

Senate Study Bill 3179 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fire protection and emergency medical
2 services, including tax credits, service charges, and
3 applicability provisions.

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

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DIVISION I

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING

Section 1. 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 129, section 114, subsection 1, paragraph a, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) Of the funds allocated in this paragraph "a", \$750,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation to the department of public health in this Act for public protection to be used for emergency medical services training for communities with populations under 9,000.

DIVISION II

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD

Sec. 2. Section 80.28, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2011, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (05) One member who is an emergency manager and a representative of the Iowa emergency management association.

Sec. 3. Section 80.28, subsection 4, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

4. The voting members of the board shall be appointed in compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Members shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from the board membership, who shall serve two-year terms. Members representing state agencies and appointed by the governor shall be employees of the agency, department, or office represented. The members appointed by the governor shall be appointed to three-year staggered terms and the terms shall commence and end as provided by section 69.19. If a vacancy occurs among the voting members, a successor shall be appointed to serve the unexpired term. A successor shall be appointed in the same manner and subject to the same qualifications as the original appointment to serve the unexpired term. The voting members of the board are entitled to receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while engaged in the performance of official duties from funds appropriated to the department of public

1 safety and the state department of transportation for that
2 purpose. The departments shall enter into an agreement to
3 provide administrative assistance and support to the board.

4 DIVISION III

5 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

6 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 34A.11 Communications — single point
7 of contact.

8 A public or private safety agency that determines that a
9 need, issue, or concern exists or has arisen in connection
10 with the provision of public safety communications within an
11 enhanced 911 service area shall file, register, or otherwise
12 convey the need, issue, or concern to the joint E911 service
13 board maintained within the area, or an alternative legal
14 entity created pursuant to chapter 28E as provided in
15 section 34A.3, subsection 3. The joint E911 service board
16 or alternative legal entity shall serve as the single point
17 of contact with regard to the receipt of public safety
18 communications needs, issues, or concerns, and shall take such
19 action with regard to the disposition of the need, issue, or
20 concern as the board or entity in its discretion determines
21 appropriate.

22 DIVISION IV

23 VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TAX
24 CREDIT

25 Sec. 5. Section 8.57E, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 **8.57E Taxpayers trust fund.**

28 1. A taxpayers trust fund is created. The fund shall be
29 separate from the general fund of the state and the balance in
30 the fund shall not be considered part of the balance of the
31 general fund of the state. The moneys credited to the fund
32 are not subject to section 8.33 and shall not be transferred,
33 used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except
34 as provided in this section.

35 2. Moneys in the taxpayers trust fund shall only be used

1 pursuant to appropriations made by the general assembly for tax
2 relief.

3 3. a. There is appropriated from the taxpayers trust fund
4 to the general fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 2014, and subsequent fiscal years, an amount of moneys equal
6 to the credits claimed under the volunteer fire fighter and
7 volunteer emergency medical services personnel income tax
8 credit in section 422.12 for the calendar year preceding the
9 fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. The maximum
10 annual appropriation under this paragraph shall not exceed
11 sixty million dollars.

12 b. Moneys The moneys remaining in the taxpayers trust fund
13 after the appropriation in paragraph "a" may be used for cash
14 flow purposes during a fiscal year provided that any moneys so
15 allocated are returned to the fund by the end of that fiscal
16 year.

17 ~~b.~~ 4. Except as provided in section 8.58, the taxpayers
18 trust fund shall be considered a special account for the
19 purposes of section 8.53 in determining the cash position
20 of the general fund of the state for the payment of state
21 obligations.

22 ~~4.~~ 5. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,
23 interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the taxpayers trust
24 fund shall be credited to the fund.

25 Sec. 6. Section 422.12, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
26 by adding the following new paragraphs:

27 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* *"Emergency medical services personnel"*
28 means an emergency medical care provider, as defined in section
29 147A.1, who is certified as a first responder pursuant to
30 chapter 147A.

31 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* *"Volunteer fire fighter"* means a
32 volunteer fire fighter as defined in section 85.61 who has met
33 the minimum training standards established by the fire service
34 training bureau pursuant to chapter 100B.

