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HOUSE FILE 2770
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 775)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations to the justice
2 system, providing fees, and including applicability
3 provisions.

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

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DIVISION I

FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of justice for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

a. For the general office of attorney general for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, including the prosecuting attorneys training program, matching funds for federal violence against women grant programs, victim assistance grants, the office of drug control policy prosecuting attorney program, and odometer fraud enforcement, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 11,672,266
.....	FTEs 238.00

The appropriation in this lettered paragraph shall be increased by \$165,000 if 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 639, is not enacted.

As a condition of receiving the appropriation provided in this lettered paragraph, the department of justice shall maintain a record of the estimated time incurred representing each agency or department.

The general office of attorney general may temporarily exceed and draw more than the amount appropriated in this lettered paragraph and incur a negative cash balance as long as there are receivables equal to or greater than the negative balances and the amount appropriated in this lettered paragraph is not exceeded at the close of the fiscal year.

b. For victim assistance grants:
..... \$ 5,541,708

Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph, \$225,000 is allocated to provide grants to care providers

1 providing services to victims of human trafficking. The
2 remaining moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph
3 are allocated to provide grants to care providers providing
4 services to all other victims of violent crime.

5 The balance of the victim compensation fund established in
6 section 915.94 may be used to provide salary and support of not
7 more than 24.00 full-time equivalent positions and to provide
8 maintenance for the victim compensation functions of the
9 department of justice. In addition to the full-time equivalent
10 positions authorized pursuant to this unnumbered paragraph,
11 7.00 full-time equivalent positions are authorized and shall be
12 used by the department of justice to employ one accountant and
13 four program planners. The department of justice may employ
14 the additional 7.00 full-time equivalent positions authorized
15 pursuant to this unnumbered paragraph that are in excess of the
16 number of full-time equivalent positions authorized only if
17 the department of justice receives sufficient federal moneys
18 to maintain employment for the additional full-time equivalent
19 positions during the current fiscal year. The department
20 of justice shall only employ the additional 7.00 full-time
21 equivalent positions in succeeding fiscal years if sufficient
22 federal moneys are received during each of those succeeding
23 fiscal years.

24 The department of justice shall transfer at least \$150,000
25 from the victim compensation fund established in section 915.94
26 to the victim assistance grant program established in section
27 13.31.

28 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
29 lettered paragraph that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
30 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
31 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
32 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

33 c. For legal services for persons in poverty grants as
34 provided in section 13.34:

35 \$ 2,634,601

1 d. To improve the department of justice's cybersecurity and
2 technology infrastructure:

3 \$ 202,060

4 2. a. The department of justice, in submitting budget
5 estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, pursuant
6 to section 8.23, shall include a report of funding from sources
7 other than amounts appropriated directly from the general fund
8 of the state to the department of justice or to the office of
9 consumer advocate. These funding sources must include but
10 are not limited to reimbursements from other state agencies,
11 commissions, boards, or similar entities, and reimbursements
12 from special funds or internal accounts within the department
13 of justice. The department of justice shall also report actual
14 reimbursements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
15 and actual and expected reimbursements for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2026.

17 b. The department of justice shall include the report
18 required under paragraph "a", as well as information regarding
19 any revisions occurring as a result of reimbursements actually
20 received or expected at a later date, in a report to the
21 general assembly. The department of justice shall submit the
22 report on or before January 15, 2027.

23 3. a. The department of justice shall fully reimburse
24 the costs and necessary related expenses incurred by the Iowa
25 law enforcement academy to continue to employ one additional
26 instructor position who shall provide training for human
27 trafficking-related issues throughout the state.

28 b. The department of justice shall obtain the moneys
29 necessary to reimburse the Iowa law enforcement academy to
30 employ such an instructor from unrestricted moneys from either
31 the victim compensation fund established in section 915.94 or
32 the human trafficking victim fund established in section 915.95
33 or the human trafficking enforcement fund established in 2015
34 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 141.

35 4. Notwithstanding sections 553.19 and 714.16C, for the

1 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
2 any moneys not otherwise appropriated from the antitrust fund
3 created in section 553.19 and the consumer education and
4 litigation fund created in section 714.16C are appropriated to
5 the department of justice for salaries, support, maintenance,
6 and miscellaneous purposes necessary to perform the duties
7 described in section 13.2.

8 Sec. 2. OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE. There is appropriated
9 from the commerce revolving fund created in section 546.12 to
10 the office of consumer advocate of the department of justice
11 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
12 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
13 to be used for the purposes designated:

14 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
15 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
16 equivalent positions:

17 \$ 3,784,047
18 FTEs 18.00

19 The office of consumer advocate shall include in its charges
20 assessed or revenues generated an amount sufficient to cover
21 the amount stated in its appropriation and any state-assessed
22 indirect costs determined by the department of administrative
23 services.

24 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS — FACILITIES.

