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A BILL FOR 1 An Act establishing a multistate industrial retention commission compact and providing an effective date. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 5 .

- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15F.1 MULTISTATE INDUSTRIAL
- 2 RETENTION COMMISSION COMPACT.
- 3 The interstate compact to establish a multistate industrial
- 4 retention commission is enacted into law and entered into with
- 5 all other states which legally join in the compact in substan-
- 6 tially the following form:
- 7 INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL
- 8 RETENTION COMMISSION
- 9 ARTICLE I -- PURPOSE
- 10 It is the purpose of this compact to establish the multi-
- 11 state industrial retention commission. The commission shall
- 12 provide information, analysis, and recommendations to concur-
- 13 ring states which will assist them in making informed
- 14 decisions when they act in their roles as market participants
- 15 to prevent the harm caused to the welfare of their citizens by
- 16 detrimental net relocations of employment associated with
- 17 significant transfers or terminations of operations of
- 18 establishments in those states.
- 19 ARTICLE II -- DEFINITIONS
- 20 As used in this compact:
- 21 a. "Affiliate" means any entity which has a relationship
- 22 with an employer in which the entity, directly or indirectly,
- 23 is controlled by or controls the employer.
- 24 b. "Agency" means a state and any of its
- 25 instrumentalities, including any of its agencies or political
- 26 subdivisions and any authorities created by the legislature of
- 27 the state.
- 28 c. "Commission" means the multistate industrial retention
- 29 commission established pursuant to this compact.
- d. "Commissioner" means a member appointed to the
- 31 commission pursuant to this compact.
- 32 e. "Concurring state" means any state which enacts
- 33 legislation which concurs with this legislation.
- 34 f. "Contract" means any agreement between an agency and a
- 35 contractor under which the contractor furnishes goods or

- 1 services to the agency, except for a contract under which the
- 2 goods or services are paid for by the United States.
- 3 g. "Contractor" means any employer who enters into a
- 4 contract with an agency.
- 5 h. "Economic development assistance" means any economic
- 6 development assistance provided to an employer by an agency,
- 7 including, but not limited to, direct grants, including job
- 8 training grants, and subsidized financing, except that
- 9 "economic development assistance" does not include any
- 10 assistance which is financed by funds provided by the United
- 11 States.
- i. "Employer" means an individual or private business
- 13 entity which employs the workforce at an establishment and
- 14 includes all affiliates of the employer.
- 15 j. "Establishment" means a single place of employment
- 16 operated by an employer, but does not include a temporary
- 17 construction site.
- 18 k. "Significant transfer or termination of operations"
- 19 means a termination of operations or transfer of operations
- 20 which results, during any continuous period of not more than
- 21 one hundred eighty days, in the termination of employment of
- 22 fifty or more employees.
- 23 1. "Termination of employment" means the layoff of an
- 24 employee without a commitment to reinstate the employee to the
- 25 employee's previous employment within six months of the
- 26 layoff, except that "termination of employment" does not mean
- 27 any layoff of a construction worker upon the completion of a
- 28 construction project or any layoff of a seasonal employee or
- 29 refer to any situation in which an employer offers to an
- 30 employee, at a location not more than thirty miles from the
- 31 previous place of employment, the same employment or a
- 32 position with equivalent status, benefits, pay, and other
- 33 terms and conditions of employment.
- 34 m. "Termination of operations" means the permanent
- 35 termination of all or a portion of the operations conducted in

- 1 an establishment, except for a termination of operations made
- 2 necessary because of a court order, fire, flood, natural
- 3 disaster, national emergency, act of war, civil disorder, or
- 4 industrial sabotage.
- 5 n. "Transfer of operations" means the transfer of all or a
- 6 portion of the operations conducted in an establishment to
- 7 another location, inside or outside of the state where the
- 8 establishment is located.
- 9 ARTICLE III -- COMMISSION -- ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT
- 10 a. There is hereby created, as an agency and
- 11 instrumentality of the concurring states, the multistate
- 12 industrial retention commission, a body politic and corporate.
- 13 The commission shall have all of the powers and duties set
- 14 forth in this compact and any additional powers and duties as
- 15 are conferred upon it by subsequent action of the legislatures
- 16 of all of the concurring states.
- 17 b. The commission shall consist of one commissioner from
- 18 each concurring state who shall be appointed, and shall serve,
- 19 in the manner determined by the legislature of that state.
- 20 Each commissioner shall not receive compensation from the
- 21 commission but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
- 22 incurred in and incident to the performance of the duties of
- 23 the commissioner.
- 24 c. The commission shall provide for its own organization,
- 25 administration, and procedures and shall adopt rules and
- 26 regulations governing its meetings and transactions. It shall
- 27 first organize itself upon the enactment of concurring
- 28 legislation by not less than five states and upon the
- 29 appointment of a commissioner from each of those states, and
- 30 shall subsequently organize itself annually. In organizing
- 31 itself, the commission shall elect a chairperson and vice-
- 32 chairperson from among its commissioners and appoint an
- 33 executive director who shall serve as its secretary and chief
- 34 executive officer.
- 35 d. Each commissioner shall be entitled to one vote on all

