

# Studies Compilation

## 2015 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. Except for the list of executive branch studies, items are listed in bill or resolution order. 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 **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** is created 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 fifth scheduled review is in 2015. (Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48)
2. 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 2017. The committee last met during the 2013 Interim. (Iowa Code §2.69)
3. 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.1 and 28B.2)

4. 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 Iowa Acts)
5. 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)
6. 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 Iowa Acts, chapter 123, §36)

## **B. Legislative Study Requests in Enacted Legislation**

NONE

## **C. Legislative Study and Permanent Committee Requests in Adopted or Filed Resolutions**

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim committee to study the **elimination of the state income tax in Iowa**. (SR 11)
2. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim committee to study **certain local government mandates**. (SR 13)
3. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim committee to study **beverage container recycling efforts**. (SR 20)

## **D. Legislative Study Requests Submitted in a Letter or Memo**

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to establishing **home modification and housing accommodation programs for disabled individuals**. (Letter from Senator Herman Quirnbach and Senator Rita Hart to Senator Michael E. Gronstal dated April 20, 2015.) *\*\*See reporting requirement in E-42\*\**

2. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to **bidding on state construction contracts**. (Letter from Senator Herman Quirnbach and Senator Jeff Danielson to Senator Michael E. Gronstal dated April 20, 2015.)
3. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to **Iowa recycling policies**. (Letter from Senator Rita Hart and Representative Bobby Kaufmann to Speaker Kraig Paulsen and Senator Michael E. Gronstal received April 21, 2015.)
4. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to **natural gas shortages in rural Iowa**. (Letter from Senator Mary Jo Wilhelm and Representative Josh Byrnes to Senator Michael E. Gronstal and Speaker Kraig Paulsen dated June 4, 2015.)
5. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to **Chronic Wasting Disease**. (Letter from Senator Chris Brase to Senator Michael E. Gronstal and Speaker Kraig Paulsen dated July 23, 2015.)
6. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee related to issuance of **Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses**. (Letter from Senate President Pam Jochum to Senator Michael E. Gronstal and Speaker Kraig Paulsen dated July 28, 2015.)

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

### **Administration and Regulation-Related Items**

1. The Racing and Gaming Commission is required to submit its findings on **pari-mutuel exchange wagering** in a written report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2015. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 438, §1)
2. The Office of the Secretary of State is required to annually provide an **Address Confidentiality Program Revolving Fund Expenditure Report** to the Department of Management and the Legislative Services Agency. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 585, §1)
3. Before the Governor prorates funds received for federal block grant programs, due to **reduced block grant funding** from the federal government, the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on appropriations, the chairpersons and ranking members of the appropriate budget subcommittees, and the director of the Legislative Services Agency are required to be notified. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 630, §15)
4. The Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council must be notified of **additional federal or nonstate grants, receipts, or funds** within 30 days of a department or agency receiving such grants, receipts, or funds if such are received while the General Assembly is not in session and if those grants, receipts, or funds must be expended prior to March 15, 2016,

for the 2015-2016 fiscal year or prior to March 15, 2017, for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 630, §17)

5. The Auditor of State is required to notify the Department of Management, the Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council, and the Legislative Services Agency if the Auditor retains more than 103 **full-time equivalent positions** during the 2015-16 fiscal year or 2016-2017 fiscal year. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 659, §§4(2) and 42(2))
6. The Utilities Division of the Department of Commerce is required to notify the Department of Management, the Legislative Services Agency, and the Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council prior to **expending any fully reimbursable additional moneys** during the 2015-16 fiscal year or the 2016-2017 fiscal year. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 659, §§7(2)(d) and 45(2)(d))
7. The Investigations Division of the Department of Inspections and Appeals is required to submit a report related to **fraud in public assistance programs** to the General Assembly by December 1, 2015, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and to submit a subsequent report by December 1, 2016, for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 659, §§12(3) and 50(3))
8. The Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Board is required to make recommendations to the General Assembly by December 15, 2015, related to **cleanup of leaking underground storage tank sites** and other related issues. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 652, §4) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
9. The Director of Revenue is required to submit a report to the General Assembly by October 3, 2016, including necessary statutory changes, related to **fraudulent or erroneous refunds of income taxes**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §§105 and 106)

#### **Agriculture and Natural Resources-Related Items**

10. The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) is required to submit quarterly reports to the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on appropriations detailing **DALS appropriation expenditures**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §§1(1) and (3) and 24(1) and(3))
11. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to submit quarterly reports to the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on appropriations detailing **DNR appropriation expenditures**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §§9(1) and (3) and 32(1) and(3))
12. Related to the **Three-Year Data Collection of In-Field Agricultural Practices Pilot Project**, the Iowa State University of Science and Technology's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is required to submit to the General Assembly an initial interim report by March 1, 2016, a second interim report by March 1, 2017, and a final report by

March 1, 2018. The college is required to include findings and recommendations in the final report. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §18(1) and (4))

13. An entity governed under Iowa Code chapter 28E that accepts avian flu waste for landfill disposal and receives reimbursement of costs from the United States Department of Agriculture is required to report total costs and revenues related to the **disposal of avian flu wastes** to the General Assembly. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §50)

#### **Economic Development and Commerce-Related Items**

14. The Board of Regents is required to submit a report, by January 15 each year, to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Services Agency regarding certain appropriations-funded **economic development activities, projects, and programs** of regents institutions. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §§16(1)(b) and 32(1)(b))
15. Iowa State University of Science and Technology is required to provide annual reports on **directed contract research and nondirected contract research benefitting the Iowa business and industrial sectors** to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development and the Legislative Services Agency. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §§16(1)(b) and 32(1)(b))
16. The Economic Development Authority is required to submit a **Nuisance Property Remediation Report** to the General Assembly and to the Office of the Governor by January 31, 2019, detailing program results and making recommendations for program changes. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §48(1) and (7))

#### **Education-Related Items**

17. The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service is required to submit an **Iowa Reading Corps Program Annual Report** to the General Assembly and the Iowa Department of Education. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 488, §2)
18. The Department of Education is required to submit an **Antibullying Program Report** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2016, and to submit a subsequent report by January 15, 2017. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 658, §§6(1) and 25(1))
19. The Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division of the Department of Education is required to submit an **Outreach Efforts Report** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2016, and to submit a subsequent report by January 15, 2017. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 658, §§6(3)(a) and 25(3)(a))
20. The Board of Regents is required to **submit monthly financial reports** to the Legislative Services Agency, and include **five-year graduation rates** at regents universities in the December 2015 and December 2016 reports. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 658, §§7(1)(a) and 26(1)(a))

## Health-Related Items

21. The Department of Public Health is required to submit an annual **Health Care Workforce Support Initiative Report** to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the status of the initiative. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 536, §212(1) and (8))
22. The board of directors for a nonprofit entity, as provided in the Act, is required to provide an **annual budget and fiscal report for the Iowa Health Information Network** to the Governor, certain executive branch agencies, the Legislative Services Agency, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees for government oversight. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 381, §6)
23. The **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission** is required to provide an annual report concerning commission activities and finances to the General Assembly and to the Governor. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches are required to enforce the compact and take actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §82(1),(12)(q), and (16))
24. The Department of Public Health is required to track and report any reductions in the provision of **nicotine replacement products** 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. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(1)(a), 31, 123(1)(a), and 151)
25. The **Child Vision Screening Program** is required to report 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 related to the use of funds allocated to the program by the General Assembly. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(a), 31, 123(4)(a), and 151)
26. The Iowa Primary Care Association is required to provide separate progress reports by December 15, 2015, 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 related to **each Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network goal**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(g), 31, 123(4)(g), and 151)
27. A nationally affiliated volunteer eye organization that receives an appropriation under this Act is required to submit a report 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 related to **the use of funds in preserving sight and preventing blindness in target populations**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(n), 31, 123(1)(n), and 151)
28. The Iowa Veterans Home is required to submit **monthly expenditure reports** to the Legislative Services Agency. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§4(2), 31, 124(2), and 151)

**VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**

## Human Services-Related Items

29. The Department of Human Services is required to report to the Legislative Services Agency **certain transfers** made for the Family Investment Program, child care assistance, child and family services, field operations, general administration, and distribution to counties or regions. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§8(3) and 128(3))
30. The Department of Human Services is required to report to the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management any increase in the amounts allocated to the department for salaries, support, and maintenance purposes associated with the **Medical Assistance Program**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§12(17)(a) and 132(17)(a))
31. The Department of Human Services is required to submit quarterly reports 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 related to **Medical Assistance Program cost containment strategies**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§12(17)(d), 31, 132(17)(d), and 151) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
32. The Department of Human Services is required to submit a progress report 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 by September 1, 2015, related to the **State Innovation Model Phase II Testing Grant**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§12(20) and 31) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
33. A hospital-based provider receiving a grant to continue a pilot project to determine the necessary **support services for children with autism spectrum disorder** and their families is required to submit a report by December 31, 2015, including findings and recommendations, 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. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§13(5), 31, 133(5), and 151)
34. The Department of Human Services is required to submit a report by the first of each month to the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on appropriations and 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 concerning the status of **filling field operations positions**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§26(1), 31, 146(1), and 151) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
35. The Department of Human Services is required to report at least monthly to the Legislative Services Agency concerning the department's **operational and program expenditures**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§27(2) and 147(1)) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
36. The Department of Human Services is required to notify the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on appropriations, the Department of Management, and 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 if the department is **adopting rules that will result in expenditure increases.** (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§30, 31, 150, and 151)

37. The Department of Human Services is required to report **transfers of moneys from Medicaid modernization savings** to the Legislative Services Agency. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §32)
38. The Director of Human Services is required to submit certain quarterly compilations and recommendations related to **Medicaid managed care** to the Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §63)
39. The Treasurer of State is required to submit an audited financial report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1 of each year related to the operation of the **Iowa ABLE Savings Plan Trust.** (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §82(1) and (2))
40. The Child Welfare Advisory Committee of the Council on Human Services is required to submit a report, including findings and recommendations, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2015, related to **receipt of complaints and the specificity and clarity of certain court orders.** (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §100)
41. The Children’s Mental Health Workgroup is required to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2015, making recommendations for the creation and implementation of a **children’s mental health crisis response system.** (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §102)
42. The Aging and Disability Resource Center and the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission are required to submit to the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on human resources, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on ways and means, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and to the Governor, by December 15, 2015, a plan for a **home modification assistance program** to assist individuals with expenses for permanent home modifications that permit individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes and age in place. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §108)
43. The Bureau of Refugee Services within the Department of Human Services is required to present a report to the General Assembly on the goals and outcomes of the **Refugee Family Support Services Pilot Program** by December 31, 2017. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §111) **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**
44. The Department of Human Services is required to submit recommendations for changes in statutes or rules regarding the **Hospital Health Care Access Assessment Program** by December 15, 2015, 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. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §115)

45. The Department of Human Services is required to develop a plan for the **use of federal social services block grant funds** each fiscal year and is required to submit the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly with the department's budget requests. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 630, §12)

#### **Justice System-Related Items**

46. The Judicial Branch is required to submit **monthly financial statements** to the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(3) and 6(3))
47. The Judicial Branch is required to notify the Legislative Services Agency if the Judicial Branch makes **changes to certain appropriations**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(6) and 6(6))
48. The Judicial Branch is required to submit a semiannual update to the Legislative Services Agency on **Iowa Court Information System collections**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(7) and 6(7))
49. The Judicial Branch is required to submit an **Enhanced Court Collections Fund and Court Technology and Modernization Fund Report** to the General Assembly by January 1, 2016. The Judicial Branch is required to submit a subsequent report by January 1, 2017. A copy of these reports is required to be provided to the Legislative Services Agency. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(8) and 6(8))
50. The Department of Justice is required to include a **Funding Sources Report** with the department's budget estimate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016. The department is also required to include such report with its estimate for the subsequent fiscal year. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§1(2) and 23(2))
51. The Department of Corrections is required to notify the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on the Justice System prior to certain **privatizing of services** performed by the department. The department is required to provide such notification in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§4(1)(c) and 26(1)(c))
52. The Department of Corrections is required to provide quarterly status reports to the Legislative Services Agency, beginning July 1, 2015, related to **private-sector employment of offenders**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§7(2) and 29(2))
53. The Department of Corrections is required to submit an **Electronic Monitoring Report** to the General Assembly, to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on the Justice System, and to the Legislative Services Agency by January 15, 2016. The department is required to submit a subsequent report by January 15, 2017. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§8 and 30)