25 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
26 to the department of corrections for the fiscal year beginning
27 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,
28 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
29 designated:

30 a. For the operation of the Fort Madison correctional
31 facility, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
32 miscellaneous purposes:

33 \$ 46,724,722

34 b. For the operation of the Anamosa correctional facility,
35 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous

1 purposes:
2 \$ 40,255,974
3 c. For the operation of the Oakdale correctional facility,
4 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
5 purposes:
6 \$ 59,344,020
7 d. For the Oakdale correctional facility for
8 department-wide institutional pharmaceuticals and miscellaneous
9 purposes:
10 \$ 10,175,417
11 e. For the operation of the Newton correctional facility,
12 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
13 purposes:
14 \$ 32,509,092
15 f. For the operation of the Mount Pleasant correctional
16 facility, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
17 miscellaneous purposes:
18 \$ 30,619,297
19 g. For the operation of the Rockwell City correctional
20 facility, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
21 miscellaneous purposes:
22 \$ 11,916,579
23 h. For the operation of the Clarinda correctional facility,
24 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
25 purposes:
26 \$ 29,678,380
27 Moneys received by the department of corrections as
28 reimbursement for services provided to the Clarinda youth
29 corporation are appropriated to the department and shall be
30 used for the purpose of operating the Clarinda correctional
31 facility.
32 i. For the operation of the Mitchellville correctional
33 facility, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
34 miscellaneous purposes:
35 \$ 26,350,539

1 j. For the operation of the Fort Dodge correctional
2 facility, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
3 miscellaneous purposes:

4 \$ 34,467,251

5 k. For reimbursement of counties for temporary confinement
6 of prisoners, as provided in sections 901.7, 904.908, and
7 906.17, and for offenders confined pursuant to section 904.513:

8 \$ 1,345,319

9 1. For federal prison reimbursement, reimbursements for
10 out-of-state placements, and miscellaneous contracts:

11 \$ 234,411

12 2. The department of corrections shall use moneys
13 appropriated in subsection 1 to continue to contract for the
14 services of a Muslim imam and a Native American spiritual
15 leader.

16 Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS — ADMINISTRATION. There
17 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
18 department of corrections for the fiscal year beginning July
19 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or
20 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
21 designated:

22 1. For general administration, including salaries and the
23 adjustment of salaries throughout the department, support,
24 maintenance, employment of an education director to administer
25 a centralized education program for the correctional system,
26 and miscellaneous purposes:

27 \$ 9,650,695

28 a. It is the intent of the general assembly that each
29 lease negotiated by the department of corrections with a
30 private corporation for the purpose of providing private
31 industry employment of inmates in a correctional institution
32 shall prohibit the private corporation from utilizing inmate
33 labor for partisan political purposes for any person seeking
34 election to public office in this state and that a violation
35 of this requirement shall result in a termination of the lease

1 agreement.

2 b. It is the intent of the general assembly that as a
3 condition of receiving the appropriation provided in this
4 subsection the department of corrections shall not enter into
5 a lease or contractual agreement pursuant to section 904.809
6 with a private corporation for the use of building space for
7 the purpose of providing inmate employment without providing
8 that the terms of the lease or contract establish safeguards to
9 restrict, to the greatest extent feasible, access by inmates
10 working for the private corporation to personal identifying
11 information of citizens.

12 2. For educational programs for inmates at state penal
13 institutions:

14 \$ 3,108,109

15 a. To maximize the funding for educational programs,
16 the department shall establish guidelines and procedures to
17 prioritize the availability of educational and vocational
18 training for inmates based upon the goal of facilitating an
19 inmate's successful release from the correctional institution.

20 b. The director of the department of corrections may
21 transfer moneys from Iowa prison industries and the canteen
22 operating funds established pursuant to section 904.310, for
23 use in educational programs for inmates.

24 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
25 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
26 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
27 available for expenditure for the purposes designated in this
28 subsection until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

29 3. For the development and operation of the Iowa corrections
30 offender network (ICON) data system:

31 \$ 2,000,000

32 4. For offender mental health and substance abuse
33 treatment:

34 \$ 28,065

35 5. For department-wide duties, including operations, costs,

1 and miscellaneous purposes:

2 \$ 6,275,000

3 The appropriation in this subsection shall be increased by
4 \$105,000 if 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 639, is not enacted.

5 Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS — JUDICIAL DISTRICT
6 DEPARTMENTS OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

7 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
8 to the department of corrections for the fiscal year beginning
9 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,
10 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for salaries,
11 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

12 a. For the first judicial district department of
13 correctional services:

14 \$ 17,395,981

15 It is the intent of the general assembly that the first
16 judicial district department of correctional services maintains
17 the drug courts operated by the district department.

18 b. For the second judicial district department of
19 correctional services:

20 \$ 14,105,725

21 It is the intent of the general assembly that the second
22 judicial district department of correctional services maintains
23 two drug courts to be operated by the district department.