- 1 matters which may come before the commission except as
- 2 otherwise provided pursuant to this compact. No
- 3 determination, decision, or action of the commission shall be
- 4 made or taken unless a majority of the commissioners votes in
- 5 favor of the action.
- 6 ARTICLE IV -- POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION
- 7 a. OPERATING POWERS AND RULES. The commission shall have 8 the power to:
- 9 1. Sue and be sued in a court of competent jurisdiction;
- 2. Adopt and have a seal;
- 11 3. Provide for the hiring, organization, and
- 12 administration of a commission staff and retain and employ
- 13 counsel, and fix and provide for the qualification,
- 14 appointment, removal, term, tenure, compensation, pension, and
- 15 retirement rights of its officers and employees irrespective
- 16 of the civil service personnel, or other merit system laws of
- 17 any concurring state;
- 4. Establish one or more offices for the transacting of
- 19 its business;
- 20 5. Make and enforce rules and regulations that the commis-
- 21 sion deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
- 22 compact; provided that any rule or regulation, other than one
- 23 which deals solely with the internal management of the
- 24 commission, shall be adopted only after public hearing and
- 25 shall not be effective unless filed in accordance with the law
- 26 of each respective concurring state applicable to the filing
- 27 of rules and regulations;
- 6. Conduct, upon the request of the designated agency of a
- 29 concurring state, any investigation and hearing necessary to
- 30 implement the purposes of this compact; administer oaths and
- 31 issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the
- 32 giving of testimony and the production of other evidence; and
- 33 have full and free access to and from all property, premises,
- 34 and places necessary to conduct the investigation;
- 7. Cooperate with and receive assistance and data from any

- 1 agency which will enable it to implement the purposes of this
- 2 compact, and, in the manner provided pursuant to paragraph "b"
- 3 of this Article, recommend actions to be taken by the agency;
- 4 and
- 5 8. Do all other things necessary or incidental to the
- 6 administration of its functions pursuant to this compact.
- 7 b. INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT.
- 8 1. The commission shall investigate any significant
- 9 transfer or termination of operations of an establishment
- 10 located in a concurring state upon a request by the designated
- 11 agency of the state where the establishment is located, and
- 12 may investigate any possible future significant transfer or
- 13 termination of operations of an establishment upon the request
- 14 of the designated agency of the state where the establishment
- 15 is located.
- 16 2. The purpose of each investigation undertaken by the
- 17 commission of an actual or anticipated significant transfer or
- 18 termination of operations of an establishment pursuant to this
- 19 paragraph shall be to make a determination of fact as to
- 20 whether the employer at the establishment is responsible for a
- 21 detrimental net relocation of employment in connection with
- 22 the transfer or termination. For the purposes of this
- 23 compact, an employer shall be regarded as responsible for a
- 24 detrimental net relocation of employment if the commission
- 25 finds that:
- 26 (a) Employment lost from the establishment was transferred
- 27 or is being transferred to one or more other locations,
- 28 including any transfer by means of outsourcing or contracting
- 29 out of production, and that employment loss is not the result
- 30 of the employer reducing or discontinuing entirely its sale or
- 31 use of the product line or lines produced at the
- 32 establishment; and
- 33 (b) The transfer of employment to other locations has
- 34 contributed or will contribute to an undermining of labor,
- 35 health, environmental, human rights, civil rights, or other