## Public Safety-Related Items

54. The Department of Public Safety is required to notify the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management prior to the **reallocation of appropriated moneys**. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§15(8) and 37(8))

## Transportation-Related Items

55. A legislative interim committee is required to provide the legislature with a **fuel distribution percentage formula** status report by January 1, 2020, and at least every six years thereafter. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 257, §7)
56. The Department of Transportation is required to submit a report before July 1, 2019, documenting the effectiveness of displaying **blue and white lighting devices** on equipment used by the department for snow and ice treatment or removal. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 75, §5)

## F. Mandatory Future Legislative-Related Studies

1. 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))
2. A legislative interim committee is required to provide the legislature with a **fuel distribution percentage formula** status report by January 1, 2020, and at least every six years thereafter. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 257, §7)
3. 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 fourth status report is required to be submitted by January 1, 2020. (Iowa Code §257.1(4))

## G. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Established in 2015 Acts

1. The **Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee** is established as a committee of the Legislative Council to receive updates, review data and input, and make recommendations regarding Medicaid managed care. (2015 Acts, SF 505, §64)

\*\*Legislative members are appointed by the Legislative Council\*\*

2. The **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission** is created, with two voting members appointed by each member state's member board to serve as commissioners. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §82 (11) and (12))

\*\*No legislative appointments\*\*

3. The **Children’s Mental Health Workgroup** is to be facilitated by the Department of Human Services, in cooperation with the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health, to make recommendations related to children’s mental health. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §102) **\*\*No legislative appointments\*\***

#### **H. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Abolished in 2015 Acts**

1. The Iowa Code chapter establishing the **Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council**, which includes four legislative members, is repealed July 1, 2016. (2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §103)
2. The Iowa Code section establishing the **State Board of Tax Review** within the Department of Revenue is repealed upon the final disposition of all cases pending before the board or on July 1, 2016, whichever occurs earliest. (2015 Iowa Acts, HF 626, §§2 and 3)

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**Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee**

Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48(3)(e)

**2.45 Committees of the legislative council.**

The legislative council shall be divided into committees, which shall include but not be limited to:

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:

e. In 2015:

(1) (a) The agricultural assets transfer tax credit as provided in section 16.80.

(b) The custom farming contract tax credit as provided in section 16.81.

(2) The claim of right tax credit under section 422.5.

(3) The reduction in allocating income to Iowa by S corporation shareholders under section 422.8.

(4) The minimum tax credit under sections 422.11B, 422.33, and 422.60.

(5) The assistive device corporate tax credit under section 422.33.

(6) The charitable conservation contribution tax credit under sections 422.11W and 422.33.

(7) The motor vehicle fuel tax credit under section 422.110.

(8) The new jobs tax credits available under section 422.11A.

**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.1 and 28B.2

**28B.1 Membership of commission.**

1. In accordance with a resolution adopted for this purpose by the legislative council, an Iowa commission on interstate cooperation shall be appointed to address the charge and other responsibilities for the commission outlined in the resolution. The commission shall consist of thirteen members to be appointed as follows:

a. Three members of the senate to be appointed by the majority leader of the senate and two members of the senate to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

b. Three members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

c. Three administrative officers to be appointed by the governor.

2. Appointments shall be made prior to the fourth Monday in January of the first regular session of the general assembly. Members shall take office on February 1 following their appointment and serve for two-year terms or until their successors are appointed and take office.

3. The governor, the majority leader of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives are ex officio honorary nonvoting members of the commission.

4. The director of the legislative services agency shall serve as secretary of the commission.

**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.

**Distribution of E911 funds**

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.

## 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.

**Telecommunications Company Property Tax Review Committee**

2013 Acts, chapter 123, §36

**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.

**Elimination of the Income Tax in Iowa**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY WHITVER and CHELGREN

A Resolution requesting the legislative council to establish an interim study committee to study elimination of the income tax in Iowa.

WHEREAS, the Iowa income tax creates a substantial financial burden on the citizens of this state as they work hard to grow businesses, educate their children, and save for their future; and

WHEREAS, the collection and administration of the income tax represents a substantial expense to the state of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, elimination of the income tax could have a positive impact on Iowa's taxpayers, economy, and job growth, without limiting the state's ability to provide for the protection, security, and benefit of its citizens; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate formally requests the legislative council to authorize and establish an interim study committee, composed of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to commence meeting during the 2015 interim as soon as practicable. The purpose of the interim committee is to study the feasibility of eliminating the income tax in Iowa and to receive and make recommendations regarding elimination of the income tax, submitting the study committee's conclusions and recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2016.

**Local Government Mandates Study**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY DANIELSON

A Resolution requesting the legislative council to establish an interim study committee to study local government mandates.

WHEREAS, counties in this state are required by law to house a variety of state agencies, including employees of the department of human services and the judicial branch, and to provide such agencies with supplies while receiving little or no reimbursement from the state; and

WHEREAS, the cost of paper document storage required by the state is a significant burden on Iowa counties, and the implementation of paperless filing systems can encourage government efficiency in document storage and retention; and

WHEREAS, publishing costs of meeting records and legal notices pose a significant burden to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the current formula for local emergency management agency funding does not adequately address the needs of Iowa's more populous counties; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate requests the legislative council to authorize and establish an interim study committee, composed of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to commence meeting during the 2015 legislative interim. The purpose of the interim study committee is to study unfunded mandates referred to in this resolution and to receive and, if appropriate, make recommendations to the general assembly related to those mandates before January 1, 2016.

**Beverage Container Recycling Efforts Study**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY HART

A Resolution requesting the legislative council to establish a legislative interim committee on beverage container recycling efforts.

WHEREAS, the law governing control of beverage containers, known as the bottle bill, was first passed by the general assembly in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the bottle bill, codified in Iowa Code chapter 455C, has succeeded in encouraging recycling and preventing litter, and enjoys broad support among the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, the bottle bill depends on the efforts and cooperation of consumers, retailers, distributors, and redemption centers; and

WHEREAS, the handling fee paid to retailers and redemption centers has remained the same over the life of the bottle bill while operation costs have increased; and

WHEREAS, many new beverage containers have been introduced into the marketplace since the enactment of the bottle bill; and

WHEREAS, a review of the bottle bill should be conducted to maintain and enhance the effectiveness of the goals of the bottle bill; and

WHEREAS, the review of the bottle bill should include but not be limited to input from all interested parties regarding deposits, handling fees, government oversight and involvement, and unreturned containers; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative council is requested to establish a legislative interim study committee on beverage container recycling efforts for the 2015 interim to review beverage container recycling efforts in this state and make recommendations and file a final report with the general assembly.

## Home Modification and Housing Accommodation Study

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To: Senator Michael Gronstal   
From: Senator Herman Quirmbach, Senator Rita Hart   
Date: April 20, 2015  
Re: Request for Interim Study of Housing Accommodations for Disabled People

Recently a bill, SF 475, was considered in subcommittee regarding a subsidy to help disabled people make accommodations to their homes. While all present agreed on the value of making such accommodations so as to allow disabled individuals a better quality of life as well as saving families and the state from potential nursing home bills, a number of serious questions arose that prevented the bill from going further this year.

We propose that an interim study be undertaken to address these questions and to help formulate successful legislation next year. Specifically, the study should address the following:

- How should we define "disabled" for the purposes of this proposal and who should make that determination?
- What income/asset limits, if any, should be adopted for eligibility?
- Is the program better structured as a tax credit (i.e., administered by the Department of Revenue), or would it be better to have a grant program administered by the Department of Human Services or some other disability-related agency?
- What types of housing should be eligible?
- Should the state exercise some oversight as to the types of modifications covered?
- Should the state maintain a list of contractors approved for the program or otherwise oversee their qualifications?
- What other assistance might be available to disabled individuals from the federal or state government? E.g., VA, Voc Rehab, Medicaid, etc.

The participants in the study should include representatives from the Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council, the Department of Human Services, the Department for the Blind, the Department of Human Rights, the Department of Education, including the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and the statewide Independent Living Council Council, the Department of Revenue, the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, and private citizen groups representing the disable.

We ask that you kindly take this request up with the group that authorizes such studies.

## Bidding on State Construction Contracts Study

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To: Senator Michael Gronstal *HL*  
From: Senator Herman Quirmbach; Senator Jeff Danielson *JD*  
Date: April 20, 2015  
Re: Request for Interim Study on Contract Bidding

Bills in the Senate this year were considered to address a number of problems related to bidding on state construction contracts. While these bills did not attain passage, they did raise serious questions regarding the transparency of bidding procedures, the choice of the procedure most likely to minimize taxpayer cost, and the promotion of fair and open competition.

We respectfully ask for authorization of an interim study to pursue these questions in the interest of efficiency and fairness to taxpayers and contractors alike. Specifically, the study should address the following:

- What is the experience of public projects in Iowa regarding cost, quality, and timeliness of completion from using a construction manager (CM) approach in comparison with a general contractor (GC) approach?
- Under what circumstances, if any, can a design-build approach be used? What is the experience with that method?
- Specifically, should a GC be allowed to bid on an entire project, even if a CM is used and has broken the project into bid packages?
- Should construction projects handled by the Board of Regents be exempt from the general regulations governing other state/local projects?
- Is there a need for legislation to clarify when and whether CM or design-build should be utilized on state projects?

Participants in the study should include representatives of the Department of Management, the Department of Administrative Services, the Iowa Association of School Boards, the Iowa Board of Regents, the Iowa League of Cities, and the Iowa State Association of Counties, as well as broad representation from all sectors of the construction industry.

We ask that you kindly take this request up with the group that authorizes such studies.

## Iowa Recycling Policy Study

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Appropriations Subcommittee,  
*Vice Chair*

Speaker Paulsen and Senator Gronstal:

This letter is a formal request to establish a legislative interim committee on recycling policy in Iowa. Distributors, retailers, customers and environmental advocates need to come together with policymakers to discuss this important issue to update recycling policies in the state of Iowa.

The State of Iowa's current coverage container policy, first passed in 1973, is no longer meeting the demand of a responsible recycling program. The state began this effort to reduce litter and illegal dumping. While the bottle bill has been very successful in that area, cost inflation and major increases in the number and types beverage containers in the marketplace have pushed the current system to a breaking point.

The establishment of an interim committee would give all parties – distributors, retailers, customers, recyclers, and others – a chance to provide their input and suggest recommendations regarding deposits, handling fees, government oversight and involvement, and unreturned containers. By working together in an interim committee we will be able to improve the bottle law for the better so that all Iowans can benefit.

Iowa's bottle law has been a success story since it was established over 35 years ago. We believe it is time to have a discussion to make sure this legislation continues to be a success in the future.

Sincerely,

Senator Rita Hart, Clinton

Representative Bobby Kaufmann, Wilton

## Natural Gas Shortages Study



### The General Assembly

State of Iowa  
*Eighty-sixth General Assembly*  
 STATEHOUSE  
 Des Moines, Iowa 50319

June 4, 2015

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 the shortage of natural gas supply in some rural Iowa counties and its impact on rural economic development.

There are numerous examples throughout Iowa where the ongoing shortage of natural gas supply has had a negative impact on the ability of many of our Iowa counties to retain, expand or attract industry. We believe that there are state related policies and laws that, if effectively addressed, will open up new opportunities to expand the natural gas availability in un-served and under-served parts of Iowa, thus providing highly desirable economic development opportunities.

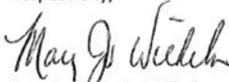
Although we have encouraged our county officials and other community leaders to work closely with the Iowa Economic Development on this issue, we also believe that the solution may require assistance from the Iowa Legislature. Thus, our request for an interim committee.

**Suggested Committee Format:**

- Day 1: Testimony by state, county and local economic development leaders related to missed opportunities resulting from the lack of adequate natural gas supply.
- Day 1: Testimony by representatives from businesses impacted negatively by this lack of adequate natural gas supply.
- Day 1: Identification of federal and state issues that are limiting the ability to provide an increase in natural gas supply to rural counties throughout Iowa.
- Day 2: Identification of proposed solutions which can be effectively addressed by the Iowa Legislature that would enhance the availability of the natural gas supply in un-served and under-served parts of Iowa.

We believe we have an opportunity to bring together a bipartisan group of legislators to consult with a variety of stakeholders – including industry groups, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Iowa Economic Development Authority and other interested parties -- to recommend legislation for the 2015 session.