24 c. For the third judicial district department of
25 correctional services:

26 \$ 8,915,376

27 d. For the fourth judicial district department of
28 correctional services:

29 \$ 6,563,898

30 e. For the fifth judicial district department of
31 correctional services, including funding for electronic
32 monitoring devices for use on a statewide basis:

33 \$ 25,194,813

34 It is the intent of the general assembly that the fifth
35 judicial district department of correctional services maintains

1 the drug court operated by the district department.

2 f. For the sixth judicial district department of
3 correctional services:

4 \$ 17,554,811

5 It is the intent of the general assembly that the sixth
6 judicial district department of correctional services maintains
7 the drug court operated by the district department.

8 g. For the seventh judicial district department of
9 correctional services:

10 \$ 11,003,457

11 It is the intent of the general assembly that the seventh
12 judicial district department of correctional services maintains
13 the drug court operated by the district department.

14 h. For the eighth judicial district department of
15 correctional services:

16 \$ 10,259,926

17 2. Each judicial district department of correctional
18 services, within the moneys available, shall continue programs
19 and plans established within that district to provide for
20 intensive supervision, sex offender treatment, diversion of
21 low-risk offenders to the least restrictive sanction available,
22 job development, and expanded use of intermediate criminal
23 sanctions.

24 3. Each judicial district department of correctional
25 services shall provide alternatives to prison consistent with
26 chapter 901B. The alternatives to prison must ensure public
27 safety while providing maximum rehabilitation to the offender.
28 A judicial district department of correctional services may
29 also establish a day program.

30 4. The office of drug control policy of the department
31 of public safety shall consider federal grants made to the
32 department of corrections for the benefit of each of the eight
33 judicial district departments of correctional services as local
34 government grants, as defined pursuant to federal regulations.

35 5. The department of corrections shall continue to contract

1 with a judicial district department of correctional services
2 to provide for the rental of electronic monitoring equipment
3 available statewide.

4 6. The public safety assessment shall not be utilized in
5 pretrial hearings when determining whether to detain or release
6 a defendant before trial until such time the use of the public
7 safety assessment has been specifically authorized by the
8 general assembly.

9 Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS — REALLOCATION OF
10 APPROPRIATIONS. Notwithstanding section 8.39, within the
11 moneys appropriated in this division of this Act to the
12 department of corrections, the department may reallocate the
13 moneys appropriated and allocated as necessary to best fulfill
14 the needs of the correctional institutions, administration
15 of the department, and the judicial district departments of
16 correctional services. However, in addition to complying with
17 the requirements of section 904.116 and providing notice to
18 the legislative services agency, the department of corrections
19 shall also provide notice to the department of management,
20 prior to the effective date of the revision or reallocation of
21 an appropriation made pursuant to this section. The department
22 of corrections shall not reallocate an appropriation or
23 allocation for the purpose of eliminating any program.

24 Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS — INTENT. The department
25 of corrections, in cooperation with townships, the Iowa
26 cemetery associations, and other nonprofit or governmental
27 entities, may use inmate labor during the fiscal year beginning
28 July 1, 2026, to restore or preserve rural cemeteries and
29 historical landmarks. The department, in cooperation with the
30 counties, may also use inmate labor to clean up roads, major
31 water sources, and other water sources around the state.

32 Sec. 8. STATE AGENCY PURCHASES FROM PRISON INDUSTRIES.

33 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
34 requires, "state agency" means the government of the state
35 of Iowa, including but not limited to all executive branch

1 departments, agencies, boards, bureaus, and commissions, the
2 judicial branch, the general assembly and all legislative
3 agencies, institutions within the purview of the state board of
4 regents, and any corporation whose primary function is to act
5 as an instrumentality of the state.

6 2. State agencies are encouraged to purchase products from
7 Iowa state industries, as defined in section 904.802, when
8 purchases are required and the products are available from
9 Iowa state industries. State agencies shall obtain bids from
10 Iowa state industries for purchases of office furniture during
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, exceeding \$5,000 or
12 in accordance with applicable administrative rules related to
13 purchases for the agency.

14 Sec. 9. IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY.

15 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
16 state to the Iowa law enforcement academy for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
18 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
19 purposes designated:

20 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
21 purposes, including jailer training and technical assistance,
22 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
23 positions:

24	\$ 2,919,407
25	FTEs 31.00

26 b. The Iowa law enforcement academy may temporarily exceed
27 and draw more than the amount appropriated in this subsection
28 and incur a negative cash balance as long as there are
29 receivables equal to or greater than the negative balance and
30 the amount appropriated in this subsection is not exceeded at
31 the close of the fiscal year.

