

# House Study Bill 640

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to projects identified under the Iowa great  
2 places program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 5405DP 81  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 303.3C, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code  
1 2 Supplement 2005, is amended by striking the paragraph.  
1 3 Sec. 2. Section 303.3C, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
1 4 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:  
1 5 b. Identify ~~three~~ Iowa great places projects for purposes  
1 6 of receiving a package of resources under the program.  
1 7 Sec. 3. Section 303.3C, Code Supplement 2005, is amended  
1 8 by adding the following new subsection:  
1 9 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. a. Notwithstanding any restriction,  
1 10 requirement, or duty to the contrary, in considering an  
1 11 application for a grant, loan, or other financial assistance  
1 12 from a city or county where an Iowa great places project has  
1 13 been identified, a state agency may give preference to such  
1 14 applications. This subsection applies to applications filed  
1 15 within five years of the Iowa great places project  
1 16 identification; however, the Iowa great places board may  
1 17 extend the time period for which this subsection applies by  
1 18 one year not more than three times.  
1 19 b. By January 15 of each year, a state agency that gives  
1 20 preference to an application where an Iowa great places  
1 21 project has been identified pursuant to paragraph "a" shall  
1 22 submit a report to the general assembly summarizing all  
1 23 actions taken by the state agency pursuant to paragraph "a"  
1 24 during the previous year.

### EXPLANATION

1 25 This bill relates to projects identified under the Iowa  
1 26 great places program.  
1 27 Currently, under the program, three Iowa great places  
1 28 projects are to be identified by the Iowa great places board,  
1 29 and two years after the third project is identified,  
1 30 additional projects may be identified. The bill eliminates  
1 31 the two-year waiting period for identifying additional  
1 32 projects.  
1 33 The bill provides that, notwithstanding any restriction,  
1 34 requirement, or duty to the contrary, in considering an  
1 35 application for a grant, loan, or other financial assistance  
2 1 from a city or county where an Iowa great places project has  
2 2 been identified, a state agency may provide preference to such  
2 3 applications. The bill provides that the preference  
2 4 provisions apply to applications filed within five years of  
2 5 the Iowa great places project identification; however, the  
2 6 Iowa great places board may extend the time period by one year  
2 7 not more than three times. The bill also includes a reporting  
2 8 requirement for state agencies that apply the preferences  
2 9 created under the bill.  
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