- 1 standards, based on a diminishment of the pay and conditions
- 2 of employees, of the funding of education or other public
- 3 services required for the general welfare, or of other
- 4 conditions affecting employees and their communities, which
- 5 diminishment is demonstrable by comparison of conditions where
- 6 the establishment is located and conditions at the other
- 7 locations.
- The commission shall require the employer to report all
- 9 changes in the location, during the preceding period of not
- 10 less than ten years, of all employment and production of the
- 11 employer related to each product line produced at the affected
- 12 establishment, including changes related to the outsourcing or
- 13 contracting out of production. The commission shall consider
- 14 all of those changes when determining whether the employer is
- 15 responsible for a detrimental net relocation of employment.
- 16 In the course of its investigation, the commission
- 17 shall conduct one or more hearings to provide an opportunity
- 18 for the employer to present its views with respect to whether
- 19 the significant transfer or termination of operations has
- 20 occurred or will occur and whether the employer is responsible
- 21 for a detrimental net relocation of employment.
- 22 4. If it is determined that the employer is responsible
- 23 for a detrimental net relocation of employment, the commission
- 24 shall decide which one or more, if any, of the following
- 25 actions to recommend that each concurring state take against
- 26 the responsible employer:
- Placing the employer, for a period of time determined
- 28 by the commission, on a list of contractors debarred from
- 29 entering into contracts with any agency of that state, except
- 30 that the debarment shall not apply to the purchase of goods or
- 31 services from the employer if that employer is the only person
- 32 able to provide those goods or services in commercial
- 33 quantities and of satisfactory quality;
- Placing the employer, for a period of time determined
- 35 by the commission, on a list of employers debarred from

- 1 receiving economic development assistance from any agency of
- 2 that state; or
- 3 (c) Placing the employer, for a period of time determined
- 4 by the commission, on a list of employers debarred from having
- 5 investments made in them of assets of any pension or annuity
- 6 funds, cash management funds and other funds which any agency
- 7 of that state is authorized to invest, except that the
- 8 commission shall not recommend that any concurring state
- 9 impose a bar on investment pursuant to this subparagraph until
- 10 the total amount of investment assets of all concurring states
- 11 is one hundred fifty billion dollars or more. To comply with
- 12 this recommendation, a state shall:
- 13 (i) Prohibit any new investment of fund assets in the
- 14 employer subsequent to the date that the employer is placed on
- 15 the list; and
- 16 (ii) Take appropriate action to sell, redeem, divest, or
- 17 withdraw any investment held in the employer not later than
- 18 one year after the employer is placed on the list.
- 19 5. Of the employers who are determined during any one year
- 20 to be responsible for a detrimental net relocation of
- 21 employment:
- 22 (a) Not less than fifty percent shall be subject to a
- 23 recommendation that concurring states take the action
- 24 indicated in subparagraph (a) of subpart 4 of this paragraph
- 25 "b";
- 26 (b) Not less than seventy-five percent shall be subject to
- 27 a recommendation that concurring states take the action
- 28 indicated in subparagraph (b) of subpart 4 of this paragraph
- 29 "b"; and
- 30 (c) Not less than twenty-five percent shall be subject to
- 31 a recommendation that concurring states take the action
- 32 indicated in subparagraph (c) of subpart 4 of this paragraph
- 33 "b".
- 34 6. In determining whether to recommend one or more of the
- 35 actions permitted pursuant to subpart 4 of this paragraph "b"

- 1 to be taken against an employer determined to be responsible
- 2 for a detrimental net relocation of employment, the commission
- 3 shall consider the following factors:
- 4 (a) The seriousness of the impact of the net relocation on
- 5 the workers and other citizens of the concurring state and
- 6 whether the employer has been responsible for other
- 7 detrimental net relocations of employment;
- 8 (b) How likely it is that the action or actions will have
- 9 an impact on the employer sufficient to deter the employer
- 10 from carrying out the detrimental net relocation of
- 11 employment, or, if the relocation has already occurred,
- 12 subsequent net relocations; and
- 13 (c) Any likely negative impact that the action or actions
- 14 may have on the concurring states and their citizens.
- 15 If an employer reverses its decision to undertake a
- 16 significant transfer or termination of operations and rehires
- 17 any employees who have lost employment as a result of the
- 18 transfer or termination, the commission may withdraw its
- 19 recommendation.
- 7. Any decision to recommend any of the actions against an
- 21 employer pursuant to subpart 4 of this paragraph "b" or
- 22 withdraw a recommendation shall require an affirmative vote of
- 23 not less than two-thirds of all of the votes of the members of
- 24 the commission. Each commissioner shall be entitled to one
- 25 vote on any decision to recommend any of the actions or
- 26 withdraw a recommendation, except that, in the case of a
- 27 decision regarding the placement of the employer on the list
- 28 of employers barred from investment pursuant to subparagraph
- 29 (c) of subpart 4 of this paragraph "b", each commissioner
- 30 shall be given one additional vote for each ten billion
- 31 dollars in assets of any pension or annuity funds, cash
- 32 management funds, and other funds which that commissioner's
- 33 concurring state or any agency of that state is authorized to
- 34 invest.
- 35 8. The commission shall make available to each concurring