Respectfully,

  
 Senator Mary Jo Wilhelm

  
 Representative Josh Byrnes

Chronic Wasting Disease

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July 23, 2015

Dear Majority Leader Gronstal and Speaker Paulsen:

This letter is a formal request to establish a legislative interim committee on chronic wasting disease (CWD) for the purpose of establishing a long-term plan for addressing the problem of CWD in deer on public and private property in Iowa. CWD has the potential to cause massive disruptions for Iowa hunters, preserve owners, and breeders leading to lost recreational opportunities and economic damages.

The State of Iowa has long been surrounded by states with active CWD outbreaks in wild and captive deer populations. In the last two years, Iowa has had confirmed CWD cases in captive facilities in Cerro Gordo, Davis, and Pottawattamie counties. This was followed last year by the first confirmed CWD case in the wild in Allamakee County.

The establishment of an interim committee would give all parties a chance to provide their input and suggest recommendations on how the state should move forward in response to this disease. By working together in an interim committee, we will be able to improve our response and develop a clear path for managing this disease in the future.

I believe it is important for all sides to come to the table and offer positive solutions to this problem so that we can find a path forward to protect our state's prime deer hunting opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Senator Chris Brase  
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## Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses

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Administrative Rules and Review

July 28, 2015

Senator Gronstal and Representative Paulsen,

This letter formally requests an interim study committee regarding issuance of temporary driver's license to immigrants in Iowa who meet the requirements of residency, testing and insurance but who lack documentation of authorized presence. Twelve states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico have passed laws to allow for the issuance of such licenses, and the proposal has broad support from Iowa law enforcement officials, emergency care providers, faith communities, Latino advocacy organizations, business and labor interests, and social justice organizations.

The requested study should conclude no later than December 2015. The interim study committee would be named the "Temporary Visitor Driver's License Interim Study Committee" and would be directed to study the policy issues related to requiring immigrants in Iowa to be tested, licensed and insured. Related policy issues to be studied could include public safety perspectives, protections against fraud, impact on insurance rates and limitations on use of license for federal purposes.

The interim study committee would meet for one legislative day to study the issue and should consist of members of both Senate and House chambers. At the committee's discretion input may be received from law enforcement, business leaders, labor, community and faith organizations, and other interested groups. The participation of the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety may also be requested in the interim study committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Senator Pam Jochum  
Senate President

**Exchange Wagering**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 438, §1

Section 1. RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION — EXCHANGE WAGERING STUDY.

1. The state racing and gaming commission shall conduct a study concerning the possible authorization of exchange wagering, a form of wagering in which two or more persons place identically opposing wagers in a given market, as a form of pari-mutuel wagering in Iowa. The study shall consider the current state of pari-mutuel wagering in Iowa, the potential revenue impact of authorizing exchange wagering, the possible regulatory framework necessary if exchange wagering is authorized for licensees regulated under chapters 99D and 99F, including any necessary consumer protections, the manner of collecting wagering taxes for exchange wagering, and the general impact of authorizing exchange wagering as a form of pari-mutuel wagering.

2. In conducting the study, the commission shall consult with the Iowa horsemen's benevolent and protective association, and may consult with the horse racetrack located in Polk county and any other parties the commission deems necessary.

3. The commission shall submit a written report on its findings to the general assembly by December 1, 2015. The commission is not required to make specific recommendations regarding the legalization of exchange wagering in Iowa. The cost of the study shall be treated as an additional cost to the racing and gaming commission.

**Address Confidentiality Program Revolving Fund Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 585, §1

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **9.8 Address confidentiality program revolving fund.**

1. An address confidentiality program revolving fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of moneys collected by the clerk of the district court and transferred to the office of the secretary of state pursuant to section 602.8108, subsection 6A. The moneys in the fund are subject to appropriation by the general assembly. The office of the secretary of state shall administer the fund. The office of the secretary of state shall provide an annual report to the department of management and the legislative services agency on expenditures from the fund in a format as determined by the department of management in consultation with the legislative services agency.

2. To meet cash flow needs for the address confidentiality program established in chapter 9E, the office of secretary of state may temporarily use funds from the general fund of the state to pay expenses in excess of moneys available in the revolving fund for purposes of the program if those additional expenditures can be fully reimbursed with moneys collected pursuant to section 602.8108, subsection 6A, and the office of the secretary of state reimburses the general fund of the state and ensures that all moneys are repaid in full by the close of the fiscal year. Because any general fund moneys used shall be fully reimbursed, such temporary use of funds from the general fund of the state shall not constitute an appropriation for purposes of calculating the state general fund expenditure limitation pursuant to section 8.54.

3. Section 8.33 does not apply to any moneys appropriated to the revolving fund.

**Reduced Block Grant Funding - Notification**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 630, §15

Sec. 15. PROCEDURE FOR REDUCED FEDERAL FUNDS.

1. If the funds received from the federal government for the block grants specified in this Act are less than the amounts appropriated, the funds actually received shall be prorated by the governor for the various programs, other than for the services to victims of sex offenses and for rape prevention education under section 4, subsection 3, of this Act, for which each block grant is available according to the percentages that each program is to receive as specified in this Act. However, if the governor determines that the funds allocated by the percentages will not be sufficient to accomplish the purposes of a particular program, or if the appropriation is not allocated by percentage, the governor may allocate the funds in a manner which will accomplish to the greatest extent possible the purposes of the various programs for which the block grants are available.

2. Before the governor implements the actions provided for in subsection 1, the following procedures shall be taken:

a. The chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house standing committees on appropriations, the appropriate chairpersons and ranking members of subcommittees of those committees, and the director of the legislative services agency shall be notified of the proposed action.

b. The notice shall include the proposed allocations, and information on the reasons why particular percentages or amounts of funds are allocated to the individual programs, the departments and programs affected, and other information deemed useful. Chairpersons and ranking members notified shall be allowed at least two weeks to review and comment on the proposed action before the action is taken.

**Expenditure of Additional Grants, Receipts, or Funds - Notification**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 630, §17

Sec. 17. PROCEDURE FOR EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS. If other federal grants, receipts, and funds and other nonstate grants, receipts, and funds become available or are awarded which are not available or awarded during the period in which the general assembly is in session, but which require expenditure by the applicable department or agency prior to March 15 of the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016, these grants, receipts, and funds are appropriated to the extent necessary, provided that the fiscal committee of the legislative council is notified within 30 days of receipt of the grants, receipts, or funds and the fiscal committee of the legislative council has an opportunity to comment on the expenditure of the grants, receipts, or funds.

**Full-Time Equivalent Positions - Notification**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 659, §§4(2) and 42(2)

Sec. 4. AUDITOR OF STATE.

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.

Sec. 42. AUDITOR OF STATE.

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.

**Additional Expenditures - Notification**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 659, §§7(2)(d) and 45(2)(d)

Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

2. There is appropriated from the department of commerce revolving fund created in section 546.12 to the department of commerce for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

d. UTILITIES DIVISION

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

.....	\$ 8,560,405
.....FTEs	79.00

(2) The utilities division may expend additional moneys, including moneys for additional personnel, if those additional expenditures are actual expenses which exceed the moneys budgeted for utility regulation and the expenditures are fully reimbursable. Before the division expends or encumbers an amount in excess of the moneys budgeted for regulation, the division shall first do both of the following:

(a) Notify the department of management, the legislative services agency, and the legislative fiscal committee of the need for the expenditures.

(b) File with each of the entities named in subparagraph division (a) the legislative and regulatory justification for the expenditures, along with an estimate of the expenditures.

Sec. 45. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

2. There is appropriated from the department of commerce revolving fund created in section 546.12 to the department of commerce for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

d. UTILITIES DIVISION

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

.....	\$ 4,280,203
.....FTEs	79.00

2) The utilities division may expend additional moneys, including moneys for additional personnel, if those additional expenditures are actual expenses which exceed the moneys budgeted for utility regulation and the expenditures are fully reimbursable. Before the division expends or encumbers an amount in excess of the moneys budgeted for regulation, the division shall first do both of the following:

(a) Notify the department of management, the legislative services agency, and the legislative fiscal committee of the need for the expenditures.

(b) File with each of the entities named in subparagraph division (a) the legislative and regulatory justification for the expenditures, along with an estimate of the expenditures.

**Fraud in Public Assistance Program Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 659, §§12(3) and 50(3)

Sec. 12. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used 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:

.....	\$ 2,573,089
.....FTEs	55.00

b. By December 1, 2015, the department, in coordination with the investigations division, shall submit a report to the general assembly concerning the division's activities relative to fraud in public assistance programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015. 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.

Sec. 50. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used 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
.....FTEs	55.00

b. By December 1, 2016, the department, in coordination with the investigations division, shall submit a report to the general assembly concerning the division's activities relative to fraud in public assistance programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016. 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.

**Underground Storage Tank Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 652, §4

Sec. 4. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK STUDY. The Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board shall, by December 15, 2015, conduct a study concerning, and make recommendations to the general assembly regarding potential resolutions of, all of the following:

1. The number of underground storage tanks originally installed prior to 1990 which need to be replaced.

2. Obstacles and impediments to cleanup and redevelopment of leaking underground storage tank sites, including but not limited to restrictions on land use, abandoned properties, landowner participation, economic feasibility, and regulatory rulemaking.

3. Progress on the cleanup of current leaking underground storage tank sites and an assessment of the potential to complete cleanup of these sites by December 31, 2018.

**Income Tax Fraudulent Refunds Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §§105 and 106

## DIVISION XIX

## REFUND FRAUD — INCOME TAXES

Sec. 105. Section 421.17, subsection 23, Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

23. To develop, modify, or contract with vendors to create or administer systems or programs which identify nonfilers of returns or nonpayers of taxes administered by the department and to identify and prevent the issuance of fraudulent or erroneous refunds. Fees for services, reimbursements, costs incurred by the department, or other remuneration may be funded from the amount of tax, penalty, or interest actually collected and shall be paid only after the amount is collected. An amount is appropriated from the amount of tax, penalty, and interest actually collected, not to exceed the amount collected, which is sufficient to pay for services, reimbursement, costs incurred by the department, or other remuneration pursuant to this subsection. Vendors entering into a contract with the department pursuant to this subsection are subject to the requirements and penalties of the confidentiality laws of this state regarding tax information. The director shall report annually to the legislative services agency and the chairpersons and ranking members of the ways and means committees on the amount of costs incurred and paid during the previous fiscal year pursuant to this subsection and the incidence of refund fraud and the costs incurred and amounts prevented from issuance during the previous fiscal year pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 106. IMPLEMENTATION — REPORT. The director of revenue shall implement the procedures required by this division of this Act no later than January 1, 2016. The director shall submit a report on the director's progress in implementing the procedures required by this division of this Act to the general assembly by October 3, 2016. The report shall include any statutory changes necessary to facilitate the implementation of this division of this Act.

**Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Expenditure Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §§1(1) and (3) and 24(1) and (3)

Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 17,655,492
.....	FTEs 372.00

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

Sec. 24. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 8,827,746
.....	FTEs 372.00

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

**Department of Natural Resources Expenditure Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §§9(1) and (3) and 32(1) and (3)

Sec. 9. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 12,862,307
.....FTEs	1,145.95

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

Sec. 32. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 6,431,154
.....FTEs	1,145.95

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

**Three-Year Data Collection of In-Field Agricultural Practices Pilot Project Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §18(1)and(4)

Sec. 18. DATA COLLECTION OF IN-FIELD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES — THREE-YEAR PILOT PROJECT.

1. Notwithstanding section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b, subparagraph (3), subparagraph division (b), of the unobligated and unencumbered moneys remaining in the agriculture management account of the groundwater protection fund that would otherwise be required to be transferred to the Iowa department of public health under that subparagraph division, there is appropriated to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

a. For use by the university's college of agriculture and life sciences for purposes of supporting a three-year data collection of in-field practices project:  
.....\$ 1,230,000

b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

4. The college shall submit interim reports to the general assembly by March 1, 2016, and March 1, 2017, and a final report to the general assembly by March 1, 2018. The final report shall include its findings and recommendations.

**Avian Flu Waste Disposal Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 494, §50

Sec. 50. WASTE DISPOSAL REPORT. A chapter 28E entity which accepts avian flu waste for landfill disposal and which receives reimbursement of costs from the United States department of agriculture shall report to the general assembly by January 1, 2016, a summary of total costs and revenues related to the disposal of avian flu wastes.

**Regents' Economic Development Activities, Projects, and Programs Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §§16(1)(b)(1) and 32(1)(b)(1)

Sec. 16. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND.