32 2. The Iowa law enforcement academy may select at least
33 five automobiles of the department of public safety, division
34 of state patrol, prior to turning over the automobiles to
35 the department of administrative services to be disposed

1 of by public auction, and the Iowa law enforcement academy
2 may exchange any automobile owned by the academy for each
3 automobile selected if the selected automobile is used in
4 training law enforcement officers at the academy. However, any
5 automobile exchanged by the academy must be substituted for
6 the selected vehicle of the department of public safety and
7 sold by public auction with the receipts being deposited in the
8 depreciation fund maintained pursuant to section 8A.365 to the
9 credit of the department of public safety, division of state
10 patrol.

11 3. The Iowa law enforcement academy shall provide training
12 for domestic abuse and human trafficking-related issues
13 throughout the state. The academy shall offer the training at
14 no cost to the attendees and the training shall not replace any
15 existing domestic abuse or human trafficking training offered
16 by the academy.

17 Sec. 10. STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

18 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
19 to the office of the state public defender of the department
20 of inspections, appeals, and licensing for the fiscal year
21 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
22 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
23 purposes designated:

24 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
25 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
26 equivalent positions:
27 \$ 38,627,894
28 FTEs 276.00

29 b. For payments on behalf of eligible adults and juveniles
30 from the indigent defense fund, in accordance with section
31 815.11:
32 \$ 41,576,374

33 2. Moneys received by the office of the state public
34 defender pursuant to Tit. IV-E of the federal Social Security
35 Act remaining unencumbered and unobligated at the end of the

1 fiscal year shall not revert but shall be transferred to the
2 Tit. IV-E juvenile justice improvement fund created in 2022
3 Iowa Acts, chapter 1146, section 11, subsection 3, to remain
4 available for expenditure by the office of the state public
5 defender in succeeding fiscal years for the purposes allowed by
6 Tit. IV-E of the federal Social Security Act.

7 Sec. 11. BOARD OF PAROLE. There is appropriated from the
8 general fund of the state to the board of parole for the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
10 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
11 used for the purposes designated:

12 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
13 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
14 equivalent positions:

15	\$	1,545,114
16	FTEs	10.60

17 Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENSE.

18 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
19 state to the department of public defense, for the fiscal year
20 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
21 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
22 purposes designated:

23 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
24 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
25 equivalent positions:

26	\$	7,646,037
27	FTEs	242.00

28 2. The department of public defense may temporarily exceed
29 and draw more than the amount appropriated in this section and
30 incur a negative cash balance as long as there are receivables
31 of federal funds equal to or greater than the negative balance
32 and the amount appropriated in this section is not exceeded at
33 the close of the fiscal year.

34 Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
35 MANAGEMENT.

1 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
2 to the department of homeland security and emergency management
3 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
4 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
5 to be used for the purposes designated:

6 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
7 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
8 equivalent positions:

9	\$	2,396,138
10	FTEs	25.44

11 2. The department of homeland security and emergency
12 management may temporarily exceed and draw more than the amount
13 appropriated in this section and incur a negative cash balance
14 as long as there are receivables of federal funds equal to or
15 greater than the negative balance and the amount appropriated
16 in this section is not exceeded at the close of the fiscal
17 year.

18 Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. There is appropriated
19 from the general fund of the state to the department of public
20 safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
21 June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
22 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

23 1. For administrative functions, including salaries and the
24 adjustment of salaries throughout the department, the criminal
25 justice information system, and for not more than the following
26 full-time equivalent positions:

27	\$	7,325,444
28	FTEs	33.00

29 2. For the division of criminal investigation, including
30 the state's contribution to the peace officers' retirement,
31 accident, and disability system provided in chapter 97A in the
32 amount of the state's normal contribution rate, as defined in
33 section 97A.8, multiplied by the salaries for which the moneys
34 are appropriated, to meet federal fund matching requirements,
35 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent

1 positions:

2	\$ 23,282,804
3	FTEs 184.00

4 3. For the criminalistics laboratory fund created in
5 section 691.9:

6	\$ 650,000
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7 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
8 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
9 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
10 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
11 the succeeding fiscal year.

12 4. a. For the division of narcotics enforcement, including
13 the state's contribution to the peace officers' retirement,
14 accident, and disability system provided in chapter 97A in the
15 amount of the state's normal contribution rate, as defined in
16 section 97A.8, multiplied by the salaries for which the moneys
17 are appropriated, to meet federal fund matching requirements,
18 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
19 positions:

20	\$ 10,496,573
21	FTEs 71.00

22 The division of narcotics enforcement is authorized an
23 additional 1.00 full-time equivalent position pursuant to
24 this lettered paragraph that is in excess of the number of
25 full-time equivalent positions authorized for the previous
26 fiscal year only if the division of narcotics enforcement
27 receives sufficient federal moneys to maintain employment
28 for the additional full-time equivalent position during the
29 current fiscal year. The division of narcotics enforcement
30 shall only employ the additional full-time equivalent position
31 in succeeding fiscal years if sufficient federal moneys are
32 received during each of those succeeding fiscal years.