- 1 state all information at its disposal that is necessary or
- 2 useful to enable the state to implement any recommendation of
- 3 the commission. The commission and each concurring state
- 4 shall make available to the public a list of all employers who
- 5 are determined by the commission to be responsible for a
- 6 detrimental net relocation of employment and a list of all
- 7 employers who are subject to each of the recommendations
- 8 indicated in subpart 4 of this paragraph "b".
- 9 9. All meetings and hearings of the commission shall be
- 10 open to the public, except for deliberations involving the
- 11 consideration of documents and information which is
- 12 confidential pursuant to this subpart. The minutes of the
- 13 public meetings and hearings of the commission shall be public
- 14 records open to inspection and copying at its offices during
- 15 regular business hours, subject to the law relating to public
- 16 records of the concurring states in which such minutes are
- 17 located.
- 18 Any information obtained from any person by the commission
- 19 which would adversely affect the competitive position of the
- 20 person if made public shall be retained solely for the use of
- 21 the commission and the concurring states in the implementation
- 22 of this compact, and shall not be disclosed for any other
- 23 purpose without the written consent of the person.
- 24 10. If an establishment located in a concurring state is
- 25 subject to a significant transfer or termination of
- 26 operations, the employer who operates the establishment shall
- 27 provide, not later than the time at which the first
- 28 termination of employment occurs in connection with the
- 29 transfer or termination of operations, notification of the
- 30 transfer or termination of operations to the designated agency
- 31 in the concurring state, the political subdivision where the
- 32 establishment is located, the affected employees and any
- 33 collective bargaining unit of the employees. The subdivision,
- 34 employees, or collective bargaining unit may file a request
- 35 that the designated agency request the commission to conduct

- 1 an investigation of the transfer or termination of operations
- 2 pursuant to this paragraph "b". The notification shall be in
- 3 writing on a form provided by the commission and shall
- 4 include:
- 5 (a) A statement of the number of employees whose employ-
- 6 ment will be terminated, when the terminations will occur, any
- 7 employment available to employees at any other establishment
- 8 operated by the employer, and information regarding the terms,
- 9 conditions, and location of that employment;
- 10 (b) A statement of the reasons for the transfer or
- 11 termination of operations; and
- 12 (c) A statement which describes: the right of the
- 13 designated agency to request an investigation of the transfer
- 14 or termination of operations; the right of the political
- 15 subdivision, the employees or their collective bargaining unit
- 16 to file a request to have the agency make the request; and the
- 17 actions that the commission may recommend pursuant to this
- 18 paragraph "b" if the commission determines that the employer
- 19 is responsible for a detrimental net relocation of employment.
- 20 11. (a) No person shall obstruct, withhold requested
- 21 information, or in any other way interfere with a commissioner
- 22 or officer, employee, or agent of the commission engaged in
- 23 the conduct of an investigation deemed necessary by the
- 24 commission to implement the purposes of this compact or
- 25 engaged in the performance of any other duty pursuant to the
- 26 provisions of this compact.
- 27 (b) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, if
- 28 the commission determines that an employer has violated or
- 29 attempted to conspire to violate any provision of subpart 10
- 30 of this paragraph "b" or subparagraph (a) of this subpart, the
- 31 commission shall recommend that the employer be placed on all
- 32 of the debarment lists provided for pursuant to subpart 4 of
- 33 this paragraph "b" until the violation has ceased. Prior to
- 34 making a determination regarding a violation pursuant to this
- 35 subparagraph, the commission shall conduct a hearing to

