboration shall provide for all of the following:

a. Coordination between the departments of policies and procedures to facilitate information sharing, during the prerelease, transitional, and postrelease phases, including the development of protocols to share health and other personal information of an individual between departmental personnel involved in providing the individual's prerelease, transition, and postrelease services and support.

b. Cross-disciplinary prerelease preparation that includes application for medical assistance, social security disability, and other supports for which the individual may be eligible; assessment of the holistic clinical and social needs of the individual including but not limited those relating to health and medical care, housing, education and training, employment assistance, and legal assistance; and identification of community-based services and providers necessary to address identified needs, including but not limited to those necessary to address mental health and substance-related disorders.

c. Transitional and postrelease interagency communication and coordination to ensure a more seamless transition of the individual to the community, ongoing linkages to community-based services, and continuity of care.

2. The departments shall submit by December 15, 2014, a report to the individuals identified in this 2014 Act for submission of reports describing the details of the approach developed and implemented, any barriers to the development and implementation, any recommendations for changes in statute or rules to facilitate the approach, and any other recommendations.

Medicaid State Plan Amendment on Home and Community-Based Services for Elders

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 107

Sec. 107. MEDICAID — POTENTIAL STATE PLAN AMENDMENT — HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR ELDERS. The department of human services shall engage stakeholders with interest or expertise in issues relating to elders to review the potential for development and submission of a Medicaid program state plan amendment in accordance with section 2402 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to cover home and community-based services for eligible elders 65 years of age or older. The department shall make recommendations on or before December 15, 2014, to the governor and the general assembly, detailing provisions for incorporation into such a potential Medicaid program state plan amendment relating to financial eligibility; benefits, including whether individuals receiving such Medicaid services should be eligible for full Medicaid benefits; available services; and the needs-based level of care criteria for determination of eligibility under the state plan amendment.

Review of Adverse Determinations as Applied to Dental Care Services

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 112

Sec. 112. REVIEW OF BASES USED FOR EXTERNAL REVIEW OF ADVERSE DETERMINATIONS. The commissioner of insurance shall engage stakeholders to review the differences in the bases used for external review of adverse determinations under chapter 514J as applied to health care services relative to dental care services. The commissioner of insurance shall report findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2014.

Attorney General Settlements Report

2014 Acts, H.F. 2450, § 17

Sec. 17. Section 13.2, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. o. Submit a report by January 15 of each year to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system, to the executive council, and to the legislative services agency detailing the amount of annual money receipts generated by each settlement or judgment in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars collected pursuant to legal proceedings under chapters 455B, 553, and 714. The report shall include the name of the civil or criminal case involved, the court of jurisdiction, the settlement amount including the state's share of the settlement, the name of the fund in which the receipts were deposited, and the planned use of the moneys.

Victim Assistance Grant Programs Annual Report

2014 Acts, H.F. 2450, § 18

Sec. 18. NEW SECTION. **13.32 Victim assistance grant programs — annual report.**

1. a. The department of justice shall compile an annual report relating to the victim assistance grant programs administered under section 13.31, subsections 1, 3, 4, and 6, which shall include all of the following:

(1) A mission statement and table of organization of the department of justice relating to the victim assistance grant programs, a program summary and statistics, including but not limited to sources and uses of funds and the numbers of victims served.

(2) An itemization of out-of-state travel expenses incurred by an employee of the department of justice and an itemization of such travel paid to a contractor.

(3) An itemization of overtime paid to an employee of the department or a contractor.

(4) An itemization of any bonuses paid to an employee of the department or a contractor.

(5) A summary of expenditures reimbursed through the programs including but not limited to compensation paid to nonprofit organizations for travel and training expenses, utilities, payroll, benefits, equipment repairs and maintenance, rent, communications, advertising, supplies, insurance, and other direct expenses.

b. The report shall be provided to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system, the governor, and the legislative services agency by January 15, 2015, and each January 15 thereafter.