33 b. For the division of narcotics enforcement for undercover
34 purchases:

35	\$ 209,042
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1 5. For the division of state fire marshal, for fire
2 protection services as provided through the state fire service
3 and emergency response council as created in the department,
4 and for the state's contribution to the peace officers'
5 retirement, accident, and disability system provided in chapter
6 97A in the amount of the state's normal contribution rate,
7 as defined in section 97A.8, multiplied by the salaries for
8 which the moneys are appropriated, and for not more than the
9 following full-time equivalent positions:

10 \$ 3,635,378
11 FTEs 21.00

12 6. For the division of state patrol, for salaries, support,
13 maintenance, workers' compensation costs, and miscellaneous
14 purposes, including the state's contribution to the peace
15 officers' retirement, accident, and disability system provided
16 in chapter 97A in the amount of the state's normal contribution
17 rate, as defined in section 97A.8, multiplied by the salaries
18 for which the moneys are appropriated, and for not more than
19 the following full-time equivalent positions:

20 \$ 94,251,941
21 FTEs 613.00

22 It is the intent of the general assembly that members of the
23 state patrol be assigned to patrol the highways and roads in
24 lieu of assignments for inspecting school buses for the school
25 districts.

26 7. For deposit in the sick leave benefits fund established
27 in section 80.42 for all departmental employees eligible to
28 receive benefits for accrued sick leave under the collective
29 bargaining agreement:

30 \$ 279,517

31 8. For costs associated with the training and equipment
32 needs of volunteer fire fighters:

33 \$ 1,075,520

34 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
35 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close

1 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
2 for expenditure for the purposes designated in this subsection
3 until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

4 9. For the public safety interoperable and broadband
5 communications fund established in section 80.44:

6 \$ 115,661

7 10. For the office to combat human trafficking established
8 in section 80.45, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
9 miscellaneous purposes:

10 \$ 200,742

11 11. For department-wide duties, including operations,
12 costs, and miscellaneous purposes:

13 \$ 3,430,000

14 The appropriation in this subsection shall be increased by
15 \$230,000 if 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 639, is not enacted.

16 12. For the office of drug control policy, for salaries,
17 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, including
18 statewide coordination of the drug abuse resistance education
19 (D.A.R.E.) programs or other similar programs, and for not more
20 than the following full-time equivalent positions:

21 \$ 270,546

22 FTEs 4.00

23 Notwithstanding section 8.39, the department of public
24 safety may reallocate moneys appropriated in this section
25 as necessary to best fulfill the needs provided for in the
26 appropriation. However, the department shall not reallocate
27 moneys appropriated to the department in this section unless
28 notice of the reallocation is given to the legislative services
29 agency and the department of management prior to the effective
30 date of the reallocation. The notice must include information
31 regarding the rationale for reallocating the moneys. The
32 department shall not reallocate moneys appropriated in this
33 section for the purpose of eliminating any program.

34 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY — GAMING ENFORCEMENT.

35 1. There is appropriated from the gaming enforcement

1 revolving fund created in section 80.43 to the department of
2 public safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
3 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof
4 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

5 For any direct support costs for agents and officers of
6 the division of criminal investigation's excursion gambling
7 boat, gambling structure, and racetrack enclosure enforcement
8 activities, including salaries, support, maintenance, and
9 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
10 full-time equivalent positions:

11 \$ 13,084,081
12 FTEs 68.00

13 2. For each additional license to conduct gambling games on
14 an excursion gambling boat, gambling structure, or racetrack
15 enclosure issued during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026,
16 there is appropriated from the gaming enforcement revolving
17 fund to the department of public safety for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, an additional
19 amount of not more than \$300,000 to be used for full-time
20 equivalent positions.

21 3. The department of public safety, with the approval of the
22 department of management, may employ no more than three special
23 agents for each additional riverboat or gambling structure
24 regulated after July 1, 2026, and three special agents for
25 each racing facility which becomes operational during the
26 fiscal year which begins July 1, 2026. Positions authorized
27 in this subsection are in addition to the full-time equivalent
28 positions otherwise authorized in this section.

29 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
30 MANAGEMENT. There is appropriated from the 911 emergency
31 communications fund created in section 34A.7A to the department
32 of homeland security and emergency management for the fiscal
33 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the
34 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
35 used for the purposes designated:

1 For implementation, support, and maintenance of the
2 functions of the administrator and program manager under
3 chapter 34A and to employ the auditor of the state to perform
4 an annual audit of the 911 emergency communications fund:
5 \$ 300,000

6 Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE — CONSUMER EDUCATION AND
7 LITIGATION — FARM MEDIATION AND PROSECUTIONS, APPEALS, AND
8 CLAIMS. Notwithstanding section 714.16C, there is appropriated
9 from the consumer education and litigation fund to the
10 department of justice for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
11 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so
12 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
13 designated:

14 1. For farm mediation services as specified in section
15 13.13, subsection 2:
16 \$ 300,000

17 2. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
18 purposes for criminal prosecutions, criminal appeals, and
19 performing duties pursuant to chapter 669:
20 \$ 2,000,000

21 DIVISION II

22 INDIGENT DEFENSE AND REPRESENTATION

23 Sec. 18. Section 815.7, subsection 10, Code 2026, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 10. For appointments made on or after July 1, 2025, through
26 June 30, 2026, the reasonable compensation shall be calculated
27 on the basis of eighty-eight dollars per hour for class "A"
28 felonies, eighty-three dollars per hour for class "B" felonies,
29 and seventy-eight dollars per hour for all other cases.

