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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing a county to contract for the performance of
2 certain veterans affairs and general assistance duties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 2060 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 35A.3, subsection 12, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 12. Provide training to individuals performing the duties
4 of executive directors of county commissions of veteran
5 affairs pursuant to section 35B.6. The commission may adopt
6 rules in accordance with chapter 17A to provide for the
7 ~~training of-county-veteran-affairs-executive-directors.~~

8 Sec. 2. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, Code 2003, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 1. a. The members of the commission shall qualify by
11 taking the usual oath of office, and give bond in the sum of
12 five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the faithful
13 discharge of ~~their~~ member duties with sureties to be approved
14 by the county auditor. The commission shall organize by the
15 selection of one ~~of-their-members~~ commission member as
16 chairperson, and one as secretary. The commission, subject to
17 the approval of the board of supervisors, ~~shall-have-power-to~~
18 may employ an executive director and other necessary
19 administrative or clerical assistants ~~when-needed,~~ the or may
20 contract for the performance of the executive director or
21 assistants' duties. The compensation of such employees to or
22 the contract amount, as applicable, shall be fixed by the
23 board of supervisors, but ~~no~~ a member of the commission shall
24 not be so employed in any of the positions or paid under the
25 contract. The individual fulfilling the duties of the
26 executive director must possess the same qualifications as
27 provided in section 35B.3 for commission members. However,
28 this qualification requirement shall not apply to ~~a-person~~ an
29 individual employed as an executive director prior to July 1,
30 1989.

31 b. Upon the employment of an executive director, the
32 executive director shall complete a course of initial training
33 provided by the commission of veterans affairs pursuant to
34 section 35A.3. If an executive director is not appointed, a
35 commissioner, or a clerical assistant, or individual

1 designated by contract to perform the executive director
2 duties shall complete the course of training. The commission
3 shall issue the executive director, commissioner, ~~or~~ clerical
4 assistant, or individual a certificate of training after
5 completion of the initial training course. To maintain annual
6 certification, the executive director, commissioner, ~~or~~
7 clerical assistant, or individual shall attend one commission
8 training course each year. Failure to maintain certification
9 may be cause for removal from office. The expenses of
10 training shall be paid from the appropriation authorized in
11 section 35B.14.

12 Sec. 3. Section 252.26, Code 2003, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 252.26 GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR.

15 The board of supervisors in each county shall appoint or
16 designate a general assistance director for the county, who
17 shall have the powers and duties conferred by this chapter.
18 In lieu of appointing or designating a general assistance
19 director, the board of supervisors may contract for
20 performance of the director's duties. In counties of one
21 hundred thousand or less population, the county board may
22 designate as general assistance director an employee of the
23 state department of human services who is assigned to work in
24 that county and is directed by the director of human services,
25 pursuant to an agreement with the county board, to exercise
26 the functions and duties of general assistance director in
27 that county. The director shall receive as compensation an
28 amount to be determined by the county board.

29 Sec. 4. Section 331.321, subsection 1, paragraph h, Code
30 2003, is amended to read as follows:

31 h. A general assistance director in accordance with
32 section 252.26. In lieu of appointment, the board may
33 contract for performance of the director's duties as provided
34 in section 252.26.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill authorizes a county to contract for the
2 performance of certain veterans affairs and general assistance
3 duties.

4 Code section 35A.3, relating to the duties of the state
5 commission of veterans affairs, is amended to provide that the
6 requirement to provide training to executive directors of
7 county commissions of veterans affairs applies to individuals
8 performing the executive director's duties.

9 Code section 35B.6, relating to qualification, training,
10 and offices of a county commission of veterans affairs, is
11 amended to allow the commission, with the approval of the
12 board of supervisors, to contract for performance of the
13 executive director's duties or the duties of any assistant.

14 Code section 252.26, relating to the general assistance
15 director, is amended to allow the county board of supervisors
16 to contract for performance of the general assistance
17 director's duties in lieu of appointing or designating the
18 director.

19 Code section 331.321, relating to the appointments required
20 to be made by the county board of supervisors, is amended to
21 conform with the bill's authorization for a board to contract
22 for performance of the duties of a county general assistance
23 director.

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