1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund created in section 8.75 to the following departments, agencies, and institutions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

b. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS AND REGENTS INSTITUTIONS

(1) STATE BOARD OF REGENTS. For capacity building infrastructure in areas related to technology commercialization, marketing and business development efforts in areas related to technology commercialization, entrepreneurship, and business growth, and infrastructure projects and programs needed to assist in implementation of activities under chapter 262B: .....\$ 3,000,000

Of the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subparagraph (1), 35 percent shall be allocated for Iowa state university of science and technology, 35 percent shall be allocated for the university of Iowa, and 30 percent shall be allocated for the university of northern Iowa.

(a) The institutions shall provide a one-to-one match of additional moneys for the activities funded with moneys appropriated under this subparagraph (1).

(b) The state board of regents shall annually submit a report by January 15 to the governor, the general assembly, and the legislative services agency regarding the activities, projects, and programs funded with moneys appropriated under this subparagraph (1). The report shall be provided in an electronic format and shall include a list of metrics and criteria mutually agreed to in advance by the board of regents and the economic development authority. The metrics and criteria shall allow the governor's office and the general assembly to quantify and evaluate the progress of the board of regents institutions with regard to their activities, projects, and programs in the areas of technology commercialization, entrepreneurship, regional development, and market research.

Sec. 32. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND.

1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund created in section 8.75 to the following departments, agencies, and institutions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

b. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS AND REGENTS INSTITUTIONS

(1) STATE BOARD OF REGENTS. For capacity building infrastructure in areas related to technology commercialization, marketing and business development efforts in areas related to technology commercialization, entrepreneurship, and business growth, and infrastructure projects and programs needed to assist in implementation of activities under chapter 262B: .....\$ 1,500,000

Of the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subparagraph (1), 35 percent shall be allocated for Iowa state university of science and technology, 35 percent shall be allocated for the university of Iowa, and 30 percent shall be allocated for the university of northern Iowa.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §§16(1)(b)(1) and 32(1)(b)(1) [CONTINUED]

(a) The institutions shall provide a one-to-one match of additional moneys for the activities funded with moneys appropriated under this subparagraph (1).

(b) The state board of regents shall annually submit a report by January 15 to the governor, the general assembly, and the legislative services agency regarding the activities, projects, and programs funded with moneys appropriated under this subparagraph (1). The report shall be provided in an electronic format and shall include a list of metrics and criteria mutually agreed to in advance by the board of regents and the economic development authority. The metrics and criteria shall allow the governor's office and the general assembly to quantify and evaluate the progress of the board of regents institutions with regard to their activities, projects, and programs in the areas of technology commercialization, entrepreneurship, regional development, and market research.

**Iowa State University Contract Research Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §§16(1)(b)(2) and 32(1)(b)(2)

Sec. 16. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND.

1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund created in section 8.75 to the following departments, agencies, and institutions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

b. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS AND REGENTS INSTITUTIONS

(2) IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. For small business development centers, the science and technology research park, and the center for industrial research and service, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 2,424,302
.....FTEs	56.63

(a) Of the moneys appropriated in this subparagraph (2), Iowa state university of science and technology shall allocate at least \$735,728 for purposes of funding small business development centers. Iowa state university of science and technology may allocate the appropriated moneys to the various small business development centers in any manner necessary to achieve the purposes of this subparagraph.

(b) Iowa state university of science and technology shall do all of the following:

(i) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

(ii) Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based companies.

(c) It is the intent of the general assembly that the industrial incentive program focus on Iowa industrial sectors and seek contributions and in-kind donations from businesses, industrial foundations, and trade associations, and that moneys for the center for industrial research and service industrial incentive program shall be allocated only for projects which are matched by private sector moneys for directed contract research or for nondirected research. The match required of small businesses as defined in section 15.102, subsection 8, for directed contract research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$3 of state funds. The match required for other businesses for directed contract research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds. The match required of industrial foundations or trade associations shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds.

Iowa state university of science and technology shall report annually to the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic development and the legislative services agency the total amount of private contributions, the proportion of contributions from small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for directed contract research and nondirected research of benefit to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §§16(1)(b)(2) and 32(1)(b)(2) [CONTINUED]

Sec. 32. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND.

1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund created in section 8.75 to the following departments, agencies, and institutions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

b. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS AND REGENTS INSTITUTIONS

(2) IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. For small business development centers, the science and technology research park, and the center for industrial research and service, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 1,212,151
.....	FTEs 56.63

(a) Of the moneys appropriated in this subparagraph (2), Iowa state university of science and technology shall allocate at least \$735,728 for purposes of funding small business development centers. Iowa state university of science and technology may allocate the appropriated moneys to the various small business development centers in any manner necessary to achieve the purposes of this subparagraph.

(b) Iowa state university of science and technology shall do all of the following:

(i) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

(ii) Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based companies.

(c) It is the intent of the general assembly that the industrial incentive program focus on Iowa industrial sectors and seek contributions and in-kind donations from businesses, industrial foundations, and trade associations, and that moneys for the center for industrial research and service industrial incentive program shall be allocated only for projects which are matched by private sector moneys for directed contract research or for nondirected research. The match required of small businesses as defined in section 15.102, subsection 8, for directed contract research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$3 of state funds. The match required for other businesses for directed contract research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds. The match required of industrial foundations or trade associations shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds.

Iowa state university of science and technology shall report annually to the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic development and the legislative services agency the total amount of private contributions, the proportion of contributions from small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for directed contract research and nondirected research of benefit to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors.

## Nuisance Property Remediation Report

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 499, §48(1) and (7)

Sec. 48. NEW SECTION. **15.338 Nuisance property remediation assistance — fund.**

1. a. The economic development authority shall establish a nuisance property remediation fund pursuant to section 15.106A, subsection 1, paragraph "o", for purposes of providing financial assistance to cities for the remediation of nuisance properties and abandoned buildings and other structures. The authority shall administer the fund in a manner designed to make funds annually available to cities for purposes of this section.

b. The authority may administer a fund established for purposes of this section as a revolving fund. The fund may consist of any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for purposes of this section and any other moneys that are lawfully available to the authority, including moneys transferred or deposited from other funds created pursuant to section 15.106A, subsection 1, paragraph "o".

c. The authority shall use any moneys specifically appropriated for purposes of this section only for the purposes of this section. The authority may use all other moneys in the fund, including interest, earnings, recaptures, and repayments for purposes of this section or the authority may transfer the other moneys to other funds created pursuant to section 15.106A, subsection 1, paragraph "o".

d. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the nuisance property remediation fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to any other fund but shall remain in the fund for expenditure for subsequent fiscal years.

e. The authority may use not more than five percent of the moneys in the fund at the beginning of the fiscal year for purposes of administrative costs, finance, compliance, marketing, and program support.

7. The authority shall submit a report to the general assembly and the governor's office on or before January 31, 2019, describing the results of the program implemented pursuant to this section and making recommendations for additional program changes.

**Iowa Reading Corps Program Annual Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 488, §2

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **15H.7 Iowa reading corps.**

1. a. The Iowa commission on volunteer service, in collaboration with the department of education, may establish an Iowa reading corps program to provide Iowa reading corps Americorps members with a data-based, problem-solving model of literacy instruction to use in tutoring students from prekindergarten to third grade who are not proficient in reading or who are at risk of becoming not proficient in reading.

b. The program shall use models of early literacy instruction reviewed and approved by the department of education pursuant to section 256.9, subsection 53, paragraph "c".

c. The commission and the department of education shall grant Americorps programs that are operating an early literacy intervention program within a single school district on the date of enactment of this Act that seek to be included in the Iowa reading corps program adequate time to make adjustments to align the currently operating program with commission and department goals and strategies for the Iowa reading corps program.

2. a. The models of literacy instruction utilized by Iowa reading corps Americorps members shall align with literacy program goals and strategies developed by the state department of education, the local school district, and the Iowa reading research center.

b. The commission, in collaboration with the department of education, may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement and administer this section.

3. The commission may use moneys in and lawfully available to the community programs account created in section 15H.5 to fund the program.

4. The commission shall submit an annual report to the general assembly and the state department of education that records and evaluates program data to determine the efficacy of the program.

**Antibullying Program Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 658, §§6(1) and 25(1)

Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

.....	\$ 6,304,047
.....FTEs	81.67

By January 15, 2016, 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, 2015.

Sec. 25. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

.....	\$ 3,152,024
.....FTEs	81.67

By January 15, 2017, 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, 2016.

**Outreach Efforts Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 658, §§6(3)(a) and 25(3)(a)

Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES DIVISION

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

.....	\$ 5,911,200
.....FTEs	255.00

For purposes of optimizing the job placement of individuals with disabilities, the division shall make its best efforts to work with community rehabilitation program providers for job placement and retention services for individuals with significant disabilities and most significant disabilities. By January 15, 2016, the division shall submit a written report to the general assembly on the division's outreach efforts with community rehabilitation program providers.

Sec. 25. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES DIVISION

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

.....	\$ 2,955,600
.....FTEs	255.00

For purposes of optimizing the job placement of individuals with disabilities, the division shall make its best efforts to work with community rehabilitation program providers for job placement and retention services for individuals with significant disabilities and most significant disabilities. By January 15, 2016, the division shall submit a written report to the general assembly on the division's outreach efforts with community rehabilitation program providers.

**Board of Regents Monthly Financial Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 658, §§7(1)(a) and 26(1)(a)

Sec. 7. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state board of regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

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

.....	\$ 1,094,714
.....FTEs	15.00

The state board of regents shall submit a monthly financial report in a format agreed upon by the state board of regents office and the legislative services agency. The report submitted in December 2015 shall include the five-year graduation rates for the regents universities.

Sec. 26. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state board of regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

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

.....	\$ 547,357
.....FTEs	15.00

The state board of regents shall submit a monthly financial report in a format agreed upon by the state board of regents office and the legislative services agency. The report submitted in December 2016 shall include the five-year graduation rates for the regents universities.

## Health Care Workforce Support Initiative Report

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 536, §212(1) and (8)

### Sec. 212. NEW SECTION. 135.175 Health care workforce support initiative — workforce shortage fund — accounts.

1. a. A health care workforce support initiative is established to provide for the coordination and support of various efforts to address the health care workforce shortage in this state. This initiative shall include the medical residency training state matching grants program created in section 135.176, the nurse residency state matching grants program created in section 135.178, the fulfilling Iowa's need for dentists matching grant program created in section 135.179, the health care professional incentive payment program and Iowa needs nurses now initiative created in sections 261.128 and 261.129, the safety net provider recruitment and retention initiatives program created in section 135.153A, health care workforce shortage national initiatives, and the physician assistant mental health fellowship program created in section 135.177.

b. A health care workforce shortage fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the department, in cooperation with the entities identified in this section as having control over the accounts within the fund. The fund and the accounts within the fund shall be controlled and managed in a manner consistent with the principles specified and the strategic plan developed pursuant to sections 135.163 and 135.164.

8. The department, in cooperation with the entities identified in this section as having control over any of the accounts within the fund, shall submit an annual report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the status of the health care workforce support initiative, including the balance remaining in and appropriations from the health care workforce shortage fund and the accounts within the fund.

**Iowa Health Information Network Annual Budget and Fiscal Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 381, §6

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **135D.6 Board of directors — composition — duties.**

1. The designated entity shall be administered by a board of directors.

2. A single industry shall not be disproportionately represented as voting members of the board. The board shall include at least one member who is a consumer of health services and a majority of the voting members of the board shall be representative of participants in the Iowa health information network. The director of public health or the director's designee and the director of the Iowa Medicaid enterprise or the director's designee shall act as voting members of the board. The commissioner of insurance shall act as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board. Individuals serving in an ex officio, nonvoting capacity shall not be included in the total number of individuals authorized as members of the board.

3. The board of directors shall do all of the following:

a. Ensure that the designated entity enters into contracts with each state agency necessary for state reporting requirements.

b. Develop, implement, and enforce the following:

(1) A single patient identifier or alternative mechanism to share secure patient information that is utilized by all health care professionals.

(2) Standards, requirements, policies, and procedures for access to, use, secondary use, privacy, and security of health information exchanged through the Iowa health information network, consistent with applicable federal and state standards and laws.

c. Direct a public and private collaborative effort to promote the adoption and use of health information technology in the state to improve health care quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs, enhance public health, and empower individuals and health care professionals with comprehensive, real-time medical information to provide continuity of care and make the best health care decisions.

d. Educate the public and the health care sector about the value of health information technology in improving patient care, and methods to promote increased support and collaboration of state and local public health agencies, health care professionals, and consumers in health information technology initiatives.

e. Work to align interstate and intrastate interoperability standards in accordance with national health information exchange standards.

f. Provide an annual budget and fiscal report for the Iowa health information network to the governor, the department of public health, the department of management, the chairs and ranking members of the legislative government oversight standing committees, and the legislative services agency. The report shall also include information about the services provided through the network and information on the participant usage of the network.

**Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission Annual Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §82(11), (12)(q), and (16)

Sec. 82. NEW SECTION. **148G.1 Interstate medical licensure compact.**

11. *Interstate medical licensure compact commission.*

a. The member states hereby create the interstate medical licensure compact commission.

b. The purpose of the interstate commission is the administration of the interstate medical licensure compact, which is a discretionary state function.

c. The interstate commission shall be a body corporate and joint agency of the member states and shall have all the responsibilities, powers, and duties set forth in the compact, and such additional powers as may be conferred upon it by a subsequent concurrent action of the respective legislatures of the member states in accordance with the terms of the compact.

d. The interstate commission shall consist of two voting representatives appointed by each member state who shall serve as commissioners. In states where allopathic and osteopathic physicians are regulated by separate member boards, or if the licensing and disciplinary authority is split between multiple member boards within a member state, the member state shall appoint one representative from each member board. A commissioner shall be one of the following:

(1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician appointed to a member board.

(2) An executive director, executive secretary, or similar executive of a member board.

(3) A member of the public appointed to a member board.

e. The interstate commission shall meet at least once each calendar year. A portion of this meeting shall be a business meeting to address such matters as may properly come before the commission, including the election of officers. The chairperson may call additional meetings and shall call for a meeting upon the request of a majority of the member states.

f. The bylaws may provide for meetings of the interstate commission to be conducted by telecommunication or electronic communication.

g. Each commissioner participating at a meeting of the interstate commission is entitled to one vote. A majority of commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless a larger quorum is required by the bylaws of the interstate commission. A commissioner shall not delegate a vote to another commissioner. In the absence of its commissioner, a member state may delegate voting authority for a specified meeting to another person from that state who shall meet the requirements of paragraph "d".

h. The interstate commission shall provide public notice of all meetings and all meetings shall be open to the public. The interstate commission may close a meeting, in full or in portion, where it determines by a two-thirds vote of the commissioners present that an open meeting would be likely to result in one or more of the following:

(1) Relate solely to the internal personnel practices and procedures of the interstate commission.

(2) Discuss matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal statute.

(3) Discuss trade secrets, commercial, or financial information that is privileged or confidential.

(4) Involve accusing a person of a crime, or formally censuring a person.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §82(11), (12)(q), and (16)[CONTINUED]

(5) Discuss information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(6) Discuss investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes.

(7) Specifically relate to the participation in a civil action or other legal proceeding.

i. The interstate commission shall keep minutes which shall fully describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, including record of any roll call votes.

j. The interstate commission shall make its information and official records, to the extent not otherwise designated in the compact or by its rules, available to the public for inspection.

k. The interstate commission shall establish an executive committee, which shall include officers, members, and others as determined by the bylaws. The executive committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the interstate commission, with the exception of rulemaking, during periods when the interstate commission is not in session. When acting on behalf of the interstate commission, the executive committee shall oversee the administration of the compact including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the compact, its bylaws and rules, and other such duties as necessary.

l. The interstate commission may establish other committees for governance and administration of the compact.

12. *Powers and duties of the interstate commission.* The interstate commission shall have power to perform the following functions:

q. Report annually to the legislatures and governors of the member states concerning the activities of the interstate commission during the preceding year. Such reports shall also include reports of financial audits and any recommendations that may have been adopted by the interstate commission.

16. *Oversight of interstate compact.*

a. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government in each member state shall enforce the compact and shall take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of the compact and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as statutory law but shall not override existing state authority to regulate the practice of medicine.

b. All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of the compact which may affect the powers, responsibilities, or actions of the interstate commission.

c. The interstate commission shall be entitled to receive all service of process in any such proceeding, and shall have standing to intervene in the proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the interstate commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the interstate commission, the compact, or promulgated rules.

**Nicotine Replacement Products Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(1)(a), 31, 123(1)(a), and 151

Sec. 3. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. ADDICTIVE DISORDERS

For reducing the prevalence of the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs, and treating individuals affected by addictive behaviors, including gambling, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
.....\$ 27,263,690  
.....FTEs 10.00

a. (1) Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$5,248,361 shall be used for the tobacco use prevention and control initiative, including efforts at the state and local levels, as provided in chapter 142A. The commission on tobacco use prevention and control established pursuant to section 142A.3 shall advise the director of public health in prioritizing funding needs and the allocation of moneys appropriated for the programs and initiatives. Activities of the programs and initiatives shall be in alignment with the United States centers for disease control and prevention best practices for comprehensive tobacco control programs that include the goals of preventing youth initiation of tobacco usage, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, and promotion of tobacco cessation. To maximize resources, the department shall determine if third-party sources are available to instead provide nicotine replacement products to an applicant prior to provision of such products to an applicant under the initiative. The department shall track and report to the individuals specified in this Act, any reduction in the provision of nicotine replacement products realized by the initiative through implementation of the prerequisite screening.

(2) (a) Of the funds allocated in this paragraph "a", \$453,067 is transferred to the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce for enforcement of tobacco laws, regulations, and ordinances and to engage in tobacco control activities approved by the division of tobacco use prevention and control of the department of public health as specified in the memorandum of understanding entered into between the divisions.

(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the terms of the memorandum of understanding, entered into between the division of tobacco use prevention and control of the department of public health and the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce, governing compliance checks conducted to ensure licensed retail tobacco outlet conformity with tobacco laws, regulations, and ordinances relating to persons under eighteen years of age, shall continue to restrict the number of such checks to one check per retail outlet, and one additional check for any retail outlet found to be in violation during the first check.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(1)(a), 31, 123(1)(a), and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 123. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. ADDICTIVE DISORDERS

For reducing the prevalence of the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs, and treating individuals affected by addictive behaviors, including gambling, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
.....\$ 13,631,845  
.....FTEs 10.00

a. (1) Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$2,624,180 shall be used for the tobacco use prevention and control initiative, including efforts at the state and local levels, as provided in chapter 142A. The commission on tobacco use prevention and control established pursuant to section 142A.3 shall advise the director of public health in prioritizing funding needs and the allocation of moneys appropriated for the programs and initiatives. Activities of the programs and initiatives shall be in alignment with the United States centers for disease control and prevention best practices for comprehensive tobacco control programs that include the goals of preventing youth initiation of tobacco usage, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, and promotion of tobacco cessation. To maximize resources, the department shall determine if third-party sources are available to instead provide nicotine replacement products to an applicant prior to provision of such products to an applicant under the initiative. The department shall track and report to the individuals specified in this Act, any reduction in the provision of nicotine replacement products realized by the initiative through implementation of the prerequisite screening.

(2) (a) Of the funds allocated in this paragraph "a", \$226,533 is transferred to the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce for enforcement of tobacco laws, regulations, and ordinances and to engage in tobacco control activities approved by the division of tobacco use prevention and control of the department of public health as specified in the memorandum of understanding entered into between the divisions.

(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the terms of the memorandum of understanding, entered into between the division of tobacco use prevention and control of the department of public health and the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce, governing compliance checks conducted to ensure licensed retail tobacco outlet conformity with tobacco laws, regulations, and ordinances relating to persons under eighteen years of age, shall continue to restrict the number of such checks to one check per retail outlet, and one additional check for any retail outlet found to be in violation during the first check.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Child Vision Screening Program Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(a), 31, 123(4)(a), and 151

Sec. 3. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

4. COMMUNITY CAPACITY

For strengthening the health care delivery system at the local level, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 8,821,335
.....FTEs	11.00

a. Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$99,414 is allocated for continuation of the child vision screening program implemented through the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics in collaboration with early childhood Iowa areas. The program shall submit a report to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports regarding the use of funds allocated under this paragraph "a". The report shall include the objectives and results for the program year including the target population and how the funds allocated assisted the program in meeting the objectives; the number, age, and location within the state of individuals served; the type of services provided to the individuals served; the distribution of funds based on service provided; and the continuing needs of the program.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(a), 31, 123(4)(a), and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 123. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

4. COMMUNITY CAPACITY

For strengthening the health care delivery system at the local level, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 4,410,667
.....FTEs	11.00

a. Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$49,707 is allocated for continuation of the child vision screening program implemented through the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics in collaboration with early childhood Iowa areas. The program shall submit a report to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports regarding the use of funds allocated under this paragraph "a". The report shall include the objectives and results for the program year including the target population and how the funds allocated assisted the program in meeting the objectives; the number, age, and location within the state of individuals served; the type of services provided to the individuals served; the distribution of funds based on service provided; and the continuing needs of the program.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network Progress Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(g)(1) and (3), 31, 123(4)(g)(1) and (3), and 151

Sec. 3. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

4. COMMUNITY CAPACITY

For strengthening the health care delivery system at the local level, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	8,821,335
.....	FTEs	11.00

g. (1) Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$2,882,969 shall be allocated as a grant to the Iowa primary care association to be used pursuant to section 135.153 for the statewide coordination of the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network. Coordination of the network shall focus on increasing access by underserved populations to health care services, increasing integration of the health system and collaboration across the continuum of care with a focus on safety net services, and enhancing the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network's communication and education efforts. The amount allocated as a grant under this subparagraph (1) shall be used as follows to support the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network goals of increased access, health system integration, and engagement:

(3) For each goal of the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network, the Iowa primary care association shall submit a progress report to the individuals designated in this Act for submission of reports by December 15, 2015, including progress in developing and implementing the network, how the funds were distributed and used in developing and implementing the network, and the remaining needs identified to fully develop and implement the network.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(g)(1) and (3), 31, 123(4)(g)(1) and (3), and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 123. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

4. COMMUNITY CAPACITY

For strengthening the health care delivery system at the local level, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 4,410,667
.....	FTEs 11.00

g. (1) Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$1,441,484 shall be allocated as a grant to the Iowa primary care association to be used pursuant to section 135.153 for the statewide coordination of the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network. Coordination of the network shall focus on increasing access by underserved populations to health care services, increasing integration of the health system and collaboration across the continuum of care with a focus on safety net services, and enhancing the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network's communication and education efforts. The amount allocated as a grant under this subparagraph (1) shall be used as follows to support the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network goals of increased access, health system integration, and engagement:

(3) For each goal of the Iowa collaborative safety net provider network, the Iowa primary care association shall submit a progress report to the individuals designated in this Act for submission of reports by December 15, 2016, including progress in developing and implementing the network, how the funds were distributed and used in developing and implementing the network, and the remaining needs identified to fully develop and implement the network.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Sight Preservation and Blindness Prevention Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(n), 31, 123(4)(n), and 151

Sec. 3. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

4. COMMUNITY CAPACITY

For strengthening the health care delivery system at the local level, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 8,821,335
.....FTEs	11.00

n. Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$100,000 shall be used for continuation of a grant to a nationally affiliated volunteer eye organization that has an established program for children and adults and that is solely dedicated to preserving sight and preventing blindness through education, nationally certified vision screening and training, and community and patient service programs. The organization shall submit a report to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports regarding the use of funds allocated under this paragraph "n". The report shall include the objectives and results for the program year including the target population and how the funds allocated assisted the program in meeting the objectives; the number, age, and location within the state of individuals served; the type of services provided to the individuals served; the distribution of funds based on services provided; and the continuing needs of the program.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§3(4)(n), 31, 123(4)(n), and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 123. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

4. COMMUNITY CAPACITY

For strengthening the health care delivery system at the local level, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 4,410,667
.....FTEs	11.00

n. Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, \$50,000 shall be used for continuation of a grant to a nationally affiliated volunteer eye organization that has an established program for children and adults and that is solely dedicated to preserving sight and preventing blindness through education, nationally certified vision screening and training, and community and patient service programs. The organization shall submit a report to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports regarding the use of funds allocated under this paragraph "n". The report shall include the objectives and results for the program year including the target population and how the funds allocated assisted the program in meeting the objectives; the number, age, and location within the state of individuals served; the type of services provided to the individuals served; the distribution of funds based on services provided; and the continuing needs of the program.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Iowa Veterans Home Monthly Expenditure Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§4(2), 31, 124(2), and 151

Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2. IOWA VETERANS HOME

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....\$ 7,594,996

a. The Iowa veterans home billings involving the department of human services shall be submitted to the department on at least a monthly basis.

b. If there is a change in the employer of employees providing services at the Iowa veterans home under a collective bargaining agreement, such employees and the agreement shall be continued by the successor employer as though there had not been a change in employer.

c. Within available resources and in conformance with associated state and federal program eligibility requirements, the Iowa veterans home may implement measures to provide financial assistance to or on behalf of veterans or their spouses who are participating in the community reentry program.