35 Sec. 7. Section 422.12, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended

1 by adding the following new paragraph:

2 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. (1) A volunteer fire fighter and
3 volunteer emergency medical services personnel credit equal
4 to five hundred dollars to compensate the taxpayer for the
5 voluntary services if the volunteer served for the entire tax
6 year.

7 If the taxpayer is not a volunteer fire fighter or volunteer
8 emergency medical services personnel for the entire tax
9 year, the maximum amount of the credit shall be prorated
10 and the amount of credit for the taxpayer shall equal the
11 maximum amount of credit for the tax year, divided by twelve,
12 multiplied by the number of months in the tax year the taxpayer
13 was a volunteer. The credit shall be rounded to the nearest
14 dollar. If the taxpayer is a volunteer during any part of a
15 month, the taxpayer shall be considered a volunteer for the
16 entire month. If the taxpayer is a volunteer fire fighter and
17 a volunteer emergency medical services personnel during the
18 same month, a credit may be claimed for only one volunteer
19 position for that month.

20 (2) The taxpayer is required to have a written statement
21 from the fire chief or other appropriate supervisor verifying
22 that the taxpayer was a volunteer fire fighter or volunteer
23 emergency medical services personnel for the months for which
24 the credit under this subsection is claimed.

25 Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies to
26 tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

27 DIVISION V

28 PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE SURVIVOR BENEFITS

29 Sec. 9. Section 260C.14, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
30 following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Adopt rules to waive tuition and
32 mandatory fee charges for any student in good standing who is
33 a resident of Iowa; is under the age of twenty-six, or under
34 the age of thirty if the student is a qualified veteran as
35 defined in subsection 14; is not a convicted felon as defined

1 in section 910.15; and is the child of an individual who died
2 in the line of duty as determined by section 97A.6, subsection
3 16, section 97B.52, subsection 2, section 100B.31, or section
4 411.6, subsection 15.

5 Sec. 10. Section 262.9, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
6 adding the following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Adopt rules that require the
8 institutions of higher education under its control to waive
9 tuition and mandatory fee charges for any undergraduate student
10 in good standing who is a resident of Iowa; is under the age
11 of twenty-six, or under the age of thirty if the student is
12 a qualified veteran as defined in subsection 17; is not a
13 convicted felon as defined in section 910.15; and is the child
14 of an individual who died in the line of duty as determined by
15 section 97A.6, subsection 16, section 97B.52, subsection 2,
16 section 100B.31, or section 411.6, subsection 15.

17 Sec. 11. Section 509A.13, Code 2011, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **509A.13 Continuation of group insurance.**

20 1. If a governing body, a county board of supervisors, or a
21 city council has procured for its employees accident, health,
22 or hospitalization insurance, or a medical service plan, or has
23 contracted with a health maintenance organization authorized
24 to do business in this state, the governing body, county board
25 of supervisors, or city council shall ~~allow~~ do all of the
26 following:

27 a. Allow its employees who retired before attaining
28 sixty-five years of age to continue participation in the group
29 plan or under the group contract at the employee's own expense
30 until the employee attains sixty-five years of age.

31 b. Allow any child of an eligible deceased employee to
32 continue participation in the group plan or under the group
33 contract at the employer's expense until the child attains
34 twenty-six years of age. For purposes of this paragraph,
35 "eligible deceased employee" means an employee who died in

1 the line of duty as determined by section 97A.6, subsection
2 16, section 97B.52, subsection 2, section 100B.31, or section
3 411.6, subsection 15.

4 2. This section applies to employees who retired on or
5 after January 1, 1981, and to children of an eligible deceased
6 employee who died on or after July 1, 2012.

7 Sec. 12. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
8 3, shall not apply to this division of this Act.

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DIVISION VI

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSIONS — FINANCING

11 Sec. 13. Section 29C.9, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2011,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 2. The commission shall be composed of a member of the
14 board of supervisors ~~or its appointed representative, the~~
15 ~~sheriff or the sheriff's representative,~~ and the mayor ~~or the~~
16 ~~mayor's representative~~ from each city within the county. ~~The~~
17 ~~commission members shall be the operations liaison officers~~
18 ~~between their jurisdiction and the commission.~~ A commission
19 member may designate an alternate to represent the designated
20 entity. For any activity relating to section 29C.17,
21 subsection 2, or chapter 24, participation shall only be by a
22 commission member or a designated alternate that is an elected
23 official from the same designated entity.