2. The department of justice shall adopt rules to administer claims for victim assistance grants described in subsection 1. The rules shall standardize the claim forms for contractors including designating a place on the form for an itemization of services provided, mileage incurred, and expenses incurred. The rules shall further specify that the department of justice shall process the claims through the grants enterprise management office.

Expenditures to Integrate Employment-related Services

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 70

Sec. 70. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES — EMPLOYMENT. The department of human services and the division of vocational rehabilitation services of the department of education shall jointly develop protocols and program models to integrate the employment-related services and other supports provided to persons with disabilities through federal match funding administered by the department and the division. The protocols and program models shall not include provisions that would interfere with the ability of any mental health and disability services region approved under section 331.389 operating as an employment network for the federal social security administration's ticket to work program for persons with disabilities to collect any milestone or outcome payments. The department and the division shall report on or before December 15, 2014, to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports and to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education on the expenditure of such funding in the previous fiscal year along with findings and recommendations.

Community-Based Service Options for Persons with Serious Mental Illness

2014 Acts, H.F. 2463, § 72

Sec. 72. STUDY OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE OPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. The department of human services shall engage representatives of the department of inspections and appeals, department on aging, the regional mental health and disability services system, the Iowa association of community providers, the Iowa behavioral health association, and other service providers, and other stakeholders to study community-based placement options for persons with serious mental illness. The study shall consider both services currently available and services that should be developed to meet the needs of persons with serious mental illness. The system elements addressed by the study shall include but are not limited to regulatory, liability, and funding issues, and other barriers to maintaining current community-based services options and developing new options. The results of the study, including findings and recommendations shall be reported on or before December 15, 2014, to the governor and the persons designated by this Act for submission of reports.

Military Service-related Professional and Occupational Licensing Credits

2014 Acts, S.F. 303, § 34

Sec. 34. Section 272C.4, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Adopt rules by January 1, 2015, to provide credit towards qualifications for licensure to practice an occupation or profession in this state for education, training, and service obtained or completed by an individual while serving honorably on federal active duty, state active duty, or national guard duty, as defined in section 29A.1, to the extent consistent with the qualifications required by the appropriate licensing board. The rules shall also provide credit towards qualifications for initial licensure for education, training, or service obtained or completed by an individual while serving honorably in the military forces of another state or the organized reserves of the armed forces of the United States, to the extent consistent with the qualifications required by the appropriate licensing board.

NEW SUBSECTION. 12. a. Establish procedures by January 1, 2015, to expedite the licensing of an individual who is licensed in a similar profession or occupation in another state and who is a veteran, as defined in section 35.1.

b. If the board determines that the professional or occupational licensing requirements of the state where the veteran is licensed are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state, the procedures shall require the licensing of the veteran in this state.

c. If the board determines that the professional or occupational licensing requirements of the state where the veteran is licensed are not substantially equivalent to the professional or occupational licensing requirements of this state, the procedures shall allow the provisional licensing of the veteran for a period of time deemed necessary by the board to obtain a substantial equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state. The board shall advise the veteran of required education or training necessary to obtain a substantial equivalent to the professional or occupational licensing requirements of this state, and the procedures shall provide for licensing of an individual who has, pursuant to this paragraph, obtained a substantial equivalent to the professional or occupational licensing requirements of this state.

NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Beginning December 15, 2016, annually file a report with the governor and the general assembly providing information and statistics on credit received by individuals for education, training, and service pursuant to subsection 11 and information and statistics on licenses and provisional licenses issued pursuant to subsection 12.

Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Rules Reports

2014 Acts, S.F. 303, § 35

Sec. 35. REPORTING. Each licensing board, as defined in section 272C.1, shall file a report with the governor and the general assembly by January 31, 2015, on the substance of rules and procedures adopted to implement the provisions of this division of this Act.