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

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§4(2), 31, 124(2), and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 124. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2. IOWA VETERANS HOME

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....\$ 3,797,498

a. The Iowa veterans home billings involving the department of human services shall be submitted to the department on at least a monthly basis.

b. If there is a change in the employer of employees providing services at the Iowa veterans home under a collective bargaining agreement, such employees and the agreement shall be continued by the successor employer as though there had not been a change in employer.

c. Within available resources and in conformance with associated state and federal program eligibility requirements, the Iowa veterans home may implement measures to provide financial assistance to or on behalf of veterans or their spouses who are participating in the community reentry program.

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

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Department of Human Services Transfers Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§8(3) and 128(3)

Sec. 8. FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM GENERAL FUND. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

To be credited to the family investment program (FIP) account and used for family investment program assistance under chapter 239B:  
.....\$ 48,673,875

3. Notwithstanding section 8.39, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, if necessary to meet federal maintenance of effort requirements or to transfer federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant funding to be used for purposes of the federal social services block grant or to meet cash flow needs resulting from delays in receiving federal funding or to implement, in accordance with this division of this Act, activities currently funded with juvenile court services, county, or community moneys and state moneys used in combination with such moneys, the department of human services may transfer funds within or between any of the appropriations made in this division of this Act and appropriations in law for the federal social services block grant to the department for the following purposes, provided that the combined amount of state and federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant funding for each appropriation remains the same before and after the transfer:

- a. For the family investment program.
- b. For child care assistance.
- c. For child and family services.
- d. For field operations.
- e. For general administration.
- f. For distribution to counties or regions through the property tax relief fund for mental health and disability services as provided in an appropriation for this purpose.

This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the use of existing state transfer authority for other purposes. The department shall report any transfers made pursuant to this subsection to the legislative services agency.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§8(3) and 128(3) [CONTINUED]

Sec. 128. FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM GENERAL FUND. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

To be credited to the family investment program (FIP) account and used for family investment program assistance under chapter 239B:  
.....\$ 24,336,937

3. Notwithstanding section 8.39, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, if necessary to meet federal maintenance of effort requirements or to transfer federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant funding to be used for purposes of the federal social services block grant or to meet cash flow needs resulting from delays in receiving federal funding or to implement, in accordance with this division of this Act, activities currently funded with juvenile court services, county, or community moneys and state moneys used in combination with such moneys, the department of human services may transfer funds within or between any of the appropriations made in this division of this Act and appropriations in law for the federal social services block grant to the department for the following purposes, provided that the combined amount of state and federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant funding for each appropriation remains the same before and after the transfer:

- a. For the family investment program.
- b. For child care assistance.
- c. For child and family services.
- d. For field operations.
- e. For general administration.
- f. For distribution to counties or regions through the property tax relief fund for mental health and disability services as provided in an appropriation for this purpose.

This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the use of existing state transfer authority for other purposes. The department shall report any transfers made pursuant to this subsection to the legislative services agency.

**Medical Assistance Program Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§12(17)(a) and 132(17)(a)

Sec. 12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For medical assistance program reimbursement and associated costs as specifically provided in the reimbursement methodologies in effect on June 30, 2015, except as otherwise expressly authorized by law, consistent with options under federal law and regulations, and contingent upon receipt of approval from the office of the governor of reimbursement for each abortion performed under the program:

.....\$ 1,303,191,564

17. a. The department may increase the amounts allocated for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes associated with the medical assistance program, as necessary, to implement cost containment strategies. The department shall report any such increase to the legislative services agency and the department of management.

Sec. 132. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For medical assistance program reimbursement and associated costs as specifically provided in the reimbursement methodologies in effect on June 30, 2016, except as otherwise expressly authorized by law, consistent with options under federal law and regulations, and contingent upon receipt of approval from the office of the governor of reimbursement for each abortion performed under the program:

.....\$651,595,782

17. a. The department may increase the amounts allocated for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes associated with the medical assistance program, as necessary, to implement cost containment strategies. The department shall report any such increase to the legislative services agency and the department of management.

**Medical Assistance Program Cost Containment Strategies Quarterly Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§12(17)(d), 31, 132(17)(d), and 151

Sec. 12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For medical assistance program reimbursement and associated costs as specifically provided in the reimbursement methodologies in effect on June 30, 2015, except as otherwise expressly authorized by law, consistent with options under federal law and regulations, and contingent upon receipt of approval from the office of the governor of reimbursement for each abortion performed under the program:

.....\$ 1,303,191,564

17. d. The department shall report the implementation of any cost containment strategies under this subsection to the individuals specified in this Act for submission of reports on a quarterly basis.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

Sec. 132. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For medical assistance program reimbursement and associated costs as specifically provided in the reimbursement methodologies in effect on June 30, 2016, except as otherwise expressly authorized by law, consistent with options under federal law and regulations, and contingent upon receipt of approval from the office of the governor of reimbursement for each abortion performed under the program:

.....\$651,595,782

17. d. The department shall report the implementation of any cost containment strategies under this subsection to the individuals specified in this Act for submission of reports on a quarterly basis.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**State Innovation Model Phase II Testing Grant Progress Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§12(20) and 31

Sec. 12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For medical assistance program reimbursement and associated costs as specifically provided in the reimbursement methodologies in effect on June 30, 2015, except as otherwise expressly authorized by law, consistent with options under federal law and regulations, and contingent upon receipt of approval from the office of the governor of reimbursement for each abortion performed under the program:

.....\$ 1,303,191,564

20. The department of human services shall execute the state innovation model phase II testing grant and shall submit a report to the individuals specified in this Act for submission of reports regarding the progress of the execution of the testing grant on or before September 1, 2015. The progress report shall include, at a minimum, dates by which contracts will be entered into with vendors, pre-implementation year and subsequent test year funds will be expended, and other activities will be completed.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

**Autism Support Services Pilot Project Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§13(5), 31, 133(5), and 151

Sec. 13. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For medical contracts:

.....\$ 19,613,964

5. Of the funds appropriated in this section, \$2,000,000 shall be used for the autism support program created in chapter 225D, with the exception of the following amounts of this allocation which shall be used as follows:

a. Of the funds allocated in this subsection, \$250,000 shall be deposited in the board-certified behavior analyst and board-certified assistant behavior analyst grants program fund created in section 135.181, as enacted in this Act, to be used for the purposes of the fund.

b. Of the funds allocated in this subsection, \$25,000 shall be used for the public purpose of continuation of a grant to a child welfare services provider headquartered in a county with a population between 205,000 and 215,000 in the latest certified federal census that provides multiple services including but not limited to a psychiatric medical institution for children, shelter, residential treatment, after school programs, school-based programming, and an Asperger's syndrome program, to be used for support services for children with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

c. Of the funds allocated in this subsection, \$25,000 shall be used for the public purpose of continuing a grant to a hospital-based provider headquartered in a county with a population between 90,000 and 95,000 in the latest certified federal census that provides multiple services including but not limited to diagnostic, therapeutic, and behavioral services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder across one's lifespan. The grant recipient shall utilize the funds to continue the pilot project to determine the necessary support services for children with autism spectrum disorder and their families to be included in the children's disabilities services system. The grant recipient shall submit findings and recommendations based upon the results of the pilot project to the individuals specified in this division of this Act for submission of reports by December 31, 2015.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§13(5), 31, 133(5), and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 133. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For medical contracts:

.....\$ 9,806,982

5. Of the funds appropriated in this section, \$1,000,000 shall be used for the autism support program created in chapter 225D, with the exception of the following amounts of this allocation which shall be used as follows:

a. Of the funds allocated in this subsection, \$125,000 shall be deposited in the board-certified behavior analyst and board-certified assistant behavior analyst grants program fund created in section 135.181, as enacted in this Act, to be used for the purposes of the fund.

b. Of the funds allocated in this subsection, \$12,500 shall be used for the public purpose of continuation of a grant to a child welfare services provider headquartered in a county with a population between 205,000 and 215,000 in the latest certified federal census that provides multiple services including but not limited to a psychiatric medical institution for children, shelter, residential treatment, after school programs, school-based programming, and an Asperger's syndrome program, to be used for support services for children with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

c. Of the funds allocated in this subsection, \$12,500 shall be used for the public purpose of continuing a grant to a hospital-based provider headquartered in a county with a population between 90,000 and 95,000 in the latest certified federal census that provides multiple services including but not limited to diagnostic, therapeutic, and behavioral services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder across one's lifespan. The grant recipient shall utilize the funds to continue the pilot project to determine the necessary support services for children with autism spectrum disorder and their families to be included in the children's disabilities services system. The grant recipient shall submit findings and recommendations based upon the results of the pilot project to the individuals specified in this division of this Act for submission of reports by December 31, 2015.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Field Operations Positions Monthly Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§26, 31, 146, and 151

Sec. 26. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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:

.....	\$ 58,920,976
.....FTEs	1,837.00

1. 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.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§26, 31, 146, and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 146. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, 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:

.....	\$ 29,460,488
.....FTEs	1,837.00

1. 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.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Operational and Program Expenditures Monthly Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§27(2) and 147(1)

Sec. 27. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

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

.....	\$ 14,898,198
.....	FTEs 309.00

2. The department shall report at least monthly to the legislative services agency concerning the department's operational and program expenditures.

Sec. 147. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

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

.....	\$ 7,449,099
.....	FTEs 309.00

1. The department shall report at least monthly to the legislative services agency concerning the department's operational and program expenditures.

### **Administrative Rules Costs - Notification**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§30, 31, 150, and 151

#### Sec. 30. EMERGENCY RULES.

1. If specifically authorized by a provision of this division of this Act, the department of human services or the mental health and disability services commission may adopt administrative rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of this division of this Act and the rules shall become effective immediately upon filing or on a later effective date specified in the rules, unless the effective date of the rules is delayed or the applicability of the rules is suspended by the administrative rules review committee. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall not take effect before the rules are reviewed by the administrative rules review committee. The delay authority provided to the administrative rules review committee under section 17A.4, subsection 7, and section 17A.8, subsection 9, shall be applicable to a delay imposed under this section, notwithstanding a provision in those sections making them inapplicable to section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b". Any rules adopted in accordance with the provisions of this section shall also be published as a notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

2. If during a fiscal year, the department of human services is adopting rules in accordance with this section or as otherwise directed or authorized by state law, and the rules will result in an expenditure increase beyond the amount anticipated in the budget process or if the expenditure was not addressed in the budget process for the fiscal year, the department shall notify the persons designated by this division of this Act for submission of reports, the chairpersons and ranking members of the committees on appropriations, and the department of management concerning the rules and the expenditure increase. The notification shall be provided at least 30 calendar days prior to the date notice of the rules is submitted to the administrative rules coordinator and the administrative code editor.

Sec. 31. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, 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.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §§30, 31, 150, and 151 [CONTINUED]

Sec. 150. EMERGENCY RULES.

1. If specifically authorized by a provision of this division of this Act, the department of human services or the mental health and disability services commission may adopt administrative rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of this division of this Act and the rules shall become effective immediately upon filing or on a later effective date specified in the rules, unless the effective date of the rules is delayed or the applicability of the rules is suspended by the administrative rules review committee. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall not take effect before the rules are reviewed by the administrative rules review committee. The delay authority provided to the administrative rules review committee under section 17A.4, subsection 7, and section 17A.8, subsection 9, shall be applicable to a delay imposed under this section, notwithstanding a provision in those sections making them inapplicable to section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b". Any rules adopted in accordance with the provisions of this section shall also be published as a notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

2. If during a fiscal year, the department of human services is adopting rules in accordance with this section or as otherwise directed or authorized by state law, and the rules will result in an expenditure increase beyond the amount anticipated in the budget process or if the expenditure was not addressed in the budget process for the fiscal year, the department shall notify the persons designated by this division of this Act for submission of reports, the chairpersons and ranking members of the committees on appropriations, and the department of management concerning the rules and the expenditure increase. The notification shall be provided at least 30 calendar days prior to the date notice of the rules is submitted to the administrative rules coordinator and the administrative code editor.

Sec. 151. REPORTS. Any reports or other information required to be compiled and submitted under this Act during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, 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.

