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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act transferring the state geologist from the department  
2 of natural resources to the Iowa flood center at the state  
3 university of Iowa under the jurisdiction of the state board  
4 of regents, making appropriations, and including effective  
5 date provisions.  
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 456.1, Code 2018, is amended by striking  
2 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 **456.1 Geological survey created.**

4 A geological survey of the state is created within the  
5 Iowa flood center at the state university of Iowa under the  
6 jurisdiction and authority of the state board of regents.

7 Sec. 2. Section 456.2, Code 2018, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 **456.2 State geologist — qualifications — salary.**

10 The ~~director~~ state board of regents shall appoint the  
11 state geologist. ~~The state geologist, who must have hold,~~  
12 at minimum, a master's degree in geology from an accredited  
13 college or university and ~~must~~ have at least five years  
14 of geological experience. The annual salary of the state  
15 geologist shall be determined by the ~~director~~ state board of  
16 regents.

17 Sec. 3. Section 456.4, Code 2018, is amended to read as  
18 follows:

19 **456.4 Investigations — collection — ~~renting space.~~**

20 The state geologist shall investigate the characters of the  
21 various soils and their capacities for agricultural purposes,  
22 the streams, and other scientific and natural resource matters  
23 that may be of practical importance and interest. For the  
24 purpose of preserving well drilling samples, rock cores,  
25 fossils, and other materials as may be necessary to carry on  
26 investigations, the state geologist board of regents shall ~~have~~  
27 ~~the authority to lease or rent~~ provide sufficient space for  
28 storage of these materials ~~with the approval of the director of~~  
29 ~~the department of administrative services~~. A complete cabinet  
30 collection may be made to illustrate the natural products of  
31 the state, and the state geologist may also furnish suites of  
32 materials, rocks, and fossils for colleges and public museums  
33 within the state, if it can be done without impairing the  
34 general state collection.

35 Sec. 4. Section 456.7, Code 2018, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **456.7 ~~Annual report~~ Reports — publication of survey.**

3 1. The state geologist shall, annually, at the time provided  
4 by law, ~~make~~ submit to the state board of regents, the general  
5 assembly, and the governor a full report of the work in the  
6 preceding year, which report shall be accompanied by such  
7 other reports and papers as may be considered desirable for  
8 publication.

9 2. The state geologist shall make and maintain detailed  
10 maps and reports of counties and districts, which reports shall  
11 embrace such geological, mineralogical, topographical, and  
12 scientific details as are necessary to make complete records,  
13 which may include the necessary illustrations, maps, charts,  
14 and diagrams.

15 3. The state geologist may direct the preparation and  
16 publication of special reports and bulletins of educational and  
17 scientific value or containing information of immediate use to  
18 the public.

19 4. The geological survey shall be published on the state  
20 university of Iowa's internet site.

21 Sec. 5. Section 466C.1, subsection 2, Code 2018, is amended  
22 by adding the following new paragraph:

23 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. To provide office space and staff support  
24 for the state geologist.

25 Sec. 6. ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY —  
26 TRANSFER OF FUNDS. There is appropriated from the environment  
27 first fund created in section 8.57A to the state board of  
28 regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending  
29 June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
30 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

31 1. For the state geological survey, including salaries,  
32 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

33 ..... \$ 200,000

34 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated  
35 pursuant to 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 168, section 18, subsection

1 8, that remain unencumbered and unobligated at the close of the  
2 fiscal year shall not revert. Such moneys are appropriated to  
3 the state board of regents for the fiscal year beginning July  
4 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, for purposes of the state  
5 geological survey.

6 Sec. 7. REPEAL. Sections 456.6, 456.9, and 456.10, Code  
7 2018, are repealed.

8 Sec. 8. REPEAL. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 168, section 53,  
9 subsection 8, is repealed.

10 Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
11 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill transfers the state geologist from the department  
16 of natural resources to the Iowa flood center at the state  
17 university of Iowa under the jurisdiction and authority of  
18 the state board of regents, and appropriates moneys from the  
19 environment first fund to the state board of regents for  
20 purposes of the state geological survey.

21 Currently, the director of the department of natural  
22 resources appoints and sets the salary of the state geologist.  
23 The bill moves this authority to the state board of regents and  
24 requires that the person appointed as state geologist hold, at  
25 a minimum, a master's degree in geology.

26 The bill combines a number of the state geologist's  
27 reporting requirements into one Code section and provides that  
28 the geological survey must be published on the state university  
29 of Iowa's internet site.

30 Currently, the state geologist is authorized to lease  
31 or rent storage space for geological samples and materials  
32 with the approval of the director of the department of  
33 administrative services. The bill directs the state board of  
34 regents to provide sufficient space for such purposes.

35 The bill makes an appropriation to the state board of

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1 regents for FY 2018-2019 from the environment first fund and  
2 provides that moneys remaining from an appropriation to the  
3 department of natural resources from the environment first  
4 fund for FY 2017-2018 for purposes of the state geological  
5 survey shall not revert at the end of the fiscal year and are  
6 appropriated to the state board of regents to be used for the  
7 state geological survey in the following fiscal year.

8 The bill takes effect upon enactment.