Report on Expanding Expedited Licensing to Include Spouses of Veterans

2014 Acts, S.F. 303, § 36

Sec. 36. REPORT. Each licensing board, as defined in section 272C.1, shall file a report by January 1, 2015, with the chairpersons and ranking members of the house and senate standing committees on veterans affairs making recommendations related to expanding the professional licensing provisions of section 272C.4, subsection 12, to include the spouses of veterans.

Offenses Reported to Civilian Law Enforcement Authorities

2014 Acts, S.F. 2321, § 5

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **29B.116B Adjutant general report.**

The adjutant general shall report annually, by January 15, to the governor and to the chairpersons and ranking members of the general assembly's standing committees on veterans affairs on the number of offenses described in section 29B.116A, subsection 1, which have reported to civilian law enforcement authorities in the prior year, if such offenses were committed by a member of the state military forces against another member of the state military forces while both are subject to this code. The report shall provide such numbers by type of offense.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

2014 Acts, H.F. 2289, § 3

Sec. 3. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE — REPORT. The department of public safety, in consultation with the attorney general, state and local agencies, and other interested organizations, including but not limited to organizations with expertise in unmanned aerial vehicle technology, shall examine whether the Iowa criminal code should be modified to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles, shall develop model guidelines for the use of unmanned aerial vehicles, and shall report such guidelines to the general assembly no later than December 31, 2014.

Cancer and Infectious Disease Presumption Actuarial Report

2014 Acts, H.F. 2450, § 26

Sec. 26. Section 97A.5, subsection 11, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

11. *Actuarial investigation.*

a. At least once in each two-year period, the actuary hired by the board of trustees shall make an actuarial investigation in the mortality, service, and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries of the system, and the interest and other earnings on the moneys and other assets of the system, and shall make a valuation of the assets and liabilities of the retirement fund of the system, and taking into account the results of the investigation and valuation, the board of trustees shall adopt for the system, upon recommendation of the system's actuary, such actuarial methods and assumptions, interest rate, and mortality and other tables as shall be deemed necessary to conduct the actuarial valuation of the system.

b. During calendar year 2019, and every five years thereafter, the system shall cause an actuarial investigation to be made related to the implementation, utilization, and actuarial costs associated with providing that cancer and infectious disease are presumed to be a disease contracted while a member of the system is on active duty as provided in section 97A.6, subsection 5. On the basis of the investigation, the board of trustees shall adopt and certify rates of contributions payable by members in accordance with section 97A.8. The system shall submit a written report to the general assembly following each actuarial investigation, including the certified rates of contributions payable by members for costs associated with the benefit as described in this paragraph, the data collected, and the system's findings.

Department Of Transportation Study

2014 Acts, S.F. 2349, § 5

Sec. 22. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STUDY. The department of transportation shall conduct a study to identify administrative needs, projected demand, necessary capital and operating costs, and public transit service structures including park-and-ride lots, employer or public van pool programs, and traditional fixed-route transit. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or before December 15, 2014.

Road Use Tax Fund Reports

2014 Acts, S.F. 2355, § 5

Sec. 21. 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1129, section 4, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4. ROAD USE TAX FUND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

— ~~QUARTERLY~~ ANNUAL REPORTS. The department of transportation shall submit ~~quarterly reports~~ a report annually on or before December 31 in an electronic format to the co-chairpersons of the joint appropriations subcommittee on transportation, infrastructure, and capitals, the chairpersons of the senate and house standing committees on transportation, the department of management, and the legislative services agency regarding the implementation of efficiency measures identified in the "Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report", January 2012. The reports shall provide details of activities undertaken in the previous ~~quarter~~ year relating to one-time and long-term program efficiencies and partnership efficiencies. Issues to be covered in the reports shall include but are not limited to savings realized from the implementation of particular efficiency measures; updates concerning measures that have not been implemented; efforts involving cities, counties, other jurisdictions, or stakeholder interest groups; any new efficiency measures identified or undertaken; and identification of any legislative action that may be required to achieve efficiencies. ~~The first report shall be submitted by October 1, 2012.~~

Intersections Report

2014 Acts, S.F. 2355, § 5

Sec. 22. INTERSECTION REPORT. By October 1, 2014, the county engineer of each county shall provide a report to the department of transportation identifying all locations in the county where two different roads or highways having speed limits of 55 miles per hour or greater intersect but are not controlled by an official traffic-control signal or by official traffic-control devices that direct traffic approaching from every direction to stop or yield before entering the intersection. On or before December 31, 2014, the department shall file a report with the legislative services agency detailing the number and locations of the intersections identified in the county engineers' reports.