30 Sec. 19. Section 815.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
31 following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 10A. For appointments made on or after July
33 1, 2026, the reasonable compensation shall be calculated on the
34 basis of ninety-two dollars per hour for class "A" felonies,
35 eighty-seven dollars per hour for class "B" felonies, and

1 eighty-two dollars per hour for all other cases.

2 DIVISION III

3 ATTORNEY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM — COURT FILING FEES

4 Sec. 20. NEW SECTION. 256.232 Attorney loan repayment
5 program — fund.

6 1. *Program established.* The college student aid commission
7 shall establish an attorney loan repayment program to encourage
8 attorneys to remain and practice law in this state.

9 2. *Eligibility.* An individual is eligible to apply to
10 enter into a program agreement with the college student aid
11 commission pursuant to subsection 3 if the individual meets all
12 of the following requirements:

13 a. Is a graduate of an accredited law school within five
14 years of the time of application to the program.

15 b. Is licensed to practice law in Iowa.

16 c. Is practicing law in Iowa at the time of application or
17 commits to begin practicing law in this state upon execution
18 of a program agreement.

19 3. *Program agreements.* An agreement must be entered into by
20 an eligible attorney and the college student aid commission.
21 Under the agreement, to receive loan repayments pursuant to
22 subsection 5, an eligible attorney shall agree to and fulfill
23 all of the following requirements:

24 a. Remain and practice law in Iowa in the area designated
25 pursuant to the attorney's preference determination during each
26 year for which loan repayment assistance is received.

27 b. Provide not less than the number of hours per year of
28 legal services as an indigent defense attorney as designated
29 pursuant to the attorney's preference determination.

30 4. *Priority.*

31 a. In awarding loan repayment assistance under this section,
32 the commission shall give priority to attorneys who practice
33 law in this state in the following order, with preference
34 within each of the following subparagraphs to attorneys who
35 graduated from an Iowa law school, an Iowa high school, or

1 completed private instruction pursuant to chapter 299A:

2 (1) Attorneys who reside and practice law in rural areas
3 of the state and provide a minimum of fifty hours of indigent
4 defense services annually.

5 (2) Attorneys who practice law in rural areas of the state
6 and provide a minimum of one hundred hours of indigent defense
7 services annually.

8 (3) Attorneys who practice law in Iowa and provide two
9 hundred hours of indigent defense services annually.

10 *b.* For purposes of this subsection, "*rural area*" means
11 a county or municipality that has a population of less than
12 twenty-six thousand and is located more than twenty miles from
13 a city with a population of at least fifty thousand, based on
14 the most recent federal decennial census.

15 5. *Loan repayment assistance.* An eligible attorney
16 who enters into and remains in compliance with a program
17 agreement pursuant to subsection 3 shall receive loan repayment
18 assistance in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars per
19 year or the outstanding balance of the attorney's eligible
20 loans, whichever is less. In the event an attorney who
21 receives loan repayment assistance under this section ceases
22 to practice law in accordance with the program agreement, the
23 loan repayment assistance shall terminate immediately, the
24 loan repayment assistance shall be prorated for the months the
25 attorney complied with the agreement, and no further payment
26 shall be made. Loan repayment assistance may be provided for
27 each year of eligible practice during a period of not more than
28 six consecutive years. The total amount of loan repayment
29 assistance an attorney may receive under the program shall
30 not exceed the total outstanding balance of the attorney's
31 eligible student loans at the time the program agreement is
32 executed. For purposes of this subsection, "*eligible loan*"
33 means the attorney's total federally guaranteed Stafford loan
34 amount under the federal family education loan program or the
35 federal direct loan program, the attorney's federal graduate

1 plus loans, or the attorney's federal Perkins loan, including
2 principal and interest. Loan payment assistance received
3 pursuant to this section is not subject to Iowa income tax.

4 6. *Trust fund established.* An attorney loan repayment
5 program trust fund is created in the state treasury under
6 the control of the college student aid commission. The
7 commission may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other
8 private contributions, as well as state or federal moneys, for
9 deposit in the fund. All moneys deposited in the trust fund
10 are appropriated and made available to the commission to be
11 used for purposes of meeting the requirements of this section.
12 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund shall not
13 revert but shall remain available for purposes of this section
14 and to provide loan repayment assistance to attorneys in this
15 state. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest
16 or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the
17 fund and are appropriated to the commission for purposes of
18 administering the attorney loan repayment program under this
19 section.