- 1 provide an opportunity for the employer to present its views 2 with respect to the violation.
- 3 (c) Any action, recommendation, or determination of the
- 4 commission shall be subject to judicial review in any court of
- 5 competent jurisdiction as provided by the law of a concurring
- 6 state. Court costs related to the judicial review shall be
- 7 paid by the party which does not prevail. Any subpoena issued
- 8 by the commission shall be enforced by any court of competent
- 9 jurisdiction of the concurring states, according to the
- 10 practice and procedure of the court applicable to subpoenas
- 11 issued in proceedings pending before it.
- 12 ARTICLE V -- FINANCE
- 13 a. The commission shall provide for an annual independent
- 14 audit of its accounts and financial transactions by a
- 15 certified public accountant, and for the publication of the
- 16 report of the audit. The commission shall also make an annual
- 17 report of its activities to the governors and legislatures of
- 18 the concurring states.
- 19 b. The commission shall annually adopt a current expense
- 20 budget for each fiscal year, and shall apportion the amount
- 21 required to balance the expenditures therein, less estimated
- 22 revenues from all sources, to the concurring states in
- 23 accordance with equitable cost-sharing formulae adopted by the
- 24 commission, except that the annual share for each concurring
- 25 state shall be an amount equivalent to not less than three
- 26 cents per each member of the state's total population.
- 27 Following the adoption of its annual budget, the commission
- 28 shall transmit certified copies of the budget to the budget
- 29 officers of the concurring states at the time and in the
- 30 manner required under their respective budgetary procedures.
- 31 The budget shall include the amount apportioned for the
- 32 support of the commission's current expense budget in their
- 33 respective budgets next to be adopted, subject to the review
- 34 and approval required by the budgetary processes of the
- 35 respective concurring states. The amounts shall be due and

- 1 payable to the commission in equal quarterly installments
- 2 during the commission's fiscal year.
- 3 ARTICLE VI -- ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPACT, TERMINATION,
- 4 SEVERABILITY, AND CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL
- 5 a. Amendments and supplements to this compact may be
- 6 adopted by legislative action of all of the concurring states.
- 7 A concurring state may withdraw from its concurrence with this
- 8 compact by repealing its concurring legislation. The
- 9 provisions of this compact shall not be operative during any
- 10 time that the total number of concurring states is reduced to
- 11 less than five.
- 12 b. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and
- 13 if any provision of this compact is declared to be
- 14 unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any
- 15 concurring state, agency, person, or circumstance is held
- 16 invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the compact
- 17 and its applicability to any other concurring state, agency,
- 18 person, or circumstance shall not be affected. The provisions
- 19 of this compact shall be reasonably and liberally construed.
- 20 c. The commissioners are hereby authorized to apply to the
- 21 congress of the United States for its consent and approval of
- 22 this compact or any provision of this compact, if that consent
- 23 and approval is required under federal law, but in the absence
- 24 of the consent and approval of the congress, the commission
- 25 shall have all of the powers that the concurring states may
- 26 confer upon it without that consent and approval.
- 27 Sec. 2. Section 15.104, Code 1995, is amended by adding
- 28 the following new subsection:
- 29 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 9. Implement the requirements of section
- 30 15F.1. The board shall appoint the commissioner who serves as
- 31 Iowa's member on the multistate industrial retention
- 32 commission and shall act as the designated agency in Iowa for
- 33 purposes of the commission. The board shall work with
- 34 appropriate agencies and seek the cooperation of businesses,
- 35 labor organizations, or other interested entities to collect

- 1 relevant information regarding economic developments and to
- 2 establish and foster early warning networks to assist in
- 3 identifying establishments which are likely to experience
- 4 future significant transfers or terminations of operations.
- 5 The board shall also seek the collaboration of other
- 6 concurring states in efforts to identify establishments likely
- 7 to experience future significant transfers or terminations of
- 8 operations.
- 9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 2 of this Act takes
- 10 effect upon enactment of legislation concurring with section 1
- 11 of this Act by any four other states.
- 12 EXPLANATION
- 13 This bill creates, with the concurrence of not less than
- 14 four other states, the multistate industrial retention
- 15 commission as an instrumentality of the concurring states.
- 16 Section 1 of the bill represents the portion of the bill
- 17 which would be adopted by all concurring states.
- 18 Section 1 provides that the commission would consist of one
- 19 commissioner from each concurring state to be appointed and
- 20 serve in the manner determined by the legislature of that
- 21 state.
- The purpose of the commission is to provide information,
- 23 analysis, and recommendations to concurring states which will
- 24 assist them in making informed decisions when they act in
- 25 their roles as market participants to prevent the harm caused
- 26 to the welfare of their citizens by net relocations of
- 27 employment associated with closings or relocations of
- 28 workplaces in those states.
- 29 To implement its purpose, the commission is required to
- 30 investigate any significant closing or relocation of a
- 31 workplace located in a concurring state upon the request of
- 32 the designated agency of that state. The commission may also
- 33 investigate possible future closings or relocations.
- 34 The goal of each investigation is to determine whether the
- 35 employer at the establishment is responsible for a detrimental