E911 Funds: Distribution Priorities

Iowa Code §34A.7A(3)

34A.7A Emergency communications service surcharge – fund established – distribution and permissible expenditures.

3. a. The program manager shall submit an annual report by January 15 of each year to the general assembly's standing committees on government oversight advising the general assembly of the status of E911 implementation and operations, including both wire-line and wireless services, the distribution of surcharge receipts, and an accounting of the revenues and expenses of the E911 program.

b. The program manager shall submit a calendar quarter report of the revenues and expenses of the E911 program to the fiscal services division of the legislative services agency.

c. The general assembly's standing committees on government oversight shall review the priorities of distribution of funds under this chapter at least every two years.

Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation Status Report

Iowa Code §284.15(14)

284.15 Iowa teacher career paths, leadership roles, and compensation framework.

14. The provisions of this chapter shall be subject to legislative review at least every three years. The review shall be based upon a status report from the commission on educator leadership and compensation, which shall be prepared with the assistance of the departments of education, management, and revenue. The status report shall review and report on the department's assignment and utilization of full-time equivalent positions, and shall include information on teacher retention, teacher compensation, academic quality of beginning teachers, teacher evaluation results, student achievement trend and comparative data, and recommendations for changes to the teacher leadership supplement foundation aid and the framework or comparable systems approved pursuant to this section. The first status report shall be submitted to the general assembly by January 15, 2017, with subsequent status reports prepared and submitted to the general assembly by January 15 at least every third year thereafter.

Telecommunications Company Property Tax Assessments and Levies

2013 Acts, Ch. 123, § 36 (S.F. 295)

Sec. 36. PROPERTY TAXATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES STUDY — REPORT.

1. a. The department of revenue, in consultation with the department of management, representatives of companies providing telecommunications services in this state by any means, including but not limited to mobile, wireless, voice over internet protocol, and landline, and other interested persons shall study the current system of assessing telecommunications company property and levying property tax against companies that provide telecommunications services in this state and make recommendations for changes.

b. The department of revenue shall prepare and file a report detailing recommendations for changes to the current system of assessing telecommunications company property and levying property tax against companies providing telecommunications services in this state. The report shall also include recommendations for establishing methods to provide equivalent property tax treatment for all companies providing telecommunications services in this state and recommendations for apportioning property tax revenues to the appropriate local taxing authorities in the state. The report shall also include proposed legislation to implement the recommendations contained in the report. The report shall be filed by the department of revenue with the chairpersons and ranking members of the ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives and with the legislative services agency by August 1, 2015.

c. Upon receipt of the report by the chairpersons and ranking members of the ways and means committees under paragraph "b", a legislative telecommunications company property tax review committee consisting of six members of the general assembly, two appointed by the majority leader of the senate, one appointed by the minority leader of the senate, two appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives shall review the information and recommendations contained in the report. The department of revenue shall provide additional information and analysis to the review committee or the general assembly upon request of the review committee.

2. Each company providing telecommunications services in this state by any means, including but not limited to mobile, wireless, voice over internet protocol, and landline, shall on or before a date specified by the director of revenue submit to the department of revenue such information determined by the director of revenue to be necessary to facilitate the creation of the report required under this section. However, the director of revenue shall only request aggregate statistical data or information from such companies and in no case shall such companies be required under this section to provide data or information about any individual end user or customer, including but not limited to account information, place of primary use, or service address information within the meaning of section 423.20. In addition, such companies shall not be required to resubmit any information that was submitted to the director of revenue pursuant to the requirements of chapter 433. Information provided to the department under this section shall be verified by the company's president or secretary. The confidentiality provisions of sections 422.20 and 422.72 apply to all information received by the department of revenue for purposes of the report pursuant to this section and pursuant to chapter 433, if applicable.