24 Sec. 14. Section 29C.17, subsections 2 and 5, Code
25 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:

26 2. For the purposes consistent with this chapter, the local
27 emergency management agency's approved budget ~~may~~ shall be
28 funded by one or any combination of the following options, as
29 determined by the commission:

30 a. ~~A countywide special levy approved by the board of~~
31 ~~supervisors pursuant to section 331.424, subsection 1, to the~~
32 extent the county's basic levy is insufficient.

33 b. Per capita allocation funded from city and county general
34 funds or by a combination of city and county special levies
35 which may be apportioned among the member jurisdictions.

1 c. An allocation computed as each jurisdiction's relative
2 share of the total assessed valuation within the county.

3 d. A voluntary share allocation.

4 e. Other funding sources allowed by law.

5 5. Subject to chapter 24, the commission shall adopt,
6 certify, and ~~submit~~ provide a budget, on or before February 28
7 of each year, to the ~~county board of supervisors and the cities~~
8 ~~for the ensuing fiscal year which will include an itemized list~~
9 ~~of the number of emergency management personnel, their salaries~~
10 ~~and cost of personnel benefits, travel and transportation~~
11 ~~costs, fixed costs of operation, and all other anticipated~~
12 ~~emergency management expenses. The salaries and compensation~~
13 ~~of agency personnel coming under the merit system as determined~~
14 ~~by the commission will include salary schedules for classes in~~
15 ~~which the salary of a class is based on merit qualifications~~
16 ~~for the positions~~ funding entities determined pursuant to
17 subsection 2. The form of the budget shall be as prescribed by
18 the department of management. Any portion of a tax levied by a
19 county or city to support the local emergency management agency
20 may be identified separately on tax statements issued by the
21 county treasurer.

22 Sec. 15. Section 29C.17, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
23 adding the following new subsection:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. Joint emergency response communication
25 services under section 29C.9, subsection 6, shall be funded as
26 provided for in the agreement entered into pursuant to chapter
27 28E.

28 DIVISION VII

29 IOWACARE AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION COVERAGE

30 Sec. 16. IOWACARE — AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AS A COVERED
31 SERVICE. The department of human services shall adopt rules
32 for the IowaCare program created pursuant to chapter 249J to
33 include ambulance transportation to and from a participating
34 provider as specified in section 249J.7 as a covered service
35 under section 249J.6. The department of human services shall

1 amend applicable medical assistance program state plan and
2 waiver provisions as necessary to implement this section.

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DIVISION VIII

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORTS

5 Sec. 17. Section 100B.2, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
6 following new subsection:

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NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Consult with and provide

8 recommendations to the state fire marshal and director
9 of the department of public health concerning efficient and
10 cost-effective methods of providing reports required of fire
11 service and emergency services personnel.

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DIVISION IX

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FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CHARGES

14 Sec. 18. Section 331.385, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
15 2011, is amended to read as follows:

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a. Notwithstanding subsection 1, if as of July 1, 2006, a
17 township has in force an agreement entered into pursuant to
18 chapter 28E for a city or another township to provide fire
19 protection service or fire protection service and emergency
20 medical service for the township, or if a township is otherwise
21 contracting with a city or another township for provision to
22 the township of fire protection service or fire protection
23 service and emergency medical service, the county board of
24 supervisors shall, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,
25 and subsequent fiscal years, negotiate for and enter into an
26 agreement pursuant to chapter 28E providing for continued fire
27 protection service, or fire protection service and emergency
28 medical service, to the township, and shall certify taxes
29 for levy in the township or impose service charges, or both,
30 pursuant to section 331.424C, in amounts sufficient to meet the
31 financial obligations pertaining to the agreement.

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Sec. 19. Section 331.424C, Code 2011, is amended to read as
33 follows:

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331.424C Emergency services fund.

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A county that is providing fire protection service or

1 emergency medical service to a township pursuant to section
2 331.385 shall establish an emergency services fund and may
3 certify taxes for levy in the township or may impose service
4 charges for such services, or both. The taxes levied or
5 charges imposed shall not to exceed the amounts authorized in
6 section 359.43. The county has the authority to use a portion
7 of the taxes levied or charges imposed and deposited in the
8 fund for the purpose of accumulating moneys to carry out the
9 purposes of section 359.43, subsection 4.