20 7. *Rules.* The college student aid commission shall adopt
21 rules to administer this section.

22 8. *Limitation.* The program shall not provide assistance for
23 more than twenty-five attorneys in a single year, and shall not
24 provide assistance to more than one hundred fifty attorneys at
25 any time.

26 9. *Repeal.* This section is repealed July 1, 2041.

27 Sec. 21. Section 331.424, subsection 1, paragraph a,
28 subparagraph (6), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

29 (6) The maintenance and operation of the courts, including
30 but not limited to the salary and expenses of the clerk of the
31 district court and other employees of the clerk's office, and
32 bailiffs, court costs if the prosecution fails or if the costs
33 cannot be collected from the person liable, costs and expenses
34 of prosecution under [section 189A.17](#), salaries and expenses
35 of juvenile court officers under [chapter 602](#), court-ordered

1 costs in domestic abuse cases under [section 236.5](#), sexual abuse
2 cases under [section 236A.7](#), and elder abuse cases under section
3 235F.6, the county's expense for confinement of prisoners under
4 chapter 356A, temporary assistance to the county attorney,
5 county contributions to a retirement system for bailiffs,
6 reimbursement for judicial magistrates under [section 602.6501](#),
7 ~~claims filed under [section 622.93](#)~~, sign language interpreters'
8 fees under [section 622B.7](#), uniform citation and complaint
9 supplies under [section 805.6](#), and costs of prosecution under
10 section 815.13.

11 Sec. 22. Section 422.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
12 following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 46. *a.* Subtract, to the extent included,
14 income resulting from the payment of the amount of any loan
15 repayment assistance received pursuant to section 256.232,
16 whether paid to the taxpayer or the lender, not to exceed ten
17 thousand dollars in any tax year.

18 *b.* If the taxpayer has a deduction in computing federal
19 taxable income under section 221 of the Internal Revenue Code
20 for interest on a qualified education loan, the taxpayer shall
21 recompute for purposes of this subsection the amount of the
22 deduction under paragraph "a" by not subtracting any amount of
23 income resulting from the loan repayment assistance received
24 pursuant to section 256.232 that was also deducted by the
25 taxpayer under section 221 of the Internal Revenue Code.

26 *c.* A taxpayer is eligible to receive a deduction pursuant to
27 this subsection for not more than six consecutive tax years in
28 the taxpayer's lifetime.

29 Sec. 23. Section 602.8102, subsection 98, Code 2026, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 98. Carry out duties relating to trials and judgments as
32 provided in [sections 624.8](#) [624.9](#) through [624.20](#) and [624.37](#).

33 Sec. 24. Section 602.8105, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026,
34 are amended to read as follows:

35 1. The clerk of the district court shall collect the

1 following fees:

2 *a.* Except as otherwise provided in [this subsection](#), for
3 filing and docketing a petition, ~~one hundred ninety-five two~~
4 hundred fifteen dollars. ~~In counties having a population of~~
5 ~~ninety-eight thousand or over, an additional five dollars shall~~
6 ~~be charged and collected to be known as the journal publication~~
7 ~~fee and used for the purposes provided for in [section 618.13](#).~~

8 *b.* For filing and docketing a petition for dissolution
9 of marriage, which includes the docketing of any dissolution
10 decree, two hundred ~~sixty-five~~ eighty-five dollars. ~~It is the~~
11 ~~intent of the general assembly that twenty percent of the funds~~
12 ~~generated from these fees be appropriated and used for sexual~~
13 ~~assault and domestic violence centers and eighty percent of the~~
14 ~~funds generated from these fees be appropriated to the general~~
15 ~~fund of the state.~~

16 *c.* For filing and docketing a petition pursuant to chapter
17 598 other than a dissolution of marriage petition, one hundred
18 ~~ten~~ thirty dollars.

19 *d.* For filing and docketing an application for modification
20 of a dissolution decree to which a written stipulation is
21 attached at the time of filing containing the agreement of the
22 parties to the terms of modification, one hundred ~~ten~~ thirty
23 dollars.

24 *e.* For filing and docketing a petition for adoption pursuant
25 to [chapter 600](#), zero dollars.

26 *f.* For filing and docketing a small claims action, the
27 amounts specified in [section 631.6](#).

28 *g.* For an appeal from a judgment in small claims or for
29 filing and docketing a writ of error, ~~one hundred ninety-five~~
30 two hundred fifteen dollars.

31 *h.* For a motion to show cause in a civil case, ~~sixty~~ eighty
32 dollars.

33 *i.* For filing and docketing a transcript of the judgment in
34 a civil case, ~~sixty~~ eighty dollars.