Statute Of Repose Periods

2013 Acts, S.F. 2349, § 21

Sec. 21. STATUTE OF REPOSE — IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY — LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the general assembly that the joint appropriations subcommittee on transportation, infrastructure, and capitals consider issues during the 2015 legislative session of the eighty-sixth general assembly relating to the statute of repose periods for bringing civil actions in cases arising out of the unsafe or defective conditions of improvements to real property.

Iowa Corn Checkoff Task Force

2014 Acts, H.F. 2427, § 2

Sec. 2. IOWA CORN CHECKOFF TASK FORCE.

1. An Iowa corn checkoff task force is created. The task force shall study all of the following:

a. The development and implementation of a system that allows eligible producers to cast mail ballots during a special referendum conducted pursuant to section 185C.21.

b. An increase in refund awareness with first purchasers.

2. The task force is composed of five voting members, including all of the following:

a. The secretary of agriculture who shall serve as the chairperson.

b. Two first purchasers, as defined in section 185C.1, who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) One first purchaser appointed by the Iowa institute of cooperatives.

(2) One first purchaser appointed by the agribusiness association of Iowa.

c. Two producers, as defined in section 185C.1, who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) One producer appointed by the Iowa corn growers association who shall be a member of the Iowa corn growers association.

(2) One producer appointed by the Iowa farm bureau federation.

3. The task force consists of four members of the general assembly who shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. The members shall be appointed as follows:

a. Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate after consultation with the minority leader of the senate.

b. Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house after consultation with the minority leader of the house.

4. a. The task force shall submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations to the secretary of agriculture not later than September 1, 2014.

b. The task force is abolished on September 1, 2014.

Commercial Air Service Retention and Expansion Committee

2014 Acts, S.F. 2355, § 19

Sec. 19. NEW SECTION. **328.13 Commercial air service retention and expansion committee.**

A commercial air service retention and expansion committee is established within the aviation office of the department. The membership of the committee shall consist of the director or the director's designee; the managers of each airport in Iowa with commercial air service; two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the minority leader of the house. Legislative members are eligible for per diem and expenses as provided in section 2.10, for each day of service. The committee shall, on or before December 31, 2014, develop a plan for the retention and expansion of passenger air service in Iowa. The committee shall meet as the committee deems necessary to assess progress in implementing the plan and, if necessary, to update the plan.

Apprenticeship Training Program Advisory Board

2014 Acts, H.F. 2460, § 21

Sec. 21. NEW SECTION. 15B.5 Apprenticeship training program advisory board.

1. An apprenticeship training program advisory board is established to advise the authority on issues concerning the apprenticeship training program.

2. The advisory board shall consist of the following members:

- a. One member of the master builders of Iowa.
- b. One member of the associated builders and contractors of Iowa.
- c. One member of the heavy highway contractors association domiciled in Iowa.
- d. One member of the associated general contractors of Iowa.
- e. One member of the technology association of Iowa.
- f. One member of the Iowa association of business and industry.
- g. One member representing the mechanical contractors association of Iowa.

h. Five members, one member each from different labor organizations. The Iowa state building and construction trades council shall select five members from different labor organizations within the construction trade.