10 Sec. 20. Section 357J.17, Code 2011, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **357J.17 Transition — township tax and service charges**
13 **discontinued.**

14 When the boundary lines of the district include all or a
15 portion of a township and the district has certified a tax levy
16 within the township for the purpose of fire protection service
17 and emergency medical service, the township trustees shall no
18 longer levy the tax or impose the service charges provided
19 by section 359.43 in that portion of the township provided
20 services by the district. Any indebtedness incurred for the
21 purposes of sections 359.42 through 359.45 for a service now
22 provided by the district shall be assumed by the district.
23 Such township shall not be responsible for providing fire
24 protection service and emergency medical service as provided
25 in section 359.42 for the portion of the township within the
26 district, and shall have no liability for the method, manner,
27 or means by which the district provides the fire protection
28 service and emergency medical service.

29 Sec. 21. Section 359.43, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
30 following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. a. In addition to or in lieu of the
32 property tax levies authorized in this section, the trustees
33 may authorize the collection of any of the following:

34 (1) A service charge for fire protection service from the
35 property owner where the fire protection service was provided.

1 (2) A service charge for emergency medical service from the
2 recipient of the emergency medical service or from the parent
3 of the recipient if the recipient is a minor. For purposes
4 of this subsection, "*minor*" means an individual who is under
5 eighteen years of age and is not considered by law to be an
6 adult, and "*parent*" means one biological or adoptive parent, a
7 stepparent, or a legal guardian or custodian of the minor.

8 *b.* A service charge collected under this section for fire
9 protection service or emergency medical service shall not
10 exceed an amount equal to the actual expense incurred by the
11 township to provide the service.

12 *c.* The state fire service and emergency response council
13 established in section 100B.1 shall develop guidelines for
14 townships to follow when authorizing the collection of service
15 charges for fire protection service or emergency medical
16 service.

17 *d.* If the trustees contract with a public or private agency
18 under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing fire protection
19 service or emergency medical service, the public or private
20 agency may collect the service charges authorized under this
21 subsection if the types and amounts of such service charges are
22 specified in the chapter 28E agreement.

23 *e.* (1) If a service charge for fire protection service
24 imposed under this subsection remains unpaid six months
25 after the property owner was notified of the service charge,
26 the unpaid amount shall constitute a lien upon the property
27 where such service was provided. The lien shall have equal
28 precedence with ordinary taxes, may be certified to the county
29 treasurer and collected in the same manner as ordinary taxes,
30 and is not divested by a judicial sale.

31 (2) If a service charge for emergency medical service
32 imposed under this subsection remains unpaid six months after
33 the recipient of the service, or the parent of the recipient if
34 the recipient is a minor, was notified of the service charge,
35 the trustees may bring a civil action in order to collect the

1 amount due. The civil action may be heard by the district
2 court sitting in small claims as provided in chapter 631 unless
3 the amount due exceeds the jurisdictional amount for small
4 claims set forth in section 631.1.

5 Sec. 22. Section 359.45, Code 2011, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **359.45 Anticipatory bonds.**

8 Townships may anticipate the collection of taxes or service
9 charges authorized by section 359.43 and for such purposes
10 may direct the county board of supervisors to issue bonds
11 under sections 331.441 to 331.449 relating to essential county
12 purpose bonds except that the bonds are payable only from tax
13 levies on property subject to the levy under section 359.43 or
14 from service charges collected under section 359.43.

15 DIVISION X

16 EMERGENCY SERVICES — TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

17 Sec. 23. Section 321.1, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
18 adding the following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 20C. "*Emergency services zone*" means the
20 portion of a highway which is within five hundred feet of a
21 stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is on the highway
22 and displaying flashing yellow, amber, white, red, or red and
23 blue lights.

24 Sec. 24. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph i, Code
25 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:

26 *i. Road work zone and emergency services zone*
27 *violations.* The scheduled fine for any moving traffic
28 violation under chapter 321, as provided in this section, shall
29 be doubled if the violation occurs within any road work zone
30 or emergency services zone, both as defined in section 321.1.
31 However, notwithstanding subsection 5, the scheduled fine for
32 violating the speed limit in a road work zone or emergency
33 services zone is as follows:

34 (1) One hundred fifty dollars for speed not more than ten
35 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

1 (2) Three hundred dollars for speed greater than ten but not
2 more than twenty miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

3 (3) Five hundred dollars for speed greater than twenty but
4 not more than twenty-five miles per hour over the posted speed
5 limit.