35 *j.* For filing a tribal judgment, one hundred ~~ten~~ thirty

1 dollars.

2 *k.* For a civil claim for reimbursement under [section 356.7](#),
3 zero dollars.

4 2. The clerk of the district court shall collect the
5 following fees for miscellaneous services:

6 *a.* For filing and entering any other statutory lien, ~~sixty~~
7 eighty dollars.

8 *b.* For a certificate and seal, ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars.

9 However, there shall be no charge for a certificate and seal to
10 an application to procure a pension, bounty, or back pay for a
11 member of the armed services or other person.

12 *c.* For certifying a change in title of real estate, ~~sixty~~
13 eighty dollars.

14 *d.* For filing a praecipe to issue execution under chapter
15 626, ~~thirty-five~~ fifty-five dollars. The fee shall be
16 recoverable by the creditor from the debtor against whom the
17 execution is issued. A fee payable by a political subdivision
18 of the state under this paragraph shall be collected by the
19 clerk of the district court as provided in [section 602.8109](#).
20 However, the fee shall be waived and shall not be collected
21 from a political subdivision of the state if a county attorney
22 or county attorney's designee is collecting a delinquent
23 judgment pursuant to [section 602.8107, subsection 4](#).

24 *e.* For filing a praecipe to issue execution under chapter
25 654, ~~sixty~~ eighty dollars.

26 *f.* For filing a confession of judgment under [chapter 676](#),
27 ~~sixty~~ eighty dollars if the judgment is five thousand dollars
28 or less, and one hundred ~~ten~~ thirty dollars if the judgment
29 exceeds five thousand dollars.

30 *g.* For filing a lis pendens, ~~sixty~~ eighty dollars.

31 *h.* For applicable convictions under [section 692A.110](#) on
32 or after June 25, 2020, a civil penalty of two hundred sixty
33 dollars.

34 *i.* Other fees provided by law.

35 Sec. 25. Section 602.8108, Code 2026, is amended by adding

1 the following new subsection:

2 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. *a.* The clerk of the district court
3 shall remit to the state court administrator, not later than
4 the fifteenth day of each month, all moneys collected from the
5 filing and miscellaneous fees provided in section 602.8105,
6 subsections 1 and 2, except moneys collected from the sex
7 offender civil penalty in section 602.8105, subsection 2,
8 paragraph "h", shall be remitted and distributed pursuant to
9 subsection 10. The clerk shall report to the state court
10 administrator the total number of fees that were paid, and
11 the number of filing fees that were paid for dissolution of
12 marriage pursuant to section 602.8105, subsection 1, paragraph
13 "b".

14 *b.* The state court administrator shall total the number of
15 fees reported pursuant to paragraph "a" each month and shall
16 calculate the amount equal to twenty dollars multiplied by the
17 number of fees that were paid statewide during that month. The
18 state court administrator shall exclude from the number of
19 fees, fees ordered pursuant to section 602.8105, subsection 2,
20 paragraph "h".

21 *c.* Of the amount calculated pursuant to paragraph "b", the
22 state court administrator shall deposit fifty percent into the
23 indigent defense fund established in section 815.11.

24 *d.* The state court administrator shall deposit the remaining
25 fifty percent of the amount calculated pursuant to paragraph "b"
26 each fiscal year in the attorney loan repayment program trust
27 fund established in section 256.232.

28 *e.* Following the deposits required in paragraphs "c" and
29 "d", the state court administrator shall deposit the remaining
30 filing and miscellaneous fee moneys received under paragraph
31 "a" in the general fund of the state; provided, however, that
32 filing fees paid pursuant to section 602.8105, subsection 1,
33 paragraph "b", for the dissolution of marriage, be appropriated
34 as follows:

35 (1) Through the close of the fiscal year beginning July

1 1, 2026, twenty percent of the moneys generated from these
2 fees are appropriated and shall be used for sexual assault and
3 domestic violence centers and eighty percent of the moneys
4 generated from these fees shall be deposited in the general
5 fund of the state.

6 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for each
7 fiscal year thereafter, twenty percent of the moneys generated
8 from these fees are appropriated and shall be used for the
9 sexual assault forensic examination center grant program
10 established in section 915.47, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts,
11 House File 2794, or another 2026 Act of the general assembly,
12 and eighty percent of the moneys generated from these fees
13 shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

14 Sec. 26. Section 631.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
15 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 a. Fees for filing and docketing shall be ~~ninety-five~~ one
17 hundred fifteen dollars.

18 Sec. 27. REPEAL. Sections 618.13, 622.93, and 624.8, Code
19 2026, are repealed.

20 Sec. 28. APPLICABILITY. The following apply to fees paid on
21 and after July 1, 2026:

22 1. The section of this division of this Act amending section
23 602.8105.

24 2. The section of this division of this Act amending section
25 602.8108.