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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 84A.1C WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
2 CORPORATION.

3 1. NONPROFIT CORPORATION FOR RECEIVING AND DISBURSING
4 FUNDS. The Iowa workforce development board may organize a
5 corporation under the provisions of chapter 504A for the
6 purpose of receiving and disbursing funds from public or
7 private sources to be used to further workforce development in
8 this state and to accomplish the mission of the board.

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10 organized pursuant to this section shall be the chairperson of
11 the Iowa workforce development board, the director of the
12 department of workforce development, and a member of the Iowa
13 workforce development board selected by the chairperson.

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15 corporation organized pursuant to this section shall be the
16 members of the Iowa workforce development board or their
17 successors in office.

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19 pursuant to this section may accept grants of money or
20 property from the federal government or any other source and
21 may upon its own order use its money, property, or other
22 resources for any of the purposes identified in section
23 84A.1B.

24 Sec. 2. Section 84A.4, subsection 3, Code 1999, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 3. Section 84A.1A, subsections 2, 3, and 5, apply to the
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28 shall meet if a majority of the members of the board, and not
29 five, file a written request with the chairperson for a
30 meeting. Members of a regional advisory board shall be
31 allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
32 performance of their duties. All expenses shall be paid from
33 appropriations for those purposes and the department is
34 subject to the budget requirements of chapter 8.

35 Sec. 3. Section 84A.5, Code 1999, is amended by adding the

1 following new subsection:

2 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. The director of the department may
3 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to charge and collect fees
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5 department which are not required by law to be provided by the
6 department and are not generally available from the
7 department. Fees shall not be charged to provide a free
8 public labor exchange. Fees established by the director shall
9 be based upon the costs of administering the service, with due
10 regard to the anticipated time spent, and travel costs
11 incurred, by personnel performing the service. The collection
12 of fees authorized by this subsection shall be treated as
13 repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2.

14 Sec. 4. Section 84A.7, Code 1999, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.
17 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of chapters 19A and 96,
18 a person employed through an Iowa conservation corps program
19 shall be exempt from merit system requirements and shall not
20 be eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits.

21 EXPLANATION

22 New Code section 84A.1C authorizes the workforce
23 development board to establish a nonprofit corporation under
24 the provisions of Code chapter 504A for the purpose of
25 acquiring funds to be used to further the mission of workforce
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29 board to obtain and disburse funds in furtherance of the
30 duties of the workforce development board.

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33 workforce development advisory boards.

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January 1999

TO: Iowa General Assembly
State Capitol

FROM: Pat Sampson, Legislative Liaison *Pat Sampson*
Iowa Workforce Development

SUBJECT: Background Statement on legislation relating to Workforce Development
LSB # 1230

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Section 1 allows the Iowa workforce development board to establish a corporation or foundation to further the mission of the board. The chairperson, another member of the board and the director of IWD are the individuals who are allowed to initiate the incorporation. The corporation can solicit donations and receive grants for activities related to the mission of the board that are not specifically provided by current federal or state funds. The state board will be able to further its mission in a more comprehensive way with foundation support. This foundation was designed similar to the Iowa development commission foundation.

Foundation funds can be used to:

- Serve populations, such as the working poor, that are not currently targeted for federal or state funding,
- Conduct pilot projects to test various program models,
- Collect conference registration fees and pay expenses for major statewide, regional or national conferences,
- Leverage funds from other foundations to support the board mission,
- Solicit private business to cover expenses not reimbursed by the state for promotional events,
- Respond to emergency situations immediately.

Section 2 authorizes expense reimbursement for the regional advisory boards (RABs) in each workforce development region. Funding from the state administrative surcharge will be used to reimburse the RABs for their expenses.

When the 15 regional advisory boards were established in 1996, funding was not provided to pay expenses. Some regions are large geographic areas and encompass at least ten counties. Each county is represented on a board and some members may be required to travel long distances to attend the meetings. Also, some members are low income and can not afford the time away from work and the travel costs. The responsibilities of the regional board members are substantial and expense reimbursement will allow the boards to retain the expertise of members and avoid turnover. The cost to reimburse the boards for actual and necessary expenses is \$60,300.

Section 3 authorizes the department to draft rules that establish and charge fees for enhanced services in which little or no federal or state appropriation is available.

Section 4 exempts participants of the conservation corps program from state merit system requirements and eligibility for unemployment benefits. Participants of the conservation corps program were exempt from these provisions until 1996 when the program was administered by the newly formed Iowa Workforce Development. The legislation establishing the department inadvertently removed the section containing this exemption. These exemptions were established because the program was designed to provide short-term work experience and career exploration rather than leading directly to permanent employment with the sponsoring agency.

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