

SENATE FILE 396 - State Government Operations

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT. This Act relates to government efficiency, including other matters related to the operation of government. The Act consists of 12 divisions, relating to information technology, human resource management, audits, government electronic communications, public health, public safety communications, boards and commissions, obsolete Iowa Code provisions, and ongoing government efficiency matters.

Division I — Government Information Technology Services

This division transfers the information technology functions and Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to a new independent office of the Chief Information Officer that is attached to DAS.

New Iowa Code chapter 8B establishes the Office of the Chief Information Officer directed by the Chief Information Officer of the state.

Concerning information technology, the provisions previously contained in Iowa Code chapter 8A, subchapter II, providing for, in part, the appointment of a Chief Information Officer and the information technology duties and services provided by DAS, are moved to new Iowa Code chapter 8B.

In addition, the powers and duties of the Chief Information Officer are expanded to give the Chief Information Officer the authority to adopt rules for the administration of the chapter, prepare a budget, adopt rules regarding the approval of information technology budgets of other agencies, and administer all accounting, billing, and collection functions required by DAS.

New Iowa Code section 8B.21, concerning information technology services, also includes new provisions directing the new office to establish an enterprise strategic and project management function for oversight of all information technology-related projects and resources of participating agencies and requiring that security policies and systems developed by the new office be consistent with the state's data transparency efforts.

The Act also includes transition provisions, directs the new office to conduct an inventory of information technology devices utilized by state agencies, and directs the new office to establish a schedule for departments to comply with information technology coordination and management requirements of Iowa Code chapter 8B.

Division II — Phased Retirement Program

This division repeals the phased retirement program for state employees. Iowa Code section 70A.30 is amended to authorize, but not require, DAS to establish a new phased retirement program. A transition provision allows those state employees currently participating in the repealed phased retirement program to continue participation in the program.

Division III — Human Resource Management

This division concerns human resource management for state executive branch agencies. The Act authorizes DAS to centralize the human resource management functions for executive branch agencies who agree to participate under DAS, except for institutions under the control of the State Board of Regents, by December 15, 2015. The Act provides the elements that must be included in the centralized human resource management plan and describes what participating state executive branch agencies must do relative to developing and implementing the centralized plan.

Division IV — State Physical Resources

This division requires that DAS conduct an analysis of state employee workstations and office standards by September 30, 2013.

Division V — Audits

Iowa Code section 11.6(10) is amended to eliminate the authority of the auditor to establish and collect a filing fee relative to certain audits conducted on certain mental health centers, substance abuse programs, and community action agencies.

This division takes effect June 20, 2013.

Division VI — Electronic Communications

This division provides that each state department and agency shall provide notices or information through the department's or agency's Internet site or through electronic mail to the fullest extent possible. Iowa Code section 22.7, concerning confidential public records, is amended to provide that electronic mail addresses of individuals collected by state departments and agencies for the sole purpose of disseminating routine information and notices through electronic communications that are not prepared for a specific recipient shall be considered confidential.

Division VII — Public Health

This division concerns the Department of Public Health.

Iowa Code section 135.11 is amended to eliminate the requirement of the department to establish an abuse education review panel.

Iowa Code section 147A.25, establishing a system evaluation and quality improvement committee, is repealed and the duties transferred to the Trauma System Advisory Council. The division also adds a representative to the Trauma System Advisory Council from Iowa's Medicare quality improvement organization in lieu of the State Emergency Medical Services Medical Director.

Iowa Code chapter 135N, establishing a Hemophilia Advisory Committee, is repealed.

Division VIII — Public Safety Communications

This division provides for the designation of a single point-of-contact to facilitate public safety communications. The division provides that the joint E911 Service Board in each enhanced 911 service area shall designate a person to serve as a single point-of-contact to facilitate the communication of needs, issues, or concerns regarding

emergency communications, interoperability, and other matters applicable to emergency E911 communications and migration to an Internet protocol-enabled next generation network. The person designated shall be responsible for facilitating the communication of such needs, issues, or concerns between public or private safety agencies within the service area, the E911 Program Manager, the E911 Communications Council, the Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board established in Iowa Code section 80.28, or any other person, entity, or agency the person deems necessary or appropriate. The division provides that if a joint E911 Service Board fails to designate a single point-of-contact by November 1, 2013, the chairperson of the joint E911 Service Board shall serve in that capacity, and requires the E911 Service Board to submit the name and contact information for the person designated as the single point-of-contact to the E911 Program Manager by January 1 annually.

Division IX — Report — State Debt Coordinator

This division requires the Director Of Revenue to develop and recommend legislative proposals deemed necessary for the Office of the State Debt Coordinator, which shall be compiled in a report and filed with the Department of Management, the Governor, and the General Assembly no later than January 13, 2014.

Division X — Ongoing Program Review

This division requires the Legislative State Government Efficiency Review Committee to conduct a comprehensive review on a regular basis of programs and projects administered by state government.

Division XI — Boards and Commissions

This division repeals the Farm-to-School Council.

Division XII — Obsolete Provisions

This division repeals Iowa Code section 15.112, relating to matching funds for a Farmworks National Demonstration Project; Iowa Code chapter 15C, relating to a World Trade Center; and Iowa Code chapter 15D, relating to the Midwest Nuclear Compact, which contains provisions relating to repeal and withdrawal from the compact.

THE GOVERNOR ITEM VETOED THE FOLLOWING:

Concerning human resource management, a provision directing the Department of Administrative Services to select and implement a new payroll system for all state executive branch agencies, a provision requiring the Department of Administrative Services to issue a request for proposals for a human resource management system by December 31, 2013, reporting requirements to the General Assembly concerning the implementation of the new human resource management system and payroll system, and a transition provision concerning any noncontract employee who may be reassigned, laid off, or terminated as a result of the centralized human resource management plan.