6 (4) One thousand dollars for speed greater than twenty-five
7 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill concerns fire protection and emergency medical
10 services.

11 DIVISION I — EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING. This
12 division of the bill transfers \$750,000 from the allocation to
13 the department of public health for the tobacco use prevention
14 and control initiative to the appropriation to the department
15 of public health for public protection to be used for emergency
16 medical services training for communities with populations
17 under 9,000 for FY 2012-2013.

18 DIVISION II — STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
19 BOARD. This division of the bill relates to the membership of
20 the statewide interoperable communications system board.

21 The division adds an emergency manager who is a
22 representative of the Iowa emergency management association to
23 the board.

24 The division provides that the governor shall solicit
25 and consider recommendations from professional or volunteer
26 organizations prior to making the appointment to the board.

27 Code section 80.28(4) specifies the representative of the
28 Iowa emergency management association appointed to the board
29 shall serve a three-year term.

30 The division also provides that members of the board shall
31 be an employee of the state agency, department, or office the
32 member is representing.

33 DIVISION III — PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS. This division
34 of the bill provides that if a public or private safety agency
35 has a need, issue, or concern in connection with the provision

1 of public safety communications within an enhanced 911 service
2 area, the agency shall file, register, or otherwise convey
3 the need, issue, or concern to the joint E911 service board
4 maintained within the area, or an alternative legal entity
5 established as provided in Code section 34A.3, subsection
6 3. The division directs the applicable joint E911 service
7 board or alternative legal entity to serve as the single
8 point of contact with regard to the receipt of public safety
9 communications needs, issues, or concerns, and authorizes
10 the board or entity to take such action with regard to the
11 disposition of the need, issue, or concern as the board or
12 entity in its discretion determines appropriate.

13 DIVISION IV — VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
14 SERVICES TAX CREDIT. This division of the bill provides a
15 nonrefundable individual income tax credit for an individual
16 who was a volunteer fire fighter who has met the minimum
17 training standards or certified volunteer emergency medical
18 services personnel for the entire tax year. The credit is to
19 compensate the individual for the volunteer services. The
20 amount of the credit equals \$500. If the individual was not
21 a volunteer for the entire tax year, the amount of credit is
22 prorated based upon the months of volunteer service. A credit
23 may be claimed for only one volunteer position per month.

24 The division provides an annual appropriation from the
25 taxpayers relief fund to the general fund for an amount equal
26 to the credits claimed for a tax year, not to exceed \$60
27 million.

28 The division applies to tax years beginning on or after
29 January 1, 2013.

30 DIVISION V — PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE SURVIVOR BENEFITS.
31 This division of the bill provides health care and tuition
32 benefits to children of public safety employees who died in the
33 line of duty.

34 Code section 260C.14, concerning community colleges,
35 is amended to provide that the board of directors of each

1 community college shall adopt rules to waive tuition and
2 mandatory fee charges for any student in good standing who is a
3 resident of Iowa who is under the age of 26, or under the age
4 of 30 if the student is a qualified veteran, is not a convicted
5 felon, and is the child of an individual who died in the line
6 of duty as determined by Code section 97A.6(16), Code section
7 97B.52(2), Code section 100B.31, or Code section 411.6(15).

8 Code section 262.9, concerning the board of regents, is
9 amended to provide that the board of regents shall adopt
10 rules providing that institutions of higher education under
11 its control waive tuition and mandatory fee charges for any
12 undergraduate student in good standing who is a resident of
13 Iowa, who is under the age of 26 or under the age of 30 if the
14 student is a qualified veteran, is not a convicted felon, and
15 is the child of an individual who died in the line of duty as
16 determined by Code section 97A.6(16), Code section 97B.52(2),
17 Code section 100B.31, or Code section 411.6(15).

18 Code section 509A.13, concerning continuation of group
19 insurance for public employees, is amended to provide that
20 any child of an employee who died in the line of duty on or
21 after July 1, 2012, as determined by Code section 97A.6(16),
22 Code section 97B.52(2), Code section 100B.31, or Code section
23 411.6(15), shall be entitled to continue participation in that
24 group insurance, at the employer's expense, until the child
25 attains 26 years of age.