- 1 net relocation of employment in connection with the closing or
- 2 relocation. The employer is required to report all changes in
- 3 the location, during the preceding period of not less than 10
- 4 years, of all employment and production of the employer and
- 5 the employer's affiliates related to products produced at the
- 6 affected workplace, including changes related to the
- 7 outsourcing or contracting out of production.
- 8 regards the employer as responsible for a detrimental net
- 9 relocation of employment if the commission finds that the
- 10 employment actually has been or is being transferred to
- 11 another location and that the transfer undermines labor,
- 12 health, environmental, human rights, civil rights, or other
- 13 standards, based on a demonstrable worsening of the pay and
- 14 conditions of employees, of the funding of education or other
- 15 pubic services required for the general welfare, or of other
- 16 circumstances affecting employees and their communities.
- 1.7 If the commission determines that the employer is
- 18 responsible for a detrimental net relocation of employment,
- 19 the commission is required to decide which, if any, of the
- 20 following actions to recommend that each concurring state take
- 21 against the employer:
- 22 Barring the employer from entering into public
- 23 contracts with any agency or subdivision of the state;
- 24 Barring the employer from receiving economic
- 25 development assistance or incentives in the state; or
- 26 Barring the employer from having investments made into
- 27 it of assets of any public pension or other funds under the
- 28 control of the state or its instrumentalities, except that the
- 29 commission is not permitted to recommend a bar on investment
- 30 until the total amount of investment assets of all concurring
- 31 states is at least \$150 billion.
- 32 The bill requires that, of the employers who are determined
- 33 during any one year to be responsible for a detrimental net
- 34 relocation of employment: not less than 50 percent be subject
- 35 to a recommendation barring the employer from contracting; not

- 1 less than 75 percent be subject to a recommendation barring
- 2 the employer from receiving economic development assistance;
- 3 and not less than 25 percent be subject to a recommendation
- 4 barring the employer from receiving investments of public
- 5 funds.
- 6 In determining whether to recommend one or more of the
- 7 actions to be taken against an employer, the commission is
- 8 required to consider: the seriousness of the impact of the
- 9 detrimental net relocation of employment on the workers and
- 10 other citizens of the concurring state and whether the
- 11 employer has been responsible for other net relocations; how
- 12 likely the action or actions are to deter the employer from
- 13 carrying out the relocation or subsequent relocations; and any
- 14 likely negative impact that the action or actions may have on
- 15 the concurring states and their citizens.
- 16 If an employer halts the plant closing or relocation and
- 17 rehires any laid off employees, the commission may withdraw
- 18 its recommendation.
- 19 Any decision regarding the recommendations requires an
- 20 affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all of the votes of
- 21 the members of the commission. Each commissioner is entitled
- 22 to one vote, except that, in the case of a recommendation to
- 23 bar the employer from pension investments, each commissioner
- 24 is given one additional vote for each \$10 billion in assets of
- 25 any pension or other funds which that commissioner's
- 26 concurring state or its instrumentalities are authorized to
- 27 invest.
- The bill gives the commission the authority to use
- 29 subpoenas when conducting an investigation. An employer who
- 30 obstructs the investigation is also subject to the indicated
- 31 recommendations of debarment until the obstruction ceases.
- 32 The commission is authorized to submit budget requests
- 33 equivalent to not less than three cents per capita for each
- 34 concurring state.
- 35 Section 2 of this bill provides that the economic

1 development board shall implement Iowa's responsibilities 2 pursuant to the multistate industrial retention commission 3 compact. The board shall appoint Iowa's commissioner to the 4 multistate industrial retention commission and shall act as 5 Iowa's designated agency under the commission. Section 2 of 6 the bill becomes effective upon adoption of the interstate 7 compact established by this Act by four other states.