- i. One member from the Iowa federation of labor.
- j. One member representing community college apprenticeship programs.
- k. One member representing the authority.
- l. One member representing the department of education.
- m. One member of the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship, serving as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.
- n. Four members of the general assembly serving as ex officio, nonvoting members, one representative to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one representative to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, one senator to be appointed by the majority leader of the senate, and one senator to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

3. a. The voting members of the advisory board and the member from the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship, shall be selected by the named entity or entities. The member representing the community college apprenticeship programs shall be selected by the Iowa association of community college trustees.

b. The voting members of the advisory board and the member from the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship, shall serve three-year staggered terms. If a vacancy occurs a successor shall be selected in the same manner and subject to the same qualifications as the original selection to serve the remainder of the term.

c. The legislative members of the advisory board shall serve terms as provided in section 69.16B. A legislative member may designate another person to attend an advisory board meeting if the member is unavailable.

4. The voting members shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson annually from the voting membership of the advisory board. A majority of the voting members of the advisory board constitute a quorum. If the chairperson and vice chairperson are unable to preside over the advisory board due to absence or disability, a majority of the voting members present may elect a temporary chairperson providing a quorum is present.

Apprenticeship Training Program Advisory Board (CONTINUED)

2014 Acts, H.F. 2460, § 21

5. The advisory board shall do all of the following:
 - a. Advise the authority on issues related to apprenticeship programs supported pursuant to this chapter.
 - b. Promote the development of new and the expansion of existing apprenticeship programs in Iowa.
 - c. In collaboration with the department of education, educate students about apprenticeship training opportunities and promote apprenticeship training in middle school and high school.

Agricultural Development Board

2014 Acts, S.F. 2328, §§ 9 and 112

Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. **16.2C Agricultural development board.**

1. The powers of the agricultural development division are vested in and shall be exercised by the agricultural development board as provided in section 16.2B and this section.

2. The agricultural development board is created to exercise all powers and perform all duties necessary to administer subchapter VIII according to policies established by the authority. The authority shall establish policies and practices for the division and oversee its operations. The authority may review or approve decisions affecting the division or administration of subchapter VIII, including decisions of the agricultural development board.

3. The agricultural development board consists of five members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. The executive director of the authority or the executive director's designee shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

4. The appointed members of the agricultural development board shall be appointed and retained in office as follows:

a. Not more than three members shall belong to the same political party.

b. As far as possible, the governor shall include within the membership persons who represent lending institutions experienced in agricultural lending, real estate sales, farmers, beginning farmers, average taxpayers, local government, soil and water conservation district officials, agricultural educators, and other persons specially interested in family farm development.

c. Members shall serve for staggered terms of six years beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the member's term. A member is eligible for reappointment. An appointed member may be removed from office by the governor for misfeasance, malfeasance, willful neglect of duty, or other just cause, after notice and hearing, unless the notice and hearing is expressly waived in writing.

5. The agricultural development board shall conduct business according to all of the following:

a. Three appointed members constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the board. A majority of appointed members shall not include any member who has a conflict of interest and a statement by a member that the member has a conflict of interest is conclusive for this purpose. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all duties of the board.

b. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chairperson or whenever two appointed members so request.

c. The appointed members shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson annually, and other officers as they determine. The executive director of the authority or the executive director's designee shall serve as secretary to the board.

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2014 Acts, S.F. 2328, §§ 9 and 112

6. An appointed member of the agricultural development board is entitled to receive a per diem as specified in section 7E.6 for each day spent in performance of duties as a member, and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a member.

7. An appointed member of the agricultural development board shall give bond as required for public officers in chapter 64.

Sec. 112. REPEAL. Chapter 175, Code 2014, is repealed.

Council on Homelessness

2014 Acts, S.F. 2328, §§ 10 and 111

Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. **16.2D Council on homelessness.**

1. A council on homelessness is created consisting of thirty-eight voting members. At least one voting member at all times shall be a member of a minority group.

2. Members of the council shall consist of all of the following:

a. Twenty-six members of the general public appointed to two-year staggered terms by the governor in consultation with the nominating committee under subsection 4, paragraph "a".

(1) Voting members from the general public may include but are not limited to the following types of individuals and representatives of the following programs: homeless or formerly homeless individuals and their family members, youth shelters, faith-based organizations, local homeless service providers, emergency shelters, transitional housing providers, family and domestic violence shelters, private business, local government, and community-based organizations.