**Transfers of Medicaid Modernization Savings Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §32

Sec. 32. TRANSFER OF MEDICAID MODERNIZATION SAVINGS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS FY 2015-2016. Notwithstanding section 8.39, subsection 1, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, if savings resulting from the governor's Medicaid modernization initiative accrue to the medical contracts or children's health insurance program appropriation from the general fund of the state and not to the medical assistance appropriation from the general fund of the state under this division of this Act, such savings may be transferred to such medical assistance appropriation for the same fiscal year without prior written consent and approval of the governor and the director of the department of management. The department of human services shall report any transfers made pursuant to this section to the legislative services agency.

**Medicaid Managed Care Compilations and Recommendations**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §63

Sec. 63. HEALTH POLICY OVERSIGHT — MEDICAID MANAGED CARE.

1. The department of human services shall partner with appropriate stakeholders to convene monthly statewide public meetings to receive input and recommendations from stakeholders and members of the public regarding Medicaid managed care, beginning in March 2016. The meetings shall be held in both rural and urban areas, in small communities and large population centers, and in a manner that is geographically balanced. The input and recommendations of the public meetings shall be compiled by the department of human services and submitted to the executive committee of the medical assistance advisory council created in section 249A.4B.

2. a. The executive committee of the medical assistance advisory council shall review the compilation of the input and recommendations of the public meetings convened pursuant to subsection 1, and shall submit recommendations based upon the compilation to the director of human services on a quarterly basis.

b. The director of human services shall submit the compilation and the recommendations made under paragraph "a" to the legislative health policy oversight committee created in section 2.45.

**Iowa ABLE Savings Plan Trust Financial Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §82(1) and (2)

**Sec. 82. NEW SECTION. 12I.7 Reports — annual audited financial report — reports under federal law.**

1. a. The treasurer of state shall submit an annual audited financial report, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, on the operations of the trust by November 1 to the governor and the general assembly.

b. The annual audit shall be made either by the auditor of state or by an independent certified public accountant designated by the auditor of state and shall include direct and indirect costs attributable to the use of outside consultants, independent contractors, and any other persons who are not state employees.

2. The annual audit shall be supplemented by all of the following information prepared by the treasurer of state:

a. Any related studies or evaluations prepared in the preceding year.

b. A summary of the benefits provided by the trust, including the number of account owners and designated beneficiaries in the trust, or, if the trust has caused this state to become a contracting state pursuant to section 12I.10, a summary of the benefits provided to Iowa residents by the contracted qualified ABLE program, including the number of account owners and designated beneficiaries in the contracted qualified ABLE program who are Iowa residents.

c. Any other information deemed relevant by the treasurer of state in order to make a full, fair, and effective disclosure of the operations of the trust or the contracted qualified ABLE program if applicable.

**Child Welfare Complaints and Court Orders Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §100

Sec. 100. STUDY — CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The child welfare advisory committee of the council on human services established pursuant to section 217.3A shall study procedures in the department of human services for receiving complaints from families involved in guardianship, placement, and custody proceedings; and the specificity and clarity of court orders issued in foster care placements pursuant to the State of Iowa Primary Review of Tit. IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Report of Findings for October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013. The committee shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the governor and general assembly on or before December 15, 2015.

**Children's Mental Health Crisis Response System Reports**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §102

Sec. 102. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WORKGROUP. The department of human services, in cooperation with the departments of education and public health, shall facilitate a study by a workgroup of stakeholders which shall make recommendations relating to children's mental health. The workgroup shall study incorporating a coordinated response in children's mental health services that emphasizes implementation of mental health issues across the various systems that serve children, taking into account the effects of mental health, child welfare, and child welfare systems and services, and that specifically addresses the effects of adverse childhood experiences and child poverty. The workgroup shall create interdepartmental awareness of issues relating to children's mental health. The workgroup shall develop interdepartmental strategies for helping improve children's mental health and shall develop strategies to promote community partnerships to help address issues of children's mental health. In carrying out its charge, the workgroup shall review a 2014 report by the children's defense fund on the state of America's children containing the most recent and reliable national and state-by-state data on many complex issues affecting children's health, including data on more than 7,000 homeless public school students in Iowa. The workgroup shall submit a report on the study with recommendations, including but not limited to recommendations relating to the creation and implementation of a children's mental health crisis response system to aid parents and other custodians in dealing with children experiencing a mental health crisis. The workgroup shall submit its report to the governor and the general assembly on or before December 15, 2015.

## Home Modification Assistance Program Plan

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §108

Sec. 108. HOME MODIFICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLAN.

1. The aging and disability resource center and the mental health and disability services commission shall jointly develop a plan for a home modification assistance program to provide grants and individual income tax credits to assist with expenses related to the making of permanent home modifications that permit individuals with a disability in this state to remain in their homes and age in place. The plan shall include the following components:

a. The plan shall develop criteria and procedures for establishing eligibility of individuals with a disability under the program, and in doing so the plan shall utilize the definition of disability found in 42 U.S.C. §12102 and shall require appropriate certifications from the primary health care providers of individuals with a disability.

b. The plan shall establish criteria for determining the type of home modification expenses that will be eligible for a grant or tax credit award under the program.

c. The plan shall develop criteria and procedures for receiving grants and tax credits under the program, and shall determine the maximum amount of grants and tax credits that may be provided to an individual with a disability under the program.

d. The plan shall provide that individuals with a disability shall utilize any funding for home modification under the Medicaid program to the fullest extent possible before becoming eligible to participate in the home modification assistance program to ensure that the program's grants and tax credits do not supplant available Medicaid program resources.

e. The plan shall provide that grants under the program shall be available to individuals with a disability with annual incomes that do not exceed 250 percent of the federal poverty level, and that individual income tax credits under the program shall be available to individuals with a disability with annual incomes exceeding 250 percent but not exceeding 450 percent of the federal poverty level.

f. The plan shall avoid placing unrealistic expectations and overly burdensome requirements on individuals with a disability and their families, particularly those living in rural areas.

2. In developing the plan for the home modification assistance program, the aging and disability resource center and the mental health and disability services commission shall seek input from and consult with the department on aging, the department of human services, the department of revenue, and other interested public and private stakeholders.

3. The aging and disability resource center and the mental health and disability services commission shall submit the plan on or before December 15, 2015, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on health and human services, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house standing committees on human resources, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house standing committees on ways and means, and to the governor.

**Refugee Family Support Services Pilot Program Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §111

Sec. 111. REFUGEE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.

1. The bureau of refugee services within the department of human services shall establish, promote, and administer a refugee family support services pilot program for purposes of providing a grant to a state, local, or community organization working with refugee populations to contract with and train multiple refugees to act as refugee community navigators.

2. An organization awarded a grant pursuant to this section shall recruit and train multiple refugee community navigators to educate and provide direct assistance to their respective refugee communities so the refugee communities can successfully access and utilize existing community resources and services.

3. The refugee community navigators shall train other refugee community members and shall offer home-based, peer-group learning sessions about resources in the community.

4. A grant awarded pursuant to this section shall be used for employment costs of a program manager and community navigator coordinator, and contract and stipend costs for multiple refugee community navigators for each organization.

5. The bureau of refugee services shall award one grant to a state, local, or community organization through a competitive application process. The bureau shall provide moneys over a three-year period to an organization awarded a grant.

6. A state, local, or community organization awarded a grant pursuant to this section shall provide the bureau with annual progress reports. The bureau of refugee services shall present a report of the program goals and outcomes to the general assembly.

7. The bureau of refugee services shall conduct a comprehensive review of the refugee family support services pilot program and shall, by December 31, 2017, submit a report of its review, as well as any recommendations and cost projections of its recommendations to the governor and the general assembly.

8. The bureau of refugee services may expend program moneys for administrative expenses as provided by law.

**Hospital Health Care Access Assessment Program Recommendations**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §115

Sec. 115. HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM — TRANSITION TO MANAGED CARE.

1. The department of human services shall include in any Medicaid managed care contract entered into on or after July 1, 2015, a mechanism by which the capitated payment received by the managed care contractor reflects the amount necessary to continue reimbursement of participating hospitals by managed care contractors in accordance with the provisions of chapter 249M. Such reimbursement shall preferably be provided through lump sum payments to participating hospitals. Notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 249M to the contrary, the department may make administrative modifications to the hospital health care access assessment program to comply with this section. The department of human services shall work with participating providers, including health systems and the Iowa hospital association, to effectuate this section.

2. The department of human services shall submit recommendations for any changes in statute or rules regarding the hospital health care access assessment program necessitated by the transition to managed care to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports by December 15, 2015.

**Federal Social Services Block Grant Funds**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 630, §12

Sec. 12. SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PLAN. The department of human services during each state fiscal year shall develop a plan for the use of federal social services block grant funds for the subsequent state fiscal year.

The proposed plan shall include all programs and services at the state level which the department proposes to fund with federal social services block grant funds, and shall identify state and other funds which the department proposes to use to fund the state programs and services.

The proposed plan shall also include all local programs and services which are eligible to be funded with federal social services block grant funds, the total amount of federal social services block grant funds available for the local programs and services, and the manner of distribution of the federal social services block grant funds to the counties. The proposed plan shall identify state and local funds which will be used to fund the local programs and services.

The proposed plan shall be submitted with the department's budget requests to the governor and the general assembly.

**Judicial Branch Monthly Financial Statements**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(3) and 6(3)

Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial statements to the legislative services agency and the department of management containing all appropriated accounts in the same manner as provided in the monthly financial status reports and personal services usage reports of the department of administrative services. The monthly financial statements shall include a comparison of the dollars and percentage spent of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures on a cumulative basis for full-time equivalent positions and dollars.

Sec. 6. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial statements to the legislative services agency and the department of management containing all appropriated accounts in the same manner as provided in the monthly financial status reports and personal services usage reports of the department of administrative services. The monthly financial statements shall include a comparison of the dollars and percentage spent of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures on a cumulative basis for full-time equivalent positions and dollars.

**Judicial Branch Appropriations Changes**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(6) and 6(6)

Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

6. In addition to the requirements for transfers under section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the judicial branch in this division of this Act, unless notice of the revisions is given prior to their effective date to the legislative services agency. The notice shall include information on the branch's rationale for making the changes and details concerning the workload and performance measures upon which the changes are based.

Sec. 6. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

6. In addition to the requirements for transfers under section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the judicial branch in this division of this Act, unless notice of the revisions is given prior to their effective date to the legislative services agency. The notice shall include information on the branch's rationale for making the changes and details concerning the workload and performance measures upon which the changes are based.

**Iowa Court Information System Collection Updates**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(7) and 6(7)

Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual update to the legislative services agency specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa court information system since the last report. The judicial branch shall continue to facilitate the sharing of vital sentencing and other information with other state departments and governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice system through the Iowa court information system.

Sec. 6. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual update to the legislative services agency specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa court information system since the last report. The judicial branch shall continue to facilitate the sharing of vital sentencing and other information with other state departments and governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice system through the Iowa court information system.

**Enhanced Court Collections Fund and Court Technology and Modernization Fund Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 496, §§1(8) and 6(8)

Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2016, concerning the amounts received and expended from the enhanced court collections fund created in section 602.1304 and the court technology and modernization fund created in section 602.8108, subsection 7, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and the plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016. A copy of the report shall be provided to the legislative services agency.

Sec. 6. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2017, concerning the amounts received and expended from the enhanced court collections fund created in section 602.1304 and the court technology and modernization fund created in section 602.8108, subsection 7, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, and the plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. A copy of the report shall be provided to the legislative services agency.

**Department of Justice Funding Sources Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§1(2) and 23(2)

Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

2. a. The department of justice, in submitting budget estimates for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, pursuant to section 8.23, shall include a report of funding from sources other than amounts appropriated directly from the general fund of the state to the department of justice or to the office of consumer advocate. These funding sources shall include but are not limited to reimbursements from other state agencies, commissions, boards, or similar entities, and reimbursements from special funds or internal accounts within the department of justice. The department of justice shall also report actual reimbursements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, and actual and expected reimbursements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015.

b. The department of justice shall include the report required under paragraph "a", as well as information regarding any revisions occurring as a result of reimbursements actually received or expected at a later date, in a report to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system and the legislative services agency. The department of justice shall submit the report on or before January 15, 2016.