26 The division may include a state mandate as defined in
27 Code section 25B.3. The division makes inapplicable Code
28 section 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
29 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
30 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
31 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
32 any state mandate included in the division.

33 DIVISION VI — EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSIONS —
34 FINANCING. This division of the bill relates to financial
35 responsibilities of local emergency management commissions.

1 The division provides that local emergency management
2 commission members may designate an alternate to represent the
3 designated entity. The division provides that for any activity
4 relating to Code section 29C.17, subsection 2, or Code chapter
5 24, relating to the budget, participation shall only be by a
6 commission member or a designated alternate that is an elected
7 official from the same designated entity.

8 Currently, a local emergency management agency's approved
9 budget may be funded by one or more of four specific methods.
10 The division requires the budgets to be funded by one or more
11 of the four specific methods and specifies that the countywide
12 special levy may be levied from the supplemental fund of the
13 county if the basic levy is insufficient.

14 The division provides that joint emergency response
15 communication services must be funded as provided for in an
16 agreement entered into pursuant to Code chapter 28E.

17 The division provides that agency budgets must be provided
18 to funding entities in a form prescribed by the department
19 of management. The division provides that a portion of
20 any tax levied by a county or city to support the local
21 emergency management agency may be identified separately on tax
22 statements issued by the county treasurer.

23 DIVISION VII — IOWACARE AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION COVERAGE.
24 This division of the bill requires the department of human
25 services to adopt rules for the IowaCare program to include
26 ambulance transportation to and from a participating provider
27 as a covered service.

28 DIVISION VIII — EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORTS.
29 This division of the bill requires the state fire service
30 and emergency response council to consult with and provide
31 recommendations to the state fire marshal and director of
32 the department of public health concerning efficient and
33 cost-effective methods of providing reports.

34 DIVISION IX — FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
35 SERVICES CHARGES. Current Code section 359.43 authorizes

1 townships to levy property taxes for providing fire protection
2 service and emergency medical service. This division of the
3 bill authorizes townships to collect a service charge for
4 providing fire protection service or emergency medical service,
5 in addition to or in lieu of such property taxes.

6 The division provides that a service charge for fire
7 protection service is charged to the property owner where such
8 service was provided and that a service charge for emergency
9 medical service is charged to the recipient of the emergency
10 medical service or to the parent of the recipient if the
11 recipient is a minor. The division prohibits the township from
12 imposing a service charge that exceeds an amount equal to the
13 actual expense incurred by the township to provide the service.
14 The division also directs the state fire service and emergency
15 response council to develop guidelines for townships to follow
16 when authorizing the collection of service charges for fire
17 protection service or emergency medical service.

18 If a township contracts with a public or private agency under
19 Code chapter 28E for the purpose of providing fire protection
20 service or emergency medical service, the public or private
21 agency may collect the service charges authorized in the
22 division if the types and amounts of such service charges are
23 specified in the Code chapter 28E agreement.

24 The division provides that if a service charge for fire
25 protection service remains unpaid six months after the property
26 owner was notified of the service charge, the unpaid amount
27 constitutes a lien upon the property where such service was
28 provided and may be collected in the same manner as ordinary
29 taxes. The division also provides that if a service charge for
30 emergency medical service remains unpaid six months after the
31 recipient of the service or the parent of the recipient, if
32 applicable, was notified of the service charge, the trustees
33 may bring a civil action in order to collect the amount due.

34 The division includes the fire protection and emergency
35 medical service charges authorized in the division among the

1 revenues under which the township may direct the issuance of
2 anticipatory revenue bonds.

3 For a county that is providing fire protection service
4 or emergency medical service to a township pursuant to Code
5 section 331.385, the division allows that county to impose the
6 service charges that the division authorizes for townships.

7 DIVISION X — EMERGENCY SERVICES — TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

8 This division of the bill provides that the scheduled fine for
9 any moving traffic violations occurring within an emergency
10 services zone shall be doubled. The division defines
11 "emergency services zone" as the portion of a highway which is
12 within five hundred feet of a stationary authorized emergency
13 vehicle that is on the highway and displaying flashing yellow,
14 amber, white, red, or red and blue lights.