(2) Five of the twenty-six voting members selected from the general public shall be individuals who are homeless, formerly homeless, or family members of homeless or formerly homeless individuals.

(3) One of the twenty-six members selected from the general public shall be a representative of the Iowa state association of counties.

(4) One of the twenty-six members selected from the general public shall be a representative of the Iowa league of cities.

b. Twelve agency director members consisting of all of the following:

(1) The director of the department of education or the director's designee.

(2) The director of the economic development authority or the director's designee.

(3) The director of human services or the director's designee.

(4) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.

(5) The director of the department of human rights or the director's designee.

(6) The director of public health or the director's designee.

(7) The director of the department on aging or the director's designee.

(8) The director of the department of corrections or the director's designee.

(9) The director of the department of workforce development or the director's designee.

(10) The director of the department of public safety or the director's designee.

(11) The director of the department of veterans affairs or the director's designee.

(12) The executive director of the Iowa finance authority or the executive director's designee.

3. An agency director's designee may vote on council matters in the absence of the director.

4. a. A nominating committee initially comprised of all twelve agency director members shall nominate persons to the governor to fill the general public member positions. Following appointment of all twenty-six general public members, the composition of the nominating committee may be modified by rule.

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2014 Acts, S.F. 2328, §§ 10 and 111

b. The council may establish other committees and subcommittees comprised of members of the council.

5. A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term.

6. a. A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum. Any action taken by the council must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of its membership.

b. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from the membership of the council. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall each serve two-year terms. The positions of chairperson and vice chairperson shall not be held by members who are both either general public members or agency directors. The position of chairperson shall rotate between agency director members and general public members.

c. The council shall meet at least six times per year. Meetings of the council may be called by the chairperson or by a majority of the members.

d. General public members shall be reimbursed by the authority for actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in their official duties.

7. The authority shall provide staff assistance and administrative support to the council.

8. The duties of the council shall include but are not limited to the following:

a. Develop a process for evaluating state policies, programs, statutes, and rules to determine whether any state policies, programs, statutes, or rules should be revised to help prevent and alleviate homelessness.

b. Evaluate whether state agency resources could be more efficiently coordinated with other state agencies to prevent and alleviate homelessness.

c. Work to develop a coordinated and seamless service delivery system to prevent and alleviate homelessness.

d. Use existing resources to identify and prioritize efforts to prevent persons from becoming homeless and to eliminate factors that keep people homeless.

e. Identify and use federal and other funding opportunities to address and reduce homelessness within the state.

f. Work to identify causes and effects of homelessness and increase awareness among policymakers and the general public.

g. Advise the governor's office, the authority, state agencies, and private organizations on strategies to prevent and eliminate homelessness.

9. a. The council shall make annual recommendations to the governor regarding matters which impact homelessness on or before September 15.

b. The council shall prepare and file with the governor and the general assembly on or before the first day of December in each odd-numbered year, a report on homelessness in Iowa.

c. The council shall assist in the completion of the state's continuum of care application to the United States department of housing and urban development.

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10. a. The authority, in consultation with the council, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for carrying out the duties of the council pursuant to this section.

b. The council shall establish internal rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of this section.

c. Rules adopted or internal rules of procedure established pursuant to paragraph "a" or "b" shall be consistent with the requirements of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11301 et seq.

11. The council shall comply with the requirements of chapters 21 and 22. The authority shall be the official repository of council records.

Sec. 111. REPEAL. Sections 16.3A, 16.10, 16.15, 16.20, 16.21, 16.33, 16.34, 16.37, 16.42, 16.44, 16.52, 16.73, 16.100, 16.100A, 16.106, 16.155, 16.171, 16.182, 16.183, 16.184, 16.185, 16.188, 16.197, 16.201, 16.211, 16.212, 16.221, and 422.11X, Code 2014, are repealed.