Sec. 23. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

2. a. The department of justice, in submitting budget estimates for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, pursuant to section 8.23, shall include a report of funding from sources other than amounts appropriated directly from the general fund of the state to the department of justice or to the office of consumer advocate. These funding sources shall include but are not limited to reimbursements from other state agencies, commissions, boards, or similar entities, and reimbursements from special funds or internal accounts within the department of justice. The department of justice shall also report actual reimbursements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and actual and expected reimbursements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016.

b. The department of justice shall include the report required under paragraph "a", as well as information regarding any revisions occurring as a result of reimbursements actually received or expected at a later date, in a report to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system and the legislative services agency. The department of justice shall submit the report on or before January 15, 2017.

**Department of Corrections Privatization - Notification**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§4(1)(c) and 26(1)(c)

Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS — ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. For general administration, including salaries, support, maintenance, employment of an education director to administer a centralized education program for the correctional system, and miscellaneous purposes: .....\$ 5,270,010

c. It is the intent of the general assembly that as a condition of receiving the appropriation provided in this subsection the department of corrections shall not, except as otherwise provided in paragraph "b", enter into a new contract, unless the contract is a renewal of an existing contract, for the expenditure of moneys in excess of \$100,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, for the privatization of services performed by the department using state employees as of July 1, 2015, or for the privatization of new services by the department without prior consultation with any applicable state employee organization affected by the proposed new contract and prior notification of the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system.

Sec. 26. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS — ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. For general administration, including salaries, support, maintenance, employment of an education director to administer a centralized education program for the correctional system, and miscellaneous purposes: .....\$ 2,635,005

c. It is the intent of the general assembly that as a condition of receiving the appropriation provided in this subsection the department of corrections shall not, except as otherwise provided in paragraph "b", enter into a new contract, unless the contract is a renewal of an existing contract, for the expenditure of moneys in excess of \$100,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, for the privatization of services performed by the department using state employees as of July 1, 2016, or for the privatization of new services by the department without prior consultation with any applicable state employee organization affected by the proposed new contract and prior notification of the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system.

**Private-Sector Employment of Offenders**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§7(2) and 29(2)

Sec. 7. INTENT — REPORTS.

2. On a quarterly basis the department shall provide a status report regarding private-sector employment to the legislative services agency beginning on July 1, 2015. The report shall include the number of offenders employed in the private sector, the combined number of hours worked by the offenders, the total amount of allowances, and the distribution of allowances pursuant to section 904.702, including any moneys deposited in the general fund of the state.

Sec. 29. INTENT — REPORTS.

2. On a quarterly basis the department shall provide a status report regarding private-sector employment to the legislative services agency beginning on July 1, 2016. The report shall include the number of offenders employed in the private sector, the combined number of hours worked by the offenders, the total amount of allowances, and the distribution of allowances pursuant to section 904.702, including any moneys deposited in the general fund of the state.

**Electronic Monitoring Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§8 and 30

Sec. 8. ELECTRONIC MONITORING REPORT. The department of corrections shall submit a report on electronic monitoring to the general assembly, to the co-chairpersons and the ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system, and to the legislative services agency by January 15, 2016. The report shall specifically address the number of persons being electronically monitored and break down the number of persons being electronically monitored by offense committed. The report shall also include a comparison of any data from the prior fiscal year with the current year.

Sec. 30. ELECTRONIC MONITORING REPORT. The department of corrections shall submit a report on electronic monitoring to the general assembly, to the co-chairpersons and the ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system, and to the legislative services agency by January 15, 2017. The report shall specifically address the number of persons being electronically monitored and break down the number of persons being electronically monitored by offense committed. The report shall also include a comparison of any data from the prior fiscal year with the current year.

**Department of Public Safety Reallocations - Notification**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 497, §§15(8) and 37(8)

Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of public safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

8. For costs associated with the training and equipment needs of volunteer fire fighters:  
.....\$ 825,520

a. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure only for the purpose designated in this subsection until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

b. Notwithstanding section 8.39, the department of public safety may reallocate moneys appropriated in this section as necessary to best fulfill the needs provided for in the appropriation. However, the department shall not reallocate moneys appropriated to the department in this section unless notice of the reallocation is given to the legislative services agency and the department of management prior to the effective date of the reallocation. The notice shall include information regarding the rationale for reallocating the moneys. The department shall not reallocate moneys appropriated in this section for the purpose of eliminating any program.

Sec. 37. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of public safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

8. For costs associated with the training and equipment needs of volunteer fire fighters:  
.....\$ 412,760

a. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure only for the purpose designated in this subsection until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

b. Notwithstanding section 8.39, the department of public safety may reallocate moneys appropriated in this section as necessary to best fulfill the needs provided for in the appropriation. However, the department shall not reallocate moneys appropriated to the department in this section unless notice of the reallocation is given to the legislative services agency and the department of management prior to the effective date of the reallocation. The notice shall include information regarding the rationale for reallocating the moneys. The department shall not reallocate moneys appropriated in this section for the purpose of eliminating any program.

**Fuel Distribution Formula Status Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 257, §7

Sec. 7. Section 452A.3, subsection 1, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The provisions of paragraph "b" and subsection 6, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), shall be subject to legislative review at least every six years. The review shall be based upon a fuel distribution percentage formula status report containing the recommendations of a legislative interim committee appointed to conduct a review of the fuel distribution percentage formulas, to be prepared with the assistance of the department of revenue in association with the department of transportation. The report shall include recommendations for changes or revisions to the fuel distribution percentage formulas based upon advances in technology, fuel use trends, and fuel price fluctuations observed during the preceding six-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the fuel distribution percentage formulas during the preceding six-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for resolution of those issues. The first such report shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2020, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every sixth year thereafter.

**Blue and White Lighting Devices Report**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 75, §5

Sec. 5. USE OF BLUE AND WHITE LIGHTING DEVICES — REPORT. The department of transportation shall document the effectiveness of displaying blue and white lighting devices on equipment used by the department for snow and ice treatment or removal on the public streets or highways. The department shall utilize existing staff and accident reporting systems to perform the documentation. Before July 1, 2019, the department shall submit a report to the general assembly containing the documentation.

**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.

**Fuel Distribution Percentage Formula Interim Committee**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 257, §7

Sec. 7. Section 452A.3, subsection 1, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The provisions of paragraph "b" and subsection 6, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), shall be subject to legislative review at least every six years. The review shall be based upon a fuel distribution percentage formula status report containing the recommendations of a legislative interim committee appointed to conduct a review of the fuel distribution percentage formulas, to be prepared with the assistance of the department of revenue in association with the department of transportation. The report shall include recommendations for changes or revisions to the fuel distribution percentage formulas based upon advances in technology, fuel use trends, and fuel price fluctuations observed during the preceding six-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the fuel distribution percentage formulas during the preceding six-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for resolution of those issues. The first such report shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2020, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every sixth year thereafter.

**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.

**Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee**

2015 Acts, SF 505, §64

Sec. 64. Section 2.45, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The legislative health policy oversight committee, which shall be composed of members appointed by the legislative council. The legislative health policy oversight committee shall receive updates and review data, public input and concerns, and make recommendations for improvements to and changes in law or rule regarding Medicaid managed care.

**Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §82(2)(h), (11)(a)-(d), and (12)

Sec. 82. NEW SECTION. **148G.1 Interstate medical licensure compact.**

2. *Definitions.* In this compact:

*h.* "Member board" means a state agency in a member state that acts in the sovereign interests of the state by protecting the public through licensure, regulation, and education of physicians as directed by the state government.

*i.* "Member state" means a state that has enacted the compact.

11. *Interstate medical licensure compact commission.*

*a.* The member states hereby create the interstate medical licensure compact commission.

*b.* The purpose of the interstate commission is the administration of the interstate medical licensure compact, which is a discretionary state function.

*c.* The interstate commission shall be a body corporate and joint agency of the member states and shall have all the responsibilities, powers, and duties set forth in the compact, and such additional powers as may be conferred upon it by a subsequent concurrent action of the respective legislatures of the member states in accordance with the terms of the compact.

*d.* The interstate commission shall consist of two voting representatives appointed by each member state who shall serve as commissioners. In states where allopathic and osteopathic physicians are regulated by separate member boards, or if the licensing and disciplinary authority is split between multiple member boards within a member state, the member state shall appoint one representative from each member board. A commissioner shall be one of the following:

- (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician appointed to a member board.
- (2) An executive director, executive secretary, or similar executive of a member board.
- (3) A member of the public appointed to a member board.

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 510, §82(2)(h), (11)(a)-(d), and (12) [CONTINUED]

12. *Powers and duties of the interstate commission.* The interstate commission shall have power to perform the following functions:

- a. Oversee and maintain the administration of the compact.
- b. Promulgate rules which shall be binding to the extent and in the manner provided for in the compact.
- c. Issue, upon the request of a member state or member board, advisory opinions concerning the meaning or interpretation of the compact, its bylaws, rules, and actions.
- d. Enforce compliance with compact provisions, the rules promulgated by the interstate commission, and the bylaws, using all necessary and proper means, including but not limited to the use of judicial process.
- e. Establish and appoint committees including but not limited to an executive committee as required by subsection 11, which shall have the power to act on behalf of the interstate commission in carrying out its powers and duties.
- f. Pay, or provide for the payment of, the expenses related to the establishment, organization, and ongoing activities of the interstate commission.
- g. Establish and maintain one or more offices.
- h. Borrow, accept, hire, or contract for services of personnel.
- i. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds.
- j. Employ an executive director who shall have such powers to employ, select, or appoint employees, agents, or consultants, and to determine their qualifications, define their duties, and fix their compensation.
- k. Establish personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, rates of compensation, and qualifications of personnel.
- l. Accept donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose of the same in a manner consistent with the conflict of interest policies established by the interstate commission.
- m. Lease, purchase, accept contributions or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use, any property, real, personal, or mixed.
- n. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal, or mixed.
- o. Establish a budget and make expenditures.
- p. Adopt a seal and bylaws governing the management and operation of the interstate commission.
- q. Report annually to the legislatures and governors of the member states concerning the activities of the interstate commission during the preceding year. Such reports shall also include reports of financial audits and any recommendations that may have been adopted by the interstate commission.
- r. Coordinate education, training, and public awareness regarding the compact, its implementation, and its operation.
- s. Maintain records in accordance with the bylaws.
- t. Seek and obtain trademarks, copyrights, and patents.
- u. Perform such functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of the compact.

**Children's Mental Health Workgroup**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §102

Sec. 102. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WORKGROUP. The department of human services, in cooperation with the departments of education and public health, shall facilitate a study by a workgroup of stakeholders which shall make recommendations relating to children's mental health. The workgroup shall study incorporating a coordinated response in children's mental health services that emphasizes implementation of mental health issues across the various systems that serve children, taking into account the effects of mental health, child welfare, and child welfare systems and services, and that specifically addresses the effects of adverse childhood experiences and child poverty. The workgroup shall create interdepartmental awareness of issues relating to children's mental health. The workgroup shall develop interdepartmental strategies for helping improve children's mental health and shall develop strategies to promote community partnerships to help address issues of children's mental health. In carrying out its charge, the workgroup shall review a 2014 report by the children's defense fund on the state of America's children containing the most recent and reliable national and state-by-state data on many complex issues affecting children's health, including data on more than 7,000 homeless public school students in Iowa. The workgroup shall submit a report on the study with recommendations, including but not limited to recommendations relating to the creation and implementation of a children's mental health crisis response system to aid parents and other custodians in dealing with children experiencing a mental health crisis. The workgroup shall submit its report to the governor and the general assembly on or before December 15, 2015.

**Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council**

2015 Iowa Acts, SF 505, §103

Sec. 103. Section 225B.8, Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

**225B.8 Repeal.**

1. This chapter is repealed July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016.

2. Prior to June 30, 2016, the state mental health and disability services commission created in section 225C.5 and the Iowa developmental disabilities council appointed by the governor shall work with the prevention of disabilities policy council, the department of human services, and the Iowa department of public health to provide for the transfer of the duties of the prevention of disabilities policy council to the state mental health and disability services commission, the Iowa developmental disabilities council, or the Iowa department of public health.

**State Board of Tax Review**

2015 Iowa Acts, HF 626 §§2 and 3

Sec. 2. Section 421.1, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. *Future repeal.*

a. Notwithstanding subsection 5 or any other provision of law to the contrary, a party shall not appeal to the state board, nor shall the state board accept for review, any decision, order, directive, or assessment of the director of revenue or the department on or after the effective date of this division of this Act.

b. This section is repealed upon the occurrence of one of the following, whichever is earlier:

(1) The final disposition by the state board of all cases pending before the board on the effective date of this division of this Act. The chairperson of the board shall notify the Iowa Code editor upon the occurrence of this condition.

(2) July 1, 2016.